

# HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH – CROYDON

## Ascension Service – 29<sup>TH</sup> May 2022

**HYMN 1-- 147 Crown Him with many crowns**

### **COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so we in heart and mind may also ascend and with him continually dwell; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### **NT Reading – Acts 1 – vv 1-11 Lilian**

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning<sup>2</sup> until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.

<sup>3</sup>After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup>While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father.

“This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?”

<sup>7</sup>He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my

witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

<sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

### **Psalm 93 vv 1-6**

#### ***Dominus renavit***

The Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel : the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength.

<sup>2</sup> He hath made the round world so sure : that it cannot be moved.

<sup>3</sup> Ever since the world began hath thy seat been prepared : thou art from everlasting.

<sup>4</sup> The floods are risen, O Lord, the floods have lift up their voice : the floods lift up their waves.

<sup>5</sup> The waves of the sea are mighty, and rage horribly : but yet the Lord, who dwelleth on high, is mightier.

<sup>6</sup> Thy testimonies, O Lord, are very sure : holiness becometh thine house for ever.

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen***

## **NT Reading – Ephesians 1: 15-end Murnell**

<sup>15</sup> I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup> so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup> God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup> And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

## **Hymn 2 – 87- Hail the day that sees Him rise**

### **Gospel– Luke 24 - vv 44-53**

<sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

<sup>50</sup> Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; <sup>53</sup> and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

***Sermon - James***

## **Prayers of Intercession – Marie**

### **We Pray Especially This Week:**

- For those affected by storms
- For those in Ukraine
- For children struggling with exams

### **We Pray for those Unwell in Body, Mind or Spirit**

*Barbara G, Margaret L, Janine H, Janet & John J, Stephen Mc, Geraldine, Sandra, Kat's sister Christine, Jean, Sarah's mother Fedora, Veronica F's friend, Matt, Tabitha's aunt, Brenda, Stephanie, Cyril & Janet, Minnie, Alexander, Cousin Zen, all at 44 Kimberley Road & Christopher, Miriam, Denise M, Ernestine, Simon & Samantha, Girish, Ethel, Pat & Enid, Bridget, Ron, Avril and all those we know and love*

*✠ We pray for the souls of Jenny Prentice and Margaret Shipman, +May light perpetual shine upon them,*

***May they rest in peace and rise in glory***

*We pray for those who are mourning*

### **We Give Thanks and Praise:**

- For our families
- For our volunteers
- For our churchwardens and PCC

## **Offertory Hymn – 141 – The head that once was crowned**

### **Communion Hymns**

#### **HHS 68– Seek ye first**

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

God our Father, you have raised our humanity in Christ and have fed us with the bread of heaven: mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings, we may set our hearts in the heavenly places; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

#### **HHS 63 – Make me a channel of your peace**

### **A Prayer during Interregnum**

*Heavenly Father, During our Interregnum period We call on you for guidance, vision and renewed hope. As we seek a new incumbent oh Lord, We ask for someone who will be filled with Godly love Faithful in prayer and be prepared to serve you with joy. May the work that they do impact positively on Holy Saviour and the wider community. As we pray and wait faithfully, help us to remember that the plans you have for us are not filled with harm, but give us that reassurance of a future filled with hope. Thank you oh Lord for continuing on this journey with us.*

**AMEN**

**Final Hymn – 140 – All hail the power of Jesus' name – please omit starred verses**

## NOTICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

<b>Today</b>	<b>10.00am-11.15am – Ascension Service + Sunday School</b> Revd Ada presiding and Reader James Lewis preaching
<b>Tues 31 May</b>	<b>7.30pm-8.30pm</b> – Night Prayer with mindfulness meditation (Zoom)
<b>Weds 1 June</b>	<b>10am-10.45am</b> Midweek Service in church
<b>Thurs 2 June</b>	Bank Holiday No Bible Study
<b>Sat 4 June</b>	<b>10.00am-10.30am</b> Prayers for Healing & Wholeness <b>10.30am-11.30am</b> Holy Dusters & Parish Office for baptisms (Christenings), Weddings and hall bookings
<b>Sun 5 June</b>	<b>10am-11.15am</b> – Whit Sunday/Pentecost/Platinum Jubilee All Together Service – Revd Ada presiding and preaching. Bring and Share Platinum Jubilee Lunch after the service

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## THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

“Christ rose so long ago but the air  
he rose through hasn't forgotten  
the slight red contrail from the wounds.”

— **Jim Harrison, Dead Man's Float**

“All levels of ascension involve letting go of things that hold you back.”

— **Lenon Honor**

His dominion is an everlasting dominion  
that shall not pass away,  
and his kingship is one  
that shall never be destroyed.

Daniel 7: vv 14

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