

HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON

Thomas the Apostle / Trinity 3 / Lay Ministries 3

3rd July 2022

HYMN 1- 234– Thine forever God of Love

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty and eternal God,
who, for the firmer foundation of our faith,
allowed your holy apostle Thomas to doubt
the resurrection of your Son
till word and sight convinced him:
grant to us, who have not seen, that we also
may believe and so confess Christ as our Lord
and our God; who is alive and reigns with
you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and for ever. **Amen**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Kings 5: 1-14; Lilian

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. ² Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease." ⁴ So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. ⁵ And the king of Aram said, "Go, then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. ⁶ He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his skin disease." ⁷ When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that

this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." ¹¹ But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³ But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

PSALM 30 vv 1-13

I WILL magnify thee, O Lord, for thou hast set me up : and not made my foes to triumph over me.

² O Lord my God, I cried unto thee : and thou hast healed me.

³ Thou, Lord, hast brought my soul out of hell : thou hast kept my life from them that go down to the pit.

⁴ Sing praises unto the Lord, O ye saints of his : and give thanks unto him for a remembrance of his holiness.

⁵ For his wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and in his pleasure is life : heaviness may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

⁶ And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be removed : thou, Lord, of thy goodness hast made my hill so strong.

⁷ Thou didst turn thy face from me : and I was troubled.

⁸ Then cried I unto thee, O Lord : and gat me to my Lord right humbly.

⁹ What profit is there in my blood : when I go down to the pit?

¹⁰ Shall the dust give thanks unto thee : or shall it declare thy truth?

¹¹ Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me : Lord, be thou my helper.

¹² Thou hast turned my heaviness into joy : thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness.

¹³ Therefore shall every good man sing of thy praise without ceasing : O my God, I will give thanks unto thee 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 – Galatians 6: 1-16; Pearl

My brothers and sisters, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ. ³ For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive

themselves. ⁴ All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbour's work, will become a cause for pride. ⁵ For all must carry their own loads. ⁶ Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. ⁷ Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸ If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹ So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith. ¹¹ See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! ¹² It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³ Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴ May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything, but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶ As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Hymn 2: 374 – Help us to help each other Lord

Gospel – Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20– Mitzi

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ² He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. ³ Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ ⁶ And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ ¹⁰ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹ ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near. ¹⁶ “Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.” ¹⁷ The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” ¹⁸ He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹ Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

Offertory Hymn: 424 – The first day of the week

Communion Hymns.

HHS 67 – Peace Perfect Peace

HHS 63– Make me a channel

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Hymn 6: 235 – O Jesus I have promised

Thought for the Week

“So long as we love we serve; so long as we are loved by others, I would almost say that we are indispensable; and no man is useless while he has a friend.”

— Robert Louis Stevenson, *Lay Morals*

“If you can't do great things, Mother Teresa used to say, do little things with great love. If you can't do them with great love, do them with a little love. If you can't do them with a little love, do them anyway.

Love grows when people serve.”

— John Ortberg, *The Me I Want to Be: Becoming God's Best Version of You*

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NOTICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Today	10.00am-11.15am – Holy Communion Service Thomas the Apostle Revd Susan Wheeler-Kiley presiding and preaching Standing Committee after the service
Tues 5 July	No Night Prayer with mindfulness meditation (on break until 20 September)
Weds 6 July	10am-10.45am Midweek Service in church
Thurs 7 July	7.30pm-8.15pm – Bible Study (Zoom) – led by James
Sat 9 July	10.00am-10.30am Prayers for Healing & Wholeness 10.30am-11.30am Holy Dusters & Parish Office for baptisms (Christenings), Weddings and hall bookings
Sun 10 July	10am-11.15am – Holy Communion Service – Trinity 4 and Lay Ministries Final Revd Ada presiding and preaching

Intercessions - Barbara

** For volunteers * For those struggling to pay bills * For those feeling depressed
* For children in care * For mothers who miscarry*

We Pray for those Unwell in Body, Mind or Spirit:

Barbara , Margaret , Janine , Janet & John , Stephen , 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, Pat & Enid, Bridget, Ron, Avril and all those we know and love

✠ We pray for the souls of Baby Boy Camilleri, Ethel Miller, June Cresswell

*+May light perpetual shine upon them, **May they rest in peace and rise in glory***

We pray for those who are mourning

** Summer flowers * Those who adopt and foster * Midwives and Counsellors*

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