HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON 18th Sunday after Trinity 16th October 2022

Processional Hymn - 207 Praise to the Lord

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Compassionate God, who sent Jesus Christ to deliver us from all manner of injustices and inequalities, create in us new hearts and enlarged visions, to see the image of God in every person irrespective of background, race and ethnicity. May we be generous in our love of others as we work towards ending misunderstanding, racism and injustice; creating communities of human flourishing, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

OT Reading – Genesis 32 – vv 22-31 – Sue

²² The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had.²⁴ Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷ So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

Psalm 121– vv 1-8

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills: from whence cometh my help.

² My help cometh even from the Lord: who hath made heaven and earth.

³ He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
⁴ Behold, he that keepeth Israel: shall neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵ The Lord himself is thy keeper: the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;

⁶ So that the sun shall not burn thee by day: neither the moon by night.

 ⁷ The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
 ⁸ The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in: from this time forth for

evermore.

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 – 2 Timothy 3–14-4.5 – Lilian

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Gradual Hymn – 243 Come O Thou Traveller Unknown

Gospel- Luke 18 - vv 1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart.² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' ⁴ For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'^{] 6} And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"



INTERCESSIONS - Marie

We Pray Especially This Week:

- For those burying their family members after the Thailand nursey massacre

 For those struggling to make ends meet

-For Mathilde and Mercy as they prepare for confirmation

We Pray for those Unwell in Body, Mind or Spirit

Billy's Uncle Richard, 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, Minnie, Alexander, Cousin Zen, all at 44 Kimberley Road & Christopher, Miriam, Denise M, Ernestine, Simon & Samantha, Girish, Pat & Enid, Bridget, Adrian, Ron and all those we know and love

t We pray for the soul of Janet Titus

† May light perpetual shine upon her, May she rest in peace **And rise in Glory**

We pray for all those who are mourning

We Give Thanks and Praise:

- For our churchwardens and PCC
- For those who volunteer in charities

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

Offertory Hymn – HHS 86 - Lord for the years

The Hymns during Communion

215– Lead kindly light 227 – Lord teach us how to pray

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Blessed God, help us, whom you have fed and satisfied in this Eucharist, to hunger and thirst for what is right; help us, who here have rejoiced and been glad, to stand with those who are persecuted and reviled; help us, who here have glimpsed the life of heaven, to strive for the cause of right and for the coming of the kingdom of Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.. **Amen**

Recessional Hymn – 171 – Thy hand O God has guided

NOTICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Please stay at home if you have cold or flu-like symptoms.

| Today | 10.00am-11.15am – Holy Communion Service – Trinity 18 + Celebrating Black History Month. Revd Ada presiding and preaching + guest speaker Jheni Arboine |
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| Tues 18 Oct | 7.30pm-8.30pm Night Prayer with mindfulness meditation |
| Weds 19 Oct | 10am-10.45am Midweek Service in church |
| Thurs 20 Oct | 7.30pm-8.15pm – Bible Study with James |
| Sat 22 Oct | 10am Prayer for Healing and Wholeness in church 10.30am-11.30am Holy Dusters & Parish Office for baptisms (Christenings), Weddings and hall bookings |
| Sun 23 Oct | 10am-11.15am – Holy Communion Service – Bible Sunday. Bring your own Bible |
| THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK | |

"Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at His disposition, and listening to His voice in the depth of our hearts."

- Mother Teresa

"Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tyre?" — Corrie Ten Boom

"Never pray for justice, because you might get some." — Margaret Atwood, Cat's Eye

"Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance. It is laying hold of His willingness." — Martin Luther

Next Sunday's Readings – Bible Sunday

Isaiah 45 – vv 22-25 Romans 15–1-6 Luke 4 – vv 16-24 Psalm 119 – vv 129-136

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