

# HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON

## Second Sunday of Advent

4<sup>th</sup> December 2022

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### **HYMN 1: 484 – Long ago, prophets knew**

#### ***During the lighting of the Prophets***

#### ***Advent Candle we sing:***

*Prophet voices loudly crying,*

*Making pathways clear:*

*Glimpsing glory, self-denying,*

*Calling all to hear.*

*Through their message – challenged,  
shaken -*

*Hearts awaken: God is near*

#### **COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING – Lilian**

#### **Isaiah 11: 1-10**

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. <sup>2</sup> The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. <sup>3</sup> His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear;<sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the

the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. <sup>6</sup> The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup> The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup> The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup> They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. <sup>10</sup> On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

#### **PSALM FOR THE DAY Psalm 72– 1-7**

#### ***Laetatus sum***

#### ***Deus, iudicium***

Give the King thy judgements, O God: and thy righteousness unto the King's son.

<sup>2</sup> Then shall he judge thy people according unto right: and defend the poor.

<sup>3</sup> The mountains also shall bring peace: and the little hills righteousness unto the people.

<sup>4</sup> He shall keep the simple folk by their right: defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrong-doer.

<sup>5</sup> They shall fear thee, as long as the sun and moon endureth: from one generation to another.

<sup>6</sup> He shall come down like the rain into a fleece of wool: even as the drops that water the earth.

<sup>7</sup> In his time shall the righteous flourish: yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.

***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***

***NEW TESTAMENT READING – Mathilde  
Romans 15: 4-13***

<sup>4</sup> For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.

<sup>5</sup> May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup> For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup> and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, “Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name”; <sup>10</sup> and again he says, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”; <sup>11</sup> and again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him”; <sup>12</sup> and again Isaiah

says, “The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.” <sup>13</sup> May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Hymn 2: 27 – On Jordan’s Bank**

***GOSPEL READING - Matthew 3:1-12***

***SPA Mitzi***

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup> “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” <sup>3</sup> This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” <sup>4</sup> Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup> Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, <sup>6</sup> and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>7</sup> But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup> Bear fruit worthy of repentance. <sup>9</sup> Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>10</sup> Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>11</sup> “I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

<sup>12</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

### **INTERCESSIONS - Craig**

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

*For those who are dreading Christmas alone*

*For our veterans sleeping on the streets*

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

*Rev Peter's wife Jennifer, Brandon, Claudine, 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*

✠ *We pray for the souls of Lorraine Cresswell and Janet Titus*

✠ *May light perpetual shine upon them, May they rest in peace*

#### **And rise in Glory**

*We pray for those who mourn*

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

*For our Churchwardens trying to get heating for us*

*For Rev Peter here today*

### **Prayer for our new Incumbent**

*Heavenly Father, we joyfully thank you for answering our prayers. With the appointment of our new incumbent, Revd Tomos Reed, we are now beginning a new stage of our journey. Help us to be united in support, as we extend a warm and godly welcome. Keep your call fresh in his heart and constantly renew his spirit as he prepares for the work within the church and the wider community. Strengthen and guide him too for the challenges that lie ahead. Lord, as we rely on you, we have that re-assurance knowing that we have a future filled with hope. Amen*

### **Offertory Hymn: HHS 83 God is working His purpose out**

**The Hymns during Communion are**  
**29 – The Lord will come and not be slow**

**30 – Hark the glad sound**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Father in heaven,  
who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Hymn 6 : 470 – Hills of the North Rejoice**

## NOTICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

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

<b>Today</b>	<b>10.00am-11.15am</b> – Holy Communion Service – Advent 2 Revd Peter Jones presiding and preaching Refreshments in the hall after the service <b>11.45am:</b> PAT meeting in the Choir Room (Heating will be on!)
<b>Tues 6 Dec</b>	<b>7.30pm-8.30pm</b> – Night Prayer with mindfulness and meditation
<b>Weds 7 Dec</b>	<b>10am-10.45am</b> Midweek Service in church
<b>Thurs 8 Dec</b>	<b>7.30pm-8.15pm</b> – Advent Bible Study, led by James
<b>Sat 10 Dec</b>	<b>10am</b> – Prayer for Healing and Wholeness in church <b>10.30am-11.30am</b> Holy Dusters & Parish Office for baptisms (Christenings), Weddings and hall bookings <b>2pm-4pm</b> – Seniors' Mix and Mingle in the Church Hall
<b>Sun 11 Dec</b>	<b>10am-11.15am</b> – Third Sunday of Advent. Revd Ada presiding and preaching

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### **THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK**

*"I wanted to figure out why I was so busy, but I couldn't find the time to do it."*

**— Todd Stocker**

*"We can always be sure of one thing—that the messengers of discomfort and sacrifice will be stoned and pelted by those who wish to preserve at all costs their own contentment. This is not a lesson that is confined to the Testaments."*

**— Christopher Hitchens, Love, Poverty, and War: Journeys and Essays**

*"The best prophets lead you up to the curtain and let you peer through for yourself."*

**— Frank Herbert, God Emperor of Dune**

### **Next Sunday's Readings – Third Sunday of Advent**

*OT Isaiah 35 – vv1-10*

*NT James 5 – vv 7-10*

*Gospel Matthew 11 –vv 2-11*

*The Magnificat*

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