

HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON

Third Sunday before Lent

5th February 2023

HYMN 1: 207 – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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 –Isaiah 58:1-9a Sarah

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.² Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.³ “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers.⁴ Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day

acceptable to the Lord?⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.⁹ Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Psalm 112 :1-10

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Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord : he hath great delight in his commandments.

² His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the faithful shall be blessed.

³ Riches and plenteousness shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

⁴ Unto the godly there ariseth up light in the darkness : he is merciful, loving, and righteous.

⁵ A good man is merciful, and lendeth: and will guide his words with discretion.

⁶ For he shall never be moved: and the righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.

⁷ He will not be afraid of any evil tidings: for his heart standeth fast, and believeth in the Lord.

⁸ His heart is established, and will not shrink: until he see his desire upon his enemies.

⁹ He hath dispersed abroad, and given to the poor: and his righteousness remaineth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.

¹⁰ The ungodly shall see it, and it shall grieve him: he shall gnash with his teeth, and consume away; the desire of the ungodly shall perish.

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 – 1 Corinthians 2: 1-12 Lilian

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. ⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" — ¹⁰ these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the spirit searches

everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Hymn HHS 64 Morning has broken

Gospel Reading – Matthew 5:13-20

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷ "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.

¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

INTERCESSIONS – Craig

We Pray Especially This Week:

- For the education lost to our children
- For Rev Tomos as he approaches his ministry

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

Trudy's sister Sally, Christine C, Tracey Nash, 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

✠ The souls of those whose loss we remember in the depths of winter. May light perpetual shine upon them May they Rest in Peace

And rise in glory

We pray for all those mourning.

We Give Thanks and Praise:

- For Revd Ada as she takes her ministry to other churches
- For our churchwardens

Offertory Hymn: 108– Sometimes a Light Surprises

Communion Hymns.

131– Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
HHS 63– Make me a channel

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus

Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger:

draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

St Patrick's Breastplate – For Rev Ada (going) and Rev Tomos - coming

Christ with me, Christ before me,

Christ behind me,

Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,

Christ on my right, Christ on my left,

Christ where I lie, Christ where I sit,

Christ where I arise,

Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,

Christ in the mouth of every one who speaks to me,

Christ in every eye that sees me,

Christ in every ear that hears me.

Amen

Hymn 6: 205 Now thank we all Our God

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 – Third Sunday before Lent.
Revd Ada presiding and preaching
- Tues 7 Feb** **7.00pm** – Rehearsal for Revd Tomos Reed’s Collation and Induction. No
Zoom Night Prayer with mindfulness and meditation, back next week
- Weds 8 Feb** **10am-10.45am** Midweek Service in church
- Thurs 9 Feb** **7.30-8.45pm** – Collation and Induction of Revd Tomos Reed as our new
vicar, followed by refreshments in the hall.
- Sat 11 Feb** **10am-10.30am** Prayer for Healing and Wholeness
10.30am-11.30am Holy Dusters & Parish Office for baptisms
(Christenings), Weddings and all bookings
2-4pm – Seniors’ Mix and Mingle in the hall
- Sun 12 Feb** **10am-11.15am** – **Second Sunday before Lent** – Revd Tomos presiding
and preaching. Please come and support him as he starts his ministry
here at Holy Saviour
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THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

“A sacrifice to be real must cost, must hurt, and must empty ourselves. Give yourself fully to God. He will use you to accomplish great things on the condition that you believe much more in his love than in your weakness.”

— Mother Teresa

“You have to find what sparks a light in you so that you in your own way can illuminate the world.”

— Oprah Winfrey

“Begin, be bold, and venture to be wise.”

— Horace

Next Sunday’s Readings – Second Sunday before Lent

Genesis 1-1-2.3

Romans 8 – 18-25

Matthew 6 – 25-34

Psalm 136 vv 1-9

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