

**HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent / Passion Sunday**  
**26<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

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**HYMN 1:72– Lift High the Cross**  
**(Omit starred verses)**

***COLLECT FOR THE DAY***

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world:

grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 – Ezekiel 37: 1-14 Barbara**

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” <sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.” <sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup> I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but

there was no breath in them.

<sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” <sup>10</sup> I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. <sup>11</sup> Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’

<sup>12</sup> Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup> I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.”

**Psalm 130:1-8**

***De profundis***

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

<sup>2</sup> O let thine ears consider well: the voice of my complaint.

<sup>3</sup> If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss: O Lord, who may abide it?

<sup>4</sup> For there is mercy with thee: therefore shalt thou be feared.

<sup>5</sup> I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him: in his word is my trust.

<sup>6</sup> My soul fleeth unto the Lord: before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.

<sup>7</sup> O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy: and with him is plenteous redemption.

<sup>8</sup> And he shall redeem Israel: from all his sins.

***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 – Romans 8: 6-11 – Sarah**

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

<sup>7</sup> For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup> and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup> But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you.

Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

**Hymn 2: 157 – Breath on me**

**Gospel – John 11: 1-45 – James**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup> Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' <sup>4</sup> But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' <sup>5</sup> Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and

Lazarus, <sup>6</sup> after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

<sup>7</sup> Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' <sup>8</sup> The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' <sup>9</sup> Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. <sup>10</sup> But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' <sup>11</sup> After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' <sup>12</sup> The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' <sup>13</sup> Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup> Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup> For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' <sup>16</sup> Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

<sup>17</sup> When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you

believe this?' <sup>27</sup>She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

<sup>28</sup>When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' <sup>29</sup>And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup>The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' <sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me.

<sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

<sup>45</sup>Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

### **INTERCESSIONS – Marie**

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

*For Hospices and those who work with the dying or dead*

*For those who make us a Bereavement Church*

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

*Jacob, Ellie and her mother, Roger, Trudy's sister Sally, Christine C, Tracey N, Rev Peter's wife Jennifer, Brandon, 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, Simon & Samantha, Girish, Pat & Enid, Adrian, Ron and all those we know and love.*

#### **We pray for those who mourn.**

*We pray for the souls of Ernestine Campbell and Dely Cyrus. May light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. **And rise in glory***

#### **Offertory Hymn: HHS 77 – And can it be**

#### **Communion Hymns**

**97– Father of Heaven**

**66 – Glory be to Jesus**

### Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

**Amen**

### Prayer of St Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon  
 Where there is doubt, faith  
 Where there is despair, hope  
 Where there is darkness, light  
 Where there is sadness, joy  
 O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

**Hymn 6: 148 – At the name of Jesus**

### NOTICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

*For Baptisms (Christenings) and Weddings, please speak to or contact the Vicar ([vicar@holysaviourcroydon.co.uk](mailto:vicar@holysaviourcroydon.co.uk)) to arrange a good time to meet.*

**Morning Prayer** is said in church at **9.00am on Tues, Wed and Thurs**

- Today**                    **10.00am** Parish Eucharist. Fr Tomos presiding and Reader James preaching
- Weds 29 Mar**           **10.00am** – Midweek Holy Communion
- Thurs 30 Mar**           **7.30pm** – Zoom Lent Bible Study – The Trial and Crucifixion of Jesus Part 1 – John 18. (Email the [vicar](mailto:vicar@holysaviourcroydon.co.uk) for the Zoom link)
- Sat 1 Apr**                **10.00am-10.30am** – Prayer for Healing and Wholeness  
**10.30am-11.30am** – Holy Dusters
- Sun 2 Apr**                **10.00am** – **Palm Sunday**. Fr Tomos presiding (Service Begins in Hall)

### Holy Week Services

<b>Wednesday 5 April</b>	7.00pm Said Eucharist; 7.30pm Bring and Share meal, concluding with Night Prayer
<b>Thursday 6 April</b>	11.00am Chrism Eucharist in <b>Southwark Cathedral</b> 8.00pm <b>Liturgy of Maundy Thursday</b> (Eucharist, Washing of Feet, and Stripping of the Sanctuary)
<b>Friday 7 April</b>	10.00am <b>Stations of the Cross</b> 2.30pm <b>Liturgy of Good Friday</b> , including Veneration of the Cross
<b>Sunday 9 April</b>	6.00am <b>Easter Vigil</b> (Blessing of the new fire and lighting of the Paschal Candle) 10.00am <b>Sung Eucharist for Easter Day</b> (with Easter eggs!)

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