

# HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON

## Second Sunday of Lent

5<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**HYMN 1: 2– New every morning**

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

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### ***Old Testament Reading – Genesis 12: 1-4a Sheri***

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

<sup>4</sup> So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

**Psalm 121:1-8**

### ***Levavi oculos***

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

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

<sup>3</sup> He will not suffer thy foot to be  
moved: and he that keepeth thee will  
not sleep.

<sup>4</sup> Behold, he that keepeth Israel: shall  
neither slumber nor sleep.

<sup>5</sup> The Lord himself is thy keeper: the  
Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;

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

<sup>7</sup> The Lord shall preserve thee from all  
evil: yea, it is even he that shall keep thy  
soul.

<sup>8</sup> 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 – Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17 Sue

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup> For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup> For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” <sup>4</sup> Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup> But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

<sup>13</sup> For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup> For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

## Hymn 2: 131 – Love divine

## Gospel – John 3: 1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.”

<sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup> “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup> “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

### **INTERCESSIONS – Craig**

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

- For Ajoke's granddaughter Zara, 7 on 3<sup>rd</sup> of March

- For first time mothers and maternity staff working short handed

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

Krish, 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 now and always. 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 our church family

- For those who volunteer for others

### **Offertory Hymn: 117 - Praise to the Holiest**

#### **Communion Hymns.**

**136– Jesus grant me this I pray**

**133– Immortal Love**

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:

keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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: 171 – Thy hand O God has guided**

## NOTICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

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

*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** Second Sunday of Lent. Fr Tomos presiding and preaching
- Tues 7 Mar**            **Night Prayer** will resume after Easter Sunday
- Weds 8 Mar**            **10.00am** – Midweek Holy Communion
- Thurs 9 Mar**           **7.30pm** – Zoom Lent Bible Study – The healing of the man born blind  
(Email the [vicar](mailto:vicar@holysaviourcroydon.co.uk) for the Zoom link)
- Sat 11 Mar**            **10.00am-10.30am** – Prayer for Healing and Wholeness  
**10.30am-11.30am** – Holy Dusters  
**2.00pm-4.00pm** – Seniors' Mix and Mingle in the hall
- Sun 12 Mar**           **10.00am** – **Parish Eucharist on the Third Sunday of Lent**  
Fr Tomos presiding and preaching  
**Noon – Baptism Service**  
**1.00pm-3.00pm Public Spirit** (Deanery Youth Group) is meeting at Holy Saviour  
– anyone of secondary school age is more than welcome to attend.

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### THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.”

— **Martin Luther King Jr., *A Testament of Hope: The Essential Writings and Speeches***

“Faithless is he that says farewell when the road darkens.”

— **J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Fellowship of the Ring***

“The great thing to remember is that though our feelings come and go God's love for us does not.”— **C.S. Lewis**

“All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen.”

— **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

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