

HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON

Mothering Sunday

19th March 2023

HYMN 1: 104– For the beauty

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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 – Exodus 2: 1-10– Pearl

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman.
² The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months.
³ When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river.
⁴ His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.
⁵ The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it.
⁶ When

she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. “This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,” she said.
⁷ Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?”
⁸ Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Yes.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother.
⁹ Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed it.
¹⁰ When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, “because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

Psalm 34: 11-20

¹¹ Come, ye children, and hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
¹² What man is he that lusteth to live: and would fain see good days?
¹³ Keep thy tongue from evil: and thy lips, that they speak no guile.
14 Eschew evil, and do good: seek peace, and ensue it.
¹⁵ The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous: and his ears are open unto their prayers.
¹⁶ The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil: to root out the

remembrance of them from the earth.

¹⁷ The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them: and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

¹⁸ The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart: and will save such as be of an humble spirit.

¹⁹ Great are the troubles of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of all.

²⁰ He keepeth all his bones: so that not one of them is broken.

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 Corinthians 1: 3-7
Sylvia

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, ⁴ who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. ⁵ For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. ⁶ If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering.

⁷ Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

Hymn 2: 116 – All things bright and beautiful

Gospel – Luke 2: 33-35 - James

³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."



INTERCESSIONS – Christine

We Pray Especially This Week:

- For mothers everywhere
- For children who have lost their parents

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

Jacob struggling with mental health, Ellie with cancer while trying to study and her worried 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 the souls of Ernestine Campbell and Dely Cyrus
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:

- For maternity staff
- For grandmothers across the world

**Offertory Hymn: 394 – Lord of all
hopefulness**

Communion Hymns.

360– For Mary mother

HHS 63 – Make me a channel

Post Communion Prayer

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A Prayer for Mothering Sunday

Loving God,

Thank you for Mothers and children and for all the joy of family life.

**Be with those who are grieving because they have no mother;
Be close to those who are struggling because they have no children;
Be near to those who are sad because they are far apart from those they love.**

Let your love be present in every home,

And help your church to have eyes to see and ears to hear the needs of all who come.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**Hymn 6: 198 – Ye Holy Angels
bright**



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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) to arrange a good time to meet.

Please speak to the vicar or fill in the sign-up sheet to read in Holy Week or to have your feet washed on Maundy Thursday!

Today	10.00am Parish Eucharist, Fr Tomos presiding and preaching + Sunday school 11.30am – Building and Finance Meeting
Tues 21 Mar	Night Prayer will resume after Easter Sunday
Weds 22 Mar	10.00am – Morning Prayer (Holy Communion returns next Wednesday)
Thurs 23 Mar	7.00pm – PCC Meeting in the Vicarage No Lent Course tonight, returns next week
Sat 25 Mar	10.00am-10.30am – Prayer for Healing and Wholeness 10.30am-11.30am – Holy Dusters
Sun 26 Mar	10.00am – Parish Eucharist on the Fifth Sunday of Lent – Passiontide begins. Fr Tomos presiding and preaching

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

“I won't try to describe how deeply I mourn her passing still. I know that she was the kindest, most generous spirit I have ever known, and that what is best in me I owe to her.”

— **Barack Obama, Dreams from My Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance**

“She was her own Enigma Code and me and my dad were not Bletchley Park.”

— **Jeanette Winterson, Why Be Happy When You Could Be Normal?**

Next Sunday's Readings – Fifth Sunday of Lent – Passiontide begins

Ezekiel 37 – vv 1-14

Romans 8 – vv 6–11

John 11 – vv 1-27

Psalm 130 – vv 1-8

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