

HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON

Third Sunday of Lent

12th March 2023

**HYMN 1: 331– The God of Abraham
praise – omit starred verses ***

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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**

Old Testament Reading – Exodus 17: 1-7 Mathilde

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the

rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

Psalm 95:1-11 - Venite, exultemus

O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

² Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving: and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.

³ For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all gods.

⁴ In his hand are all the corners of the earth: and the strength of the hills is his also.

⁵ The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands prepared the dry land.

⁶ O come, let us worship and fall down: and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

⁷ For he is the Lord our God: and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

⁸ To-day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts: as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness;

⁹ When your fathers tempted me: proved me, and saw my works.

¹⁰ Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said: It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways;

¹¹ Unto whom I swear in my wrath: that they should not enter into my rest.

²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵ The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." ²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

INTERCESSIONS – Barbara

We Pray Especially This Week:

-For the elderly during the cold weather

-For those losing their jobs

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

Roger, 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, Simon & Samantha, Girish, Pat & Enid, Bridget, Adrian, Ron and all those we know and love

✠ We pray for the soul of Ernestine Campbell

May light perpetual shine upon her

*May she rest in peace **And rise in glory***

We Give Thanks and Praise:

- For those who give time and talent to our church

- For Rev Tomos as he settles into our church

Offertory Hymn: 247– I heard the voice of Jesus

Communion Hymns.

HHS 48 – As the deer pants

HHS 49– Be still, for the presence

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; 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: 172 – Glorious things

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.

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

Today	10.00am Third Sunday of Lent. Fr Tomos presiding and preaching 11.30am – Standing Committee 12 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)
Tues 14 Mar	Night Prayer will resume after Easter Sunday
Weds 15 Mar	10.00am – Midweek Holy Communion
Thurs 16 Mar	7.30pm – Zoom Lent Bible Study – The Raising of Lazarus (Email the vicar for the Zoom link)
Sat 18 Mar	10.00am-10.30am – Prayer for Healing and Wholeness 10.30am-11.30am – Holy Dusters
Sun 19 Mar	10.00am – Parish Eucharist on the Fourth Sunday of Lent – Mothering Sunday (with Sunday School) Fr Tomos presiding and preaching

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

“There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle.”

— **Albert Einstein**

“Sometimes beautiful things come into our lives out of nowhere. We can't always understand them, but we have to trust in them. I know you want to question everything, but sometimes it pays to just have a little faith.”

— **Lauren Kate, Torment**

“Don't ever get to the point where you can't be taught because life is a classroom and everyone owns a pen.”

— **Shannon L. Alder**

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