

# HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON

## Third Sunday of Easter

23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023

### **HYMN 1: 345 – Christ is the King**

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

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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 – Zephaniah 3: 14-20 Sarah**

<sup>14</sup> Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!

<sup>15</sup> The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.

<sup>16</sup> On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak.

<sup>17</sup> The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing

<sup>18</sup> as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,

so that you will not bear reproach for it. <sup>19</sup> I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. <sup>20</sup> At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

#### **Psalm 116:1-7**

#### ***Dilexi, quoniam***

I AM well pleased: that the Lord hath heard the voice of my prayer;

<sup>2</sup> That he hath inclined his ear unto me: therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

<sup>3</sup> The snares of death compassed me round about: and the pains of hell gat hold upon me.

<sup>4</sup> I shall find trouble and heaviness, and I will call upon the Name of the Lord: O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

<sup>5</sup> Gracious is the Lord, and righteous: yea, our God is merciful.

<sup>6</sup> The Lord preserveth the simple: I was in misery, and he helped me.

<sup>7</sup> Turn again then unto thy rest, O my soul: for the Lord hath rewarded thee.

***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 – Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Murnell**

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, <sup>36</sup>Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah this Jesus whom you crucified.” <sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” <sup>38</sup>Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” <sup>40</sup>And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup>So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

## **Hymn 2: 313 – We sing the glorious conquest**

### **Gospel – Luke 24: 13-35 Mitzi**

<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them,

whose name was Cleopas, answered Him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” <sup>19</sup>He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. <sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if He were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the

road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"<sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.<sup>34</sup> They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!"<sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

### **INTERCESSIONS – Christine**

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

- Rev Tomos on a well-deserved holiday
- Teachers and children back at school

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

*Julie and her father, Billy, Jacob, Ellie and her mother, Roger, Trudy's sister Sally, Christine C, 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, Enid, Simon & Samantha, Girish, Pat, Adrian, Ron and all those we know and love.*

*✠ We pray for the souls of Tracey Nash, Enid Robinson, 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:***

- Carers everywhere
- The improving weather

### **Offertory Hymn: HHS 73 – To Him we come**

### **Communion Hymns.**

#### **246 – Just as I am**

#### **HHS 57 – I am the bread of life**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread:

open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, 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: 375 – I danced in the morning**

## 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.*

- Today**                    **10.00am** Parish Eucharist. Revd Peter Jones presiding and preaching
- Weds 26 Apr**            **10.00am** – Midweek Service – Morning Prayer
- Sat 29 Apr**             **10.00am-10.30am** – Prayer for Healing and Wholeness  
**10.30am-11.30am** – Holy Dusters
- Sun 30 Apr**             **10.00am** – **Parish Eucharist – Fourth Sunday of Easter.** Fr Tomos presiding and Reader James preaching + Sunday school
- Sun 21 May**            The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will take after the Eucharist, and attendance is warmly encouraged! Anyone over the age of 16 who feels that Holy Saviour is a regular place of worship for them is encouraged to talk to the Vicar about joining the electoral roll. This allows you to vote and potentially stand as a candidate in the elections of churchwardens, PCC members and Deanery Synod Reps.

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### **THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK**

“Some things have to be believed to be seen.”

— **Madeleine L'Engle**

“The eye sees only what the mind is prepared to comprehend.”

— **Robertson Davies, Tempest-Tost**

“For those who believe, no proof is necessary. For those who don't believe, no proof is possible.”

— **Stuart Chase**

“Indeed, that is the charm about Christ, when all is said: he is just like a work of art. He does not really teach one anything, but by being brought into his presence one becomes something. And everybody is predestined to his presence. Once at least in his life each man walks with Christ to Emmaus.”

— **Wilde Oscar, De Profundis**

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