

HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON

5th Sunday of Easter

7th May 2023

HYMN 1: 332– Christ is made the sure foundation vv 5-9 only

COLLECT FOR THE KING

Almighty and everlasting God, we are taught by thy holy Word, that the hearts of kings are in thy rule and governance, and that thou dost dispose and turn them as it seemeth best to thy godly wisdom: we humbly beseech thee so to dispose and govern the heart of Charles thy Servant, our King and Governor, that, in all his thoughts, words, and works, he may ever seek thy honour and glory, and study to preserve thy people committed to his charge, in wealth, peace, and godliness: grant this, O merciful Father, for thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Genesis 8: 1-19 Barbara

But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and all the domestic animals that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided; ² the fountains of the

deep and the windows of the heavens were closed, the rain from the heavens was restrained, ³ and the waters gradually receded from the earth. At the end of one hundred fifty days the waters had abated; ⁴ and in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. ⁵ The waters continued to abate until the tenth month; in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains appeared.

⁶ At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made ⁷ and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. ⁸ Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; ⁹ but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. ¹⁰ He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; ¹¹ and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth.

¹² Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him anymore.

¹³ In the six hundred first year, in the first month, on the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. ¹⁴ In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. ¹⁵ Then God said to Noah, ¹⁶ "Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁷ Bring out

with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.”¹⁸ So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives.¹⁹ And every animal, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out of the ark by families.

Psalm 31: 1-5

In te, Domine, speravi

In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion, deliver me in thy righteousness.

² Bow down thine ear to me: make haste to deliver me.

³ And be thou my strong rock, and house of defence: that thou mayest save me.

⁴ For thou art my strong rock, and my castle: be thou also my guide, and lead me for thy Name's sake.

⁵ Draw me out of the net that they have laid privily for me: for thou art my strength.

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 7:55-60 Lillian

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.

⁵⁶ “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!”⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him.⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

Hymn 2: 83 – Love’s redeeming work

Gospel – John 14: 1-14 - Marie

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.² In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.”⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?”⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”⁸ Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.”⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works.¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

INTERCESSIONS Craig

We Pray Especially This Week:

-For Hospice staff

- For those worried for their finances

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 our new King and Queen

- For our faith

Offertory Hymn: 161– Christ is our cornerstone

Communion Hymns.

135 – Rock of Ages

209– Through all the Changing Scenes

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
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: 171 – Thy hand O God has guided

NOTICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

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 Parish Eucharist. Fr Tomos presiding and preaching
Weds 10 May	10.00am – Midweek Holy Communion
Sat 13 May	10.00am-10.30am – Prayer for Healing and Wholeness 10.30am-11.30am – Holy Dusters 2pm-4pm – Seniors' Mix and Mingle in the hall – All are welcome
Sun 14 May	10.00am – Parish Eucharist. Fr Tomos presiding with guest preacher The Rev'd Canon Leanne Roberts, Dean of Clergy Welfare, and former Diocesan Director of Ordinands

2023 Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

The APCM will take place on Sunday 21 May immediately after the Eucharist, and it would be wonderful if as many people as possible could attend. During APCM church wardens, PCC members and deanery synod members will be elected. If you would like to stand for any of these roles, there are nomination forms at the back of church. These forms also contain information about eligibility criteria for being a member of the PCC.

Parish Electoral Roll

The revised current electoral roll is published at the back of church. Additions to the roll can be made at any time, so do not panic if you feel your name is missing! Just fill in one of the forms at the back of the church and hand it to either a churchwarden or the Vicar. Anyone over the age of 16 who feels that Holy Saviour is a regular place of worship for them is entitled and encouraged to join the electoral roll. This allows you to vote in the elections of churchwardens, PCC members and Deanery Synod Reps. Please do speak to the Vicar if you would like to join the electoral roll.

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

"When you get to the end of all the light you know and it's time to step into the darkness of the unknown, faith is knowing that one of two things shall happen: either you will be given something solid to stand on, or you will be taught how to fly."

— **Edward Teller**

"There is a God, there always has been. I see him here, in the eyes of the people in this [hospital] corridor of desperation. This is the real house of God, this is where those who have lost God will find Him... there is a God, there has to be, and now I will pray, I will pray that He will forgive that I have neglected Him all of these years, forgive that I have betrayed, lied, and sinned with impunity only to turn to Him now in my hour of need. I pray that He is as merciful, benevolent, and gracious as His book says He is."

— **Khaled Hosseini**

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