

Holy Saviour Church, Croydon

Pentecost / Whit Sunday - 28th May 2023

Entrance Hymn: HHS 94 – *The Spirit lives to set us free*

Hymn Before the Gospel: 156 – *Come down, O love divine*

Offertory Hymn: 90 – *When God of old came down from Heaven*

Communion Hymn(s): 93 – *Come Holy Ghost*; HHS 38 – *Spirit of Holiness*

Final Hymn: HHS91 – *Shine Jesus, Shine*

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING Numbers 11: 24-30 - Pearl

²⁴ So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵ Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶ Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷ And a young man ran and told Moses, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' ²⁸ And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, 'My lord Moses, stop them!' ²⁹ But Moses said to him, 'Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!' ³⁰ And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

PSALM 104: 26-36

²⁶ There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan: whom thou hast made to take his pastime therein.

²⁷ These wait all upon thee : that thou mayest give them meat in due season.

²⁸ When thou givest it them they gather it : and when thou openest thy hand they are filled with good.

²⁹ When thou hidest thy face they are troubled : when thou takest away their breath they die, and are turned again to their dust.

³⁰ When thou lettest thy breath go forth they shall be made : and thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

³¹ The glorious majesty of the Lord shall endure for ever : the Lord shall rejoice in his works.

³² The earth shall tremble at the look of him : if he do but touch the hills, they shall smoke.

³³ I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live : I will praise my God while I have my being.

³⁴ And so shall my words please him : my joy shall be in the Lord.

³⁵ As for sinners, they shall be consumed out of the earth, and the ungodly shall come to an end

³⁶ Praise thou the Lord, O my soul, praise the Lord.

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

SECOND READING Acts 2:1-21 - Christine

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

GOSPEL – John 20: 19-23 – James

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among

them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

INTERCESSIONS – Christine

We pray especially this week for: *Those caring for children on half-tem; those who have no hope for the future*

We Give Thanks and Praise for: *The Holy Spirit; Teachers and their assistants*

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

Stacey's mum Debbie, Finn, Tony, 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, 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 Dorcas Goto, Ben Attabonsu, 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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory;
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.

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For Baptisms (Christenings) and Weddings, please speak to or contact the Vicar to arrange a good time to meet.

Services this Week

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

Today	10.00am Parish Eucharist: For Pentecost, Fr Tomos presiding and Reader James preaching 12 Noon - Baptism
Tues 30 May	7.30pm – Night Prayer on Zoom (see weekly email for link) followed by Bible Study (we will be looking at Paul's Epistle to the Galatians over the next few weeks)
Weds 31 May	10.00am – Midweek Holy Communion
Sat 3 June	10.00am-10.30am – Prayer for Healing and Wholeness – followed by the Holy Dusters
Sun 4 June	10.00am – Parish Eucharist: Trinity Sunday Fr Tomos presiding and preaching

Other Notices

Today	Sunday School + Tea and Coffee after the service
Foodbank	All donations are gratefully received! If you need anything from our growing foodbank, please feel free to speak to the Vicar or Christine in confidence.
Saturday 10 June	SOUND OF THE TRUMPET (4pm, Fairfield Halls) This is the coming together of Croydon Churches in worship. In the year of the Borough of Culture , it offers an incredible opportunity for Christians from across the spectrum to come together and worship as one, celebrating unity and inclusivity. Choirs, bands and worship teams from across the length and breadth of Croydon will be raising ONE GREAT SOUND that evening and that sound will be "heard" miles away. Tickets are available on Eventbrite for £5 per seat. Please find the link below. https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sound-of-the-trumpet-tickets-627693336667

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*"The dove descending breaks the air
With flame of incandescent terror
Of which the tongues declare
The one discharge from sin and error.
The only hope, or else despair
Lies in the choice of pyre or pyre-
To be redeemed from fire by fire.*

*Who then devised the torment? Love.
Love is the unfamiliar Name
Behind the hands that wove
The intolerable shirt of flame
Which human power cannot remove.
We only live, only suspire
Consumed by either fire or fire." — **T.S. Eliot,**
Four Quartets*

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