

Holy Saviour Church, Croydon

7th Sunday of Easter – 21st May 2023

Entrance Hymn: 87 – *Hail the Day that sees Him rise*

Hymn Before the Gospel: 157 – *Breathe on me breath of God*

Offertory Hymn: 263 – *Lord enthroned in Heavenly Splendour*

Communion Hymn(s): 86 – *Jesu, our hope*; **265** – *O Thou who at Thy Eucharist*

Final Hymn: 139 – *Rejoice the Lord is King*

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING Ezekiel 36: 24-28 - Sylvia

24 I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. **25** I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. **26** A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you, and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. **27** I will put my spirit within you and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. **28** Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

PSALM 68: 1-10 Exurgat Deus

LET God arise, and let his enemies be scattered let them also that hate him flee before him.

² Like as the smoke vanisheth, so shalt thou drive them away: and like as wax melteth at the fire, so let the ungodly perish at the presence of God.

³ But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God: let them also be merry and joyful.

⁴ O sing unto God, and sing praises unto his Name: magnify him that rideth upon the heavens, as it were upon an horse; praise him in his Name jah, and rejoice before him.

⁵ He is a father of the fatherless, and defendeth the cause of the widows: even God in his holy habitation.

⁶ He is the God that maketh men to be of one mind in an house, and bringeth the prisoners out of captivity: but letteth the runagates continue in scarceness.

⁷ O God, when thou wentest forth before the people: when thou wentest through the wilderness;

⁸ The earth shook, and the heavens dropped at the presence of God: even as Sinai also was moved at the presence of God, who is the God of Israel.

⁹ Thou, O God, sentest a gracious rain upon thine inheritance: and refreshedst it when it was weary.

¹⁰ Thy congregation shall dwell therein: for thou, O God, hast of thy goodness prepared for the poor.

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 1:6-14 - Barbara

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” ¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of ^[d] James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

GOSPEL – Luke 24: 44-53 – Mitzi

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah ^[d] is ^[a] to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” ⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

INTERCESSIONS – Marie

We pray especially this week for: *Farmers battling the weather; those who have lost their jobs*

We Give Thanks and Praise for: The Ascended Christ; Volunteers

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

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, 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 those who mourn

✠ **We pray for the souls** of 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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom:

confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim;

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: Fr Tomos presiding and preaching
Tues 23 May	7.30pm – Night Prayer on Zoom (see weekly email for link)
Weds 24 May	10.00am – Midweek Holy Communion
Thurs 25 May	7.00pm – PCC Meeting in the Vicarage
Sat 27 May	10.00am-10.30am – Prayer for Healing and Wholeness
Sun 28 May	10.00am – Parish Eucharist: Solemn Eucharist for Pentecost with incense; Sunday School; Fr Tomos presiding and preaching

Other Notices

Today	APCM after the Eucharist Don't forget that Churchwarden, PCC and Deanery Synod nomination forms need to be completed and handed in to the Vicar before the APCM
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THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

"If you had to identify, in one word, the reason why the human race has not achieved, and never will achieve, its full potential, that word would be 'meetings.'"

— Dave Barry

"Each meeting occurs at the precise moment for which it was meant. Usually, when it will have the greatest impact on our lives."

— Nadia Scrieva, Fathoms of Forgiveness

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