

Holy Saviour Church, Croydon

6th Sunday of Easter – 14th May 2023

Entrance Hymn: 336 - *All my hope on God is founded*

Hymn Before the Gospel: 156 - *Come down O Love*

Offertory Hymn: HHS 84 – *I the Lord of Sea and Sky*

Communion Hymn(s): 93 – *Come Holy Ghost*; **403** – *Now let us from this table rise*

Final Hymn: HHS 77 – *And can it be?*

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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**

FIRST READING Genesis 8: 20-9.17 - Sue

²⁰Then Noah built an altar to the Lord, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. ²¹And when the Lord smelled the pleasing odour, the Lord said in his heart, "I will never again curse the ground because of humankind, for the inclination of the human heart is evil from youth; nor will I ever again destroy every living creature as I have done. ²²As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease."

⁹God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. ²The fear and dread of you shall rest on every animal of the earth, and on every bird of the air, on everything that creeps on the ground, and on all the fish of the sea; into your hand they are delivered. ³Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you; and just as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything. ⁴Only, you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. ⁵For your own lifeblood I will surely require a reckoning: from every animal I will require it and from human beings, each one for the blood of another, I will require a reckoning for human life. ⁶Whoever sheds the blood of a human, by a human shall that person's blood be shed; for in his own image God made humankind. ⁷And you, be fruitful and multiply, abound on the earth and multiply in it." ⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹²God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and

every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

PSALM 66: 7-18 *Jubilate Deo*

- ⁷ O praise our God, ye people: and make the voice of his praise to be heard;
⁸ Who holdeth our soul in life: and suffereth not our feet to slip.
⁹ For thou, O God, hast proved us: thou also hast tried us, like as silver is tried.
¹⁰ Thou broughtest us into the snare: and laidest trouble upon our loins.
¹¹ Thou sufferedst men to ride over our heads: we went through fire and water, and thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.
¹² I will go into thine house with burnt-offerings: and will pay thee my vows, which I promised with my lips, and spake with my mouth, when I was in trouble.
¹³ I will offer unto thee fat burnt-sacrifices, with the incense of rams: I will offer bullocks and goats.
¹⁴ O come hither, and hearken, all ye that fear God: and I will tell you what he hath done for my soul.
¹⁵ I called unto him with my mouth: and gave him praises with my tongue.
¹⁶ If I incline unto wickedness with mine heart: the Lord will not hear me.
¹⁷ But God hath heard me: and considered the voice of my prayer.
¹⁸ Praised be God, who hath not cast out my prayer: nor turned his mercy from me.

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 17:22-31 - Craig

²²Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ ²⁹Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

GOSPEL – John 14: 15-21 – Mitzi

¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸ “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

INTERCESSIONS – Marie

We pray especially this week for: *The lone and alone; families who have lost their homes*

We Give Thanks and Praise for: Our armed forces; all types of music

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 those who mourn

✠ **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.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him 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.

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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 guest preacher The Rev'd Canon Leanne Roberts, Dean of Clergy Welfare and former Diocesan Director of Ordinands
Tues 16 May	7.30pm – Night Prayer on Zoom (see weekly email for link)
Weds 17 May	10.00am – Midweek Holy Communion
Thurs 18 May	8.00pm – Ascension Day Eucharist
Sat 20 May	10.00am-10.30am – Prayer for Healing and Wholeness
Sun 21 May	10.00am – Parish Eucharist: Fr Tomos presiding and preaching

Notices & Other Events

Today	Standing Committee Meeting after the Parish Eucharist
Thurs 18 May	Drinks and nibbles in the vicarage, after Ascension Day Eucharist
Sat 20 May	10.30am-11.30am – Holy Dusters
Sun 21 May	APCM after the Eucharist Don't forget that Churchwarden, PCC and Deanery Synod nomination forms need to be completed and handed in the Vicar before the APCM
Sun 28 May	10.00am Solemn Parish Eucharist for Pentecost with incense; Sunday School

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

"Before you live, love. Before you expire, inspire. Let your love be an inspiration to someone to also love another and together we build up a happy world!"

— Israelmore Ayivor, Leaders' Watchwords

"To love one another means to have compassionate concern and care for all people. It is to know the value of living a good life, and of adding value to others life. It produces a meaningful life!"

— Joan Jessalyn Cox

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