

Holy Saviour Church, Croydon

Trinity 6 – 16th July 2023

Entrance Hymn: 156– *Come down O love divine*

Hymn Before the Gospel: 509 – *Rise and hear the Lord is speaking*

Offertory Hymn: 290 – *We plough the fields and scatter*

Communion Hymn(s): 97 – *Father of Heaven whose love;* **166** – *Lord Thy word*

Final Hymn: 234 – *Thine for ever God of love*

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 Isaiah 55: 10-13 – Christine

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹² For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

PSALM 65: 8-13

⁸ They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid at thy tokens : thou that makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise thee.

⁹ Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it : thou makest it very plenteous.

¹⁰ The river of God is full of water : thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth.

¹¹ Thou waterest her furrows, thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof : thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.

¹² Thou crownest the year with thy goodness : and thy clouds drop fatness.

¹³ They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness : and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.

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 Romans 8:1-11 – Lilian

Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

GOSPEL – Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty." ⁹ If you have ears, hear!" ¹⁸ "Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

INTERCESSIONS – Marie

We pray especially this week for: *Our ability to hear God's Word; farmers*

We Give Thanks and Praise for: *clergy sowing seeds; our weather*

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 those who mourn

We pray for the souls of Lucas Sutton, Dorcas Goto Ben Attabonsu and Selena Lau. May light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace

And rise in glory.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of 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

Services this Week

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

Today	10.00am – Parish Eucharist: Trinity 6: Fr Tomos presiding and Preaching; + Building and Finance Team meeting after the service
Tues 18 July	7.30pm – Night Prayer and Bible Study on Zoom (see weekly email for link)
Weds 19 July	10.00am – Midweek Holy Communion
Sat 22 July	1000am - Prayers for Healing and Wholeness 1100am – Blessing of Civil Marriage and Baptism (NB no Holy Dusters today)
Sun 23 July	10.00am – Parish Eucharist: Trinity 7: Fr Tomos presiding and Preaching;

Other Notices

Sat 22 July	Croydon Area Racial Justice Group Study Day 10am-2pm Christchurch, Purley The day will focus on the Diocese of Southwark Anti-Racism Charter and how we might effectively implement ways to help our parishes engage with it. See the weekly email for details of how to book a place. Bring a packed lunch.
Sat 29 July	London Prayer and Worship Festival This event, celebrating the unity in the Body of Christ is taking place in Trafalgar Square on Sunday 29 July from 1pm. It will consist of prayers, worship, sharing of testimonies, and Communion. A flyer with more information is attached to this email. Additional information can be found at https://www.kivinternational.org/ Croydon Volunteer Independent Visitors Do you have the time and the skills to help provide support to a young person in care once or twice a month? Find out more online at www.croydon.gov.uk/iv A message from Rap Therapy Rap Therapy are running workshops in the community during the school holidays which are targeted at young people based in Croydon on free school meals. See the weekly email for more details.

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