

# Holy Saviour Church, Croydon

## Trinity 8 –30<sup>th</sup> July 2023

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

**Hymn Before the Gospel: 194** – *King of Glory, King of Peace*

**Offertory Hymn: 343** – *Be Thou my vision*

**Communion Hymn(s): 126** – *The King of Love*; **HHS 62** – *Love is His word*

**Final Hymn: HHS 93** – *The Heavens declare God's Glory*

### **COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### **FIRST READING 1 Kings 3: 5-12 – Barbara**

<sup>5</sup> At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." <sup>6</sup> And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. <sup>7</sup> And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup> And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. <sup>9</sup> Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?" <sup>10</sup> It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup> God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup> I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you.

### **PSALM 119: 129-136**

#### ***Mirabilia***

<sup>129</sup> THY testimonies are wonderful : therefore doth my soul keep them.

<sup>130</sup> When thy word goeth forth : it giveth light and understanding unto the simple.

<sup>131</sup> I opened my mouth, and drew in my breath : for my delight was in thy commandments.

<sup>132</sup> O look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me : as thou usest to do unto those that love thy Name.

<sup>133</sup> Order my steps in thy word : and so shall no wickedness have dominion over me.

<sup>134</sup> O deliver me from the wrongful dealings of men : and so shall I keep thy commandments.

<sup>135</sup> Shew the light of thy countenance upon thy servant : and teach me thy statutes.

<sup>136</sup> Mine eyes gush out with water : because men keep not thy law.

***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 8:26-39 – Christine**

<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. <sup>28</sup> We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. <sup>31</sup> What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup> Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup> Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." <sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## **GOSPEL – Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

<sup>31</sup> He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; <sup>32</sup> it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." <sup>33</sup> He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." <sup>44</sup> "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. <sup>45</sup> "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup> on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup> when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. <sup>49</sup> So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup> and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>51</sup> “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” <sup>52</sup> And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

### **INTERCESSIONS – Fr Tomos**

**We pray especially this week for:** *Those suffering in the hot weather*

**We Give Thanks and Praise for:** *Our faith; Our armed forces*

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

*Cleveland, 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. The children of Shamanie Terrelonge.*

**We pray for those who mourn**

**We pray for the souls** of Shamanie Terrelonge, 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**

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things;  
may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute;  
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;  
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope;  
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body  
be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you 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*

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***Services this Week***

<b>Today</b>	<b>10.00am – Parish Eucharist: Trinity 8:</b> Fr Tomos presiding and preaching; <b>+ Sunday School</b>
<b>Tues 1 Aug</b>	<b>7.30pm – Night Prayer and Bible Study</b> are taking a break for August
<b>Weds 2 Aug</b>	<b>10.00am – Midweek Eucharist</b>
<b>Sat 5 Aug</b>	<b>10.30am - Holy Dusters</b>
<b>Sun 6 Aug</b>	<b>10.00am – Parish Eucharist: Trinity 9:</b> Fr Tomos presiding and Preaching

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***Other Notices***

<b>Today</b>	<b>Our final Sunday School of the 2022/23 academic year</b> will be taking place today. All are welcome! Sunday School will take a break in August and then return in September.
<b>Sun 3 Sept</b>	<b>The Rt Rev'd The Lord Bishop of Southwark visting Holy Saviour.</b> Bishop Christopher will be presiding and preaching at the Parish Eucharist on Sunday 3 Sept. Please <b>save the date</b> in your diary so that we can give him a warm Holy Saviour welcome!  <b>Croydon Volunteer Independent Visitors</b> 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 <a href="http://www.croydon.gov.uk/iv">www.croydon.gov.uk/iv</a>
<b>Tuesday 1 Aug 7.30-8.30pm Zoom, free</b>	<b>Ground floor guide to how the Bible was written</b> With scores of writers over hundreds of years, the Bible that has come down to us is more of a library than a book. Peter Graystone, the Lay Training Officer, tells the fascinating story of the authors, the editors, the compilers and the translators. You might find that some of the legends about how the Bible was written are less reliable than you thought. And you might find that some of the truths captured in its brilliant pages are more reliable than you thought. There will be surprises, discussions, and laughs along the way. To book: <a href="mailto:learning@southwarkanglican.org">learning@southwarkanglican.org</a>

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