

Holy Saviour Church, Croydon

Trinity 17 – 1st October 2023

Entrance Hymn: 140 – *All Hail the Power of Jesus' name*

Hymn Before the Gospel: 135 – *Rock of Ages*

Offertory Hymn: HHS 95 – *To God be the Glory*

Communion Hymn(s): 59 – *Sing my tongue* ; **HHS 25** – *Thou who was rich*

Final Hymn: 431 – *We have a gospel to proclaim*

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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 Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-32 – Murnell

The word of the Lord came to me: ² What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? ³ As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴ Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins who shall die. ²⁵ Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶ When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed, they shall die. ²⁷ Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸ Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹ Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰ Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹ Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³² For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

PSALM 25: 1-8

Ad te, Domine, levavi

UNTO thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in thee : O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me.

² For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed : but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion. ³ Shew me thy ways, O Lord : and teach me thy paths.

⁴ Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me : for thou art the God of my salvation; in thee hath been my hope all the day long: ⁵ Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies : and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old. ⁶ O remember not the sins and offences of my youth : but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness. ⁷ Gracious and righteous is the Lord : therefore will he teach sinners in the way. ⁸ Them that are meek shall he guide in judgement : and such as are gentle, them shall he learn his way.

We remain seated for the concluding doxology:

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 Philippians 2: 1-13– Lilian

If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, ¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. **Shining as Lights in the World**
¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

GOSPEL – Matthew 21:23-32

²³ When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴ Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why, then, did you not believe him?’ ²⁶ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet.” ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁸ “What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹ He answered, ‘I will not,’ but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors

and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him.

INTERCESSIONS – Mathilde

We pray especially this week for: Those who are modern slaves

We Give Thanks and Praise for: those helping the homeless

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

Clifford, Stacey's mum Debbie, Finn, Tony, Julie and her father, Billy, Jacob, Ellie and her mother, Jean and 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, Cleveland, Sarah's sister Marie

We pray for those who mourn

We pray for the souls of Robbie, The Revd. Roger Harley, Bishop Karowei, Elianne Andam

May light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. **And rise in glory.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; 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

Services this Week

- Today** **10.00am – Parish Eucharist: Trinity 17 - Fr Tomos Presiding and Fr Charlie Preaching.**
We welcome Fr Charlie into the Holy Saviour family for the next eight weeks.
- Tues 3 Oct** **7.30pm – Zoom Night Prayer and Bible Study.** If you wish to join the group, please let Fr Tomos know. This Autumn we will be looking at the parables of Jesus.
- Wed 4 Oct** **10.00am – Midweek Eucharist**
- Sat 7 Oct** **10.30am - Holy Dusters**
- Sun 8 Oct** **10:00am Parish Eucharist Trinity 18 – Fr Tomos Presiding and Preaching**
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Other Notices

- Sat 7 Oct**
11am **Diocesan Black History Month Thanksgiving Eucharist** at Southwark Cathedral
- Sun 15 Oct**
10am During the Parish Eucharist we will welcome **Paulette Lewis MBE**, Chair of the Croydon BME Forum. Pauline will be talking to us about the **Windrush 75th Anniversary**.
- Sat 28 Oct**
(time tbc) **Croydon Episcopal Area Black History Month Celebration**, St Mary's Redhill
- Sun 29 Oct**
10am We will be welcoming **Bishop Rosemarie** to preside at the Parish Eucharist and to bless the olive tree that has been newly planted in the churchyard by the PCC of Holy Saviour as a **living memorial to the victims of the Atlantic slave trade**.
- Oct & Nov** **In October and November we will be welcoming a final year curate on an eight week placement.** Fr. Charlie Bell is a non-stipendiary priest, working as a Forensic Psychiatrist in South London.
- Sun 5 Nov** **10 am All Saints Day Eucharist; 4pm All Souls Service**
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