

# Holy Saviour Church, Croydon

## Trinity 15 – 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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**Entrance Hymn: 105** – *All Creatures of Our God and King*

**Hymn Before the Gospel: 217** – *Be Thou my Guardian and my Guide*

**Offertory Hymn: 211** – *Through the night of doubt and sorrow*

**Communion Hymn(s): HHS 75** – *It is well with my soul*; **224** – *Lead us Heavenly Father*

**Final Hymn: HHS 90** – *One more step along the world I go*

### **COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 50: 15-21 – Sue**

<sup>15</sup> Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" <sup>16</sup> So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, <sup>17</sup> 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup> Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." <sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. <sup>21</sup> So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

### **PSALM 103: 8-13**

<sup>8</sup> The Lord is full of compassion and mercy : long-suffering, and of great goodness.

<sup>9</sup> He will not always be chiding : neither keepeth he his anger for ever.

<sup>10</sup> He hath not dealt with us after our sins : nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.

<sup>11</sup> For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth : so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.

<sup>12</sup> Look how wide also the east is from the west : so far hath he set our sins from us.

<sup>13</sup> Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children : even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.

*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 Romans 14: 1-12– Sheri**

<sup>14</sup> Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. <sup>2</sup> Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. <sup>3</sup> Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. <sup>4</sup> Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. <sup>5</sup> Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. <sup>6</sup> Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God. <sup>7</sup> For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. <sup>8</sup> If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup> For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

<sup>10</sup> Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. <sup>11</sup> For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." <sup>12</sup> So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

## **GOSPEL – Matthew 18:21-35**

<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" <sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. <sup>23</sup> "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup> When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, <sup>25</sup> and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup> So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' <sup>27</sup> And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup> But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' <sup>29</sup> Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' <sup>30</sup> But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup> Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup> Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' <sup>34</sup> And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup> So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

## **INTERCESSIONS – Marie**

**We pray especially this week for:** The people of Marrakesh

**We Give Thanks and Praise for:** MacMillan Nurses

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

*Leila, 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 -** *The children of Shamanie Terrelonge, Daphne*

**We pray for the souls** of Shamanie Terrelonge, Roy Eccleston, Robbie, The Rev'd Roger Harley

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

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; 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*

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**Services this Week**

- Today** 10.00am – Parish Eucharist: Trinity 15 - Fr Tomos Presiding and Preaching
- Tues 19 Sept** 7.30pm – Zoom Night Prayer and Bible Study will return tonight. If you wish to join the group, please let Fr Tomos know. This Autumn we will be looking at the parables of Jesus.
- Wed 20 Sept** 10.00am – Midweek Eucharist
- Sat 23 Sept** 10.30am - Holy Dusters
- Sun 24 Sept** 10.00am – Parish Eucharist: Harvest Festival - Fr Tomos Presiding and Reader James Preaching Sunday School will be on, please bring your children. Tea and Coffee after the service, and a Faith Action Team Meeting after the service
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**Other Notices**

**Macmillan Cancer Support:** Huge thanks go out to Christine and the Mix and Mingle Team for organising this wonderful and well supported event last week! Photos from the afternoon can be found on the parish website, as well as the Facebook and Twitter accounts!

- Sun 24 Sept** Harvest Festival Eucharist at 10 am with Sunday School: *all donations of non-perishable food will be gratefully received! After the service we will distribute all the food donated to those in need.*
- Sat 30 Sept** 7.30pm Bring and Share Harvest Supper in the hall. All are welcome!
- Oct & Nov** In October and November we will be welcoming a final year curate on an eight week placement. Fr. Charlie Bell is a curate at St John the Divine in Kennington, and is a non-stipendiary priest, meaning that he works a full-time job alongside his work as a priest. He is a Forensic Psychiatrist in South London and also teaches Medicine to undergraduates at Cambridge University and King's College London. He's really looking forward to being with us and learning all that Croydon has to offer!
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**Forthcoming Black History Month 2023 Events**

Saturday 7 October 11am – Southwark Cathedral BHM Thanksgiving Service

Saturday 28 October (time tbc) - Croydon Area BHM Celebration at St Mary's Redhill

Sunday 29 October 10am – Bishop Rosemarie visiting Holy Saviour to bless the olive tree planted as a living memorial to the victims of the Atlantic slave trade

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