

Holy Saviour Church, Croydon

Trinity 18 – 8th October 2023

Entrance Hymn: 283 – *Blessed City, Heavenly Salem*

Hymn Before the Gospel: 179 – *God of Mercy, God of Grace*

Offertory Hymn: 63 – *My Song is Love Unknown (Omit starred verses)*

Communion Hymn(s): HHS 48 – *As the Deer Pants ;*

120– *Jesu, the very thought (vv 1-5)*

Final Hymn: 375–*I danced in the Morning*

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting 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 Isaiah 5: 1-7 – Sheri

I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ² He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes. ³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.

⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes? ⁵ And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶ I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷ For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished garden; he expected justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!

PSALM 80: 8-16

⁸ Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt : thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it.

⁹ Thou madest room for it : and when it had taken root it filled the land.

¹⁰ The hills were covered with the shadow of it : and the boughs thereof were like the goodly cedar-trees.

¹¹ She stretched out her branches unto the sea : and her boughs unto the river.

¹² Why hast thou then broken down her hedge : that all they that go by pluck off her grapes?

¹³ The wild boar out of the wood doth root it up: and the wild beasts of the field devour it.

¹⁴ Turn thee again, thou God of hosts, look down from heaven : behold, and visit this vine;

¹⁵ And the place of the vineyard that thy right hand hath planted : and the branch that thou madest so strong for thyself.

¹⁶ It is burnt with fire, and cut down : and they shall perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.

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 3: 4b-14– Lilian

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL – Matthew 21:33-46

³³ “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹ They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone, this was the Lord’s doing and it is amazing in our eyes?’ ⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces,

and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them.⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

INTERCESSIONS – Barbara

We pray especially this week for: Those who have lost loved ones

We Give Thanks and Praise for: hospices everywhere

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, 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, Britt and Barry

We pray for those who mourn

We pray for the souls of Christine Coughlan, 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

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints 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

Services this Week

Today	10:00am Parish Eucharist Trinity 18 – Fr Tomos Presiding and Preaching
Tues 10 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 11 Oct	10.00am – Midweek Eucharist
Sat 14 Oct	10.30am - Holy Dusters
Sun 15 Oct	10:00am - Parish Eucharist Trinity 18 – Fr Tomos Presiding; Guest speaker Paulette Lewis MBE

Other Notices

Sun 15 Oct 10am	During the Parish Eucharist we will welcome Paulette Lewis MBE , Chair of the Croydon BME Forum, during our Parish Eucharist. Pauline will be talking to us about the Windrush 75th Anniversary as part of our marking of Black History Month .
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 - if you would like a departed loved one's name to be read out and remembered during the service, please add it to the list at the back of church or email the Vicar

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