

# Holy Saviour Church, Croydon

## Christ the King – 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023

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**Entrance Hymn: 139** – *Rejoice the Lord is King*

**Hymn Before the Gospel: 147** – *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

**Offertory Hymn: HHS 85**– *Jesus is Lord*

**Communion Hymn(s): 453**–*Faithful Vigil Ended* ; **223**– *Put Thou Thy Trust in God*

**Final Hymn: 192**–*Praise My Soul The King of Heaven*

### **COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **FIRST READING Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24 – Barbara**

<sup>11</sup> For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. <sup>12</sup> As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup> I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. <sup>14</sup> I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup> I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. <sup>16</sup> I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. <sup>20</sup> Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup> Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, <sup>22</sup> I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup> I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup> And I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I the Lord have spoken.

### **PSALM 95: 1-7**

#### ***Venite, exultemus***

O COME, let us sing unto the Lord : let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

<sup>2</sup> Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving : and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.

<sup>3</sup> For the Lord is a great God : and a great King above all gods.

<sup>4</sup> In his hand are all the corners of the earth : and the strength of the hills is his also.

<sup>5</sup> The sea is his, and he made it : and his hands prepared the dry land.

<sup>6</sup> O come, let us worship and fall down : and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

<sup>7</sup> For he is the Lord our God : and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

*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 Ephesians 1: 15-23– Lillian**

<sup>15</sup> I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup> so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup> God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup> And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**GOSPEL – Matthew 25:31-46**

<sup>31</sup> “When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup> and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup> Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, <sup>35</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup> And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ <sup>40</sup> And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.’ <sup>41</sup> Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, <sup>42</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ <sup>44</sup> Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?’ <sup>45</sup> Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ <sup>46</sup> And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life.”

## **INTERCESSIONS – Christine**

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

*Amy, Milton Findlay, Clifford, 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, John J, Stephen Mc, Geraldine, Sandra, Kat's sister Christine, Jean, Sarah's mother Fedora, Vilma Morgan, Matt, Brenda, Stephanie, Cyril, Minnie, Alexander, Cousin Zen, Christopher, Miriam, Denise M, Enid, Simon & Samantha, Girish, Pat, Adrian, Ron, Cleveland, Britt and Barry, Margaret T, Rev'd Catherine Tucker and family, Hilary and Odion Ayotunde Edeki*

### **We pray for those who mourn**

**We pray for the souls of:** Micheline Langlois, Janet Jeyes, Stacey's mother Debbie and Rev'd Catherine's sister Judith

May light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

**And rise in glory.**

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; 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**                    **10am – Christ the King: Parish Eucharist (Fr Tomos presiding and Reader James Preaching):** In celebration of Maria and Pablo gaining British citizenship, Maria and James have kindly donated wine and cake for refreshments after the service!
- Tues 28 Nov**           **Zoom Night Prayer** will return in Advent.
- Wed 29 Nov**           **10.00am – Morning Prayer**
- Sat 2 Dec**              **Advent Quiet Day (No Holy Dusters this week)**  
**10.00am – Morning Prayer**  
**12.30pm – Eucharist**  
**3.00pm – Evening Prayer**  
**Church Open All Day for prayer and reflection**
- Sun 3 Dec**              **10am – Advent Sunday: Parish Eucharist (Fr Tomos presiding and Preaching)**
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### **Other Notices**

**Farewell to Fr Charlie Bell!** We wish Fr Charlie the very best for the future! It has been a great pleasure having him here at Holy Saviour on placement with us!

**Mission Action Planning Questionnaires** – Please take one of these from the back of church; your thoughts and opinions are essential in helping the PCC formulate our new Mission Action Plan (MAP).

**Food Bank** - New donations are always welcome. Thank you for your generosity!

- Sat 2 Dec**  
**10am-3pm**              **New Beginnings - A Quiet Day for Advent based on the opening lines of the Gospels** See above All are welcome for the whole day or to drop in for parts. Bring a packed lunch if attending for the whole day.

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