

Holy Saviour Church, Croydon

Epiphany 2 – 14 January 2024

Entrance Hymn: 1 – *Awake my Soul and with the sun*

Hymn Before the Gospel: 96 – *Bright the Vision that Delighted*

Offertory Hymn: HHS 84– *I The Lord of sea and Sky*

Communion Hymn(s): 249– *Take my Life*; **115**–*Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

Final Hymn: HHS 100–*Will you come and follow Me?*

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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 : 1 Samuel 3:1-10 - Murnell

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. ²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!"^[a] and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

PSALM 139: 1-5

Domine, probasti

O LORD, thou hast searched me out and known me: thou knowest my down-sitting and mine up-rising, thou understandest my thoughts long before.

² Thou art about my path, and about my bed: and spiest out all my ways.

³ For lo, there is not a word in my tongue: but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether.

⁴ Thou hast fashioned me behind and before: and laid thine hand upon me.

⁵ Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me: I cannot attain unto it.

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 : Revelation 5.1-10 - Sarah

5 Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals, ²and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” ³And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁴And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵Then one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.” ⁶Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, with seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. ⁸When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹They sing a new song: “You are worthy to take the scroll and to break its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; ¹⁰you have made them a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.”

GOSPEL – John 1: 43-51 - Marie

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” ⁵¹And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

INTERCESSIONS – Barbara

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, Roger, Trudy's sister Sally, Rev Peter's wife Jennifer, Brandon, Billy's Uncle Richard, Barbara G, Margaret L, Janine H, John J, Geraldine, Sandra, Kat's sister Christine, Jean, Sarah's mother Fedora, Vilma Morgan, Matt, Brenda, Stephanie, Cyril, Minnie, Alexander, Cousin Zen, Christopher, Denise M, Enid, Simon & Samantha, Girish, Pat, Adrian, Ron, Cleveland, Britt and Barry, Margaret T, Rev'd Catherine Tucker and family, Odion Ayotunde Edeki

We pray for those who mourn

We pray for the souls of: Hilary, Jean Freeman, Micheline Langlois, Janet Jeves, Stacey's mother Debbie and Rev'd Catherine's sister Judith, Trudy Payne (priest), Miriam Kolandawal

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

And rise in glory.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of 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	10am – Epiphany 2: Parish Eucharist (The Reverend Ben Vertannes preaching and presiding)
Tues 16 Jan	Zoom Night Prayer and Bible Study will return later in January
Wed 17 Jan	10.00am – Morning Prayer
Sat 20 Jan	10:30am – Holy Dusters
Sun 21 Jan	10am – Epiphany 3: Parish Eucharist (Fr Tomos presiding and Reader James preaching as we celebrate the Season of Lay Ministry)

Other Notices

The Rev'd Ben Vertannes – This week it is a delight to welcome Fr Ben whilst Fr Tomos is holiday. Fr Ben is the curate at St Peter's Streatham.

Season of Lay Ministry (Sunday 7 January to Sunday 28 January) -
The Season is designed to encourage people to think about whether God might be calling them into new things. We hope that the Season of Lay Ministries will encourage people to think about whether God is calling them into one of the recognised Lay Ministries that we offer here in the Diocese of Southwark or simply into new things in their life. We give thanks to God for our lay ministers (Mitzi, Marie and James) and for all they do for us here at Holy Saviour. Please do talk to them if you would like to know more about lay ministry.

Children and Young People Grant – We were delighted to learn that Holy Saviour has received a grant of £900. We will use this money to buy resources for Sunday School.

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!

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