

Holy Saviour Church, Croydon

Epiphany 3– 21 January 2024

Entrance Hymn: 345 – *Christ is The King, O Friends Rejoice*

Hymn Before the Gospel: 52 – *The people that in darkness sat*

Offertory Hymn: 356– *Father, Lord of all Creation*

Communion Hymn(s):; 48– *Earth Has Many a Noble City: 49*—*O Worship the Lord*

Final Hymn: HHS 77—*And Can it Be*

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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:14-20 – Sue

¹⁷ After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh, that is, the King's Valley. ¹⁸ And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. ¹⁹ He blessed him and said, Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth, ²⁰ and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!" And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

PSALM 128: 1-7

Beati omnes

BLESSED are all they that fear the Lord: and walk in his ways.

² For thou shalt eat the labours of thine hands: O well is thee, and happy shalt thou be.

³ Thy wife shall be as the fruitful vine: upon the walls of thine house.

⁴ Thy children like the olive-branches: round about thy table.

⁵ Lo, thus shall the man be blessed: that feareth the Lord.

⁶ The Lord from out of Sion shall so bless thee: that thou shalt see Jerusalem in prosperity all thy life long.

⁷ Yea, that thou shalt see thy children's children: and peace upon Israel.

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 19: 6-10 - Barbara

⁶ Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunderpeals, crying out, "Hallelujah! For the Lord God the Almighty reigns. ⁷ Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; ⁸ to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure" — for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. ⁹ And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are true words of God." ¹⁰ Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers and sisters who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

GOSPEL – John 2: 1-11 – James

2 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet." So they took it. ⁹ When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

INTERCESSIONS – Marie

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 Jeyes, Stacey's mother Debbie, 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

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: May your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and 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** **10am – Epiphany 3: Parish Eucharist:** Fr Tomos presiding and Reader James preaching as we celebrate the season of lay ministry
Standing Committee Meeting after the Service
- Tues 23 Jan** **7.30pm Zoom Night Prayer with Bible Study:** over the next few weeks we will be looking at examples of Psalms of Praise and Lament
- Wed 24 Jan** **10.00am – Holy Communion**
- Sat 27 Jan** **10:30am – Holy Dusters**
- Sun 28 Jan** **10am – The Parish Eucharist on the Feast of The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas):** Fr Tomos presiding and preaching; Sunday School; Children's procession with lights at the end of the service
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Other Notices

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.

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

Advance Notice: Lent Bible Study Course looking at the Easter Vigil readings; beginning Tuesday 13 Feb at 7.30pm online (the evening before Ash Wednesday)

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