

Holy Saviour Church, Croydon

2nd Sunday before Lent– 4 February 2024

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

Hymn Before the Gospel: 106 – *Lord of Beauty, Thine the Splendour*

Offertory Hymn:148– *At the Name of Jesus (vv 1-5)*

Communion Hymn(s); 199– *Immortal, Invisible: HHS 57*—*I am the Bread of Life*

Final Hymn: 180–*Thou Whose Almighty Word*

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING : Proverbs 8: 1, 22-31 – Lilian

¹ Does not wisdom call and understanding raise her voice? ²² “The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. ²³ Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. ²⁴ When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. ²⁵ Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, ²⁶ when he had not yet made earth and fields or the world’s first bits of soil. ²⁷ When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸ when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, ²⁹ when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, ³⁰ then I was beside him, like a master worker, and I was daily his delight, playing before him always, ³¹ playing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

PSALM 104: 26-36

²⁶ There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan: whom thou hast made to take his pastime therein. ²⁷ These wait all upon thee: that thou mayest give them meat in due season. ²⁸ When thou givest it them they gather it: and when thou openest thy hand they are filled with good. ²⁹ When thou hidest thy face they are troubled : when thou takest away their breath they die, and are turned again to their dust. ³⁰ When thou lettest thy breath go forth they shall be made: and thou shalt renew the face of the earth. ³¹ The glorious majesty of the Lord shall endure for ever: the Lord shall rejoice in his works. ³² The earth shall tremble at the look of him: if he do but touch the hills, they shall smoke. ³³ I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live: I will praise my God while I have my being. ³⁴ And so shall my words please him: my joy shall be in the Lord. ³⁵ As for sinners, they shall be consumed out of the earth, and the ungodly shall come to an end: ³⁶ praise thou the Lord, O my soul, praise the Lord.

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 : Colossians 1: 15-20 - Barbara

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

GOSPEL – John 1: 1-14– Marie

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it. ⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

INTERCESSIONS – Mathilde

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, Odion Ayotunde Edeki, Veronica Vernon

We pray for those who mourn

We pray for the souls of Estriana Shaw, Esther Shoduri, Hilary, Jean Freeman, Trudy Payne (priest), Miriam Kolandawal

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

And rise in glory.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; 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

Services this Week

- Today** **10am – The Parish Eucharist on the Second Sunday Before Lent: Fr Tomos presiding and preaching;**
- Tues 6 Feb** **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 7 Feb** **10.00am – Holy Communion**
- Sat 10 Feb** **10:30am – Holy Dusters**
- Sun 11 Feb** **10am – The Parish Eucharist on the Sunday Next Before Lent: Fr Tomos presiding and preaching;**
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Other Notices

Croydon Episcopal Area Lay Conference 2 March, 9:30am - 4pm, St Bede's School, Redhill

Organised by and for lay people in the Croydon Area, the Lay Conference is a day to celebrate all that lay people do beyond the walls of their churches. Bishop Rosemarie will open the conference and Dr Elaine Storkey will unpack the outpouring of praise from Mary about the mercy and goodness of God, and reflect on how Christians might act on that in the light of the challenges of our own day. There will be 19 workshops on a variety of topics led by lay people from Croydon and other parts of the Diocese. Information on how to book a place can be found in the Holy Saviour weekly email.

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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