

Holy Saviour Church, Croydon
The Sunday Next before Lent (Racial Justice Sunday)
11 February 2024

Entrance Hymn: 4 – *Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

Hymn Before the Gospel: 29 – *The Lord Will Come and Not Be Slow*

Offertory Hymn:263– *Lord Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour*

Communion Hymn(s); 254– *Thee We Adore: 245*—*Jesus, These Eyes Have Never Seen*

Final Hymn: 502–*O Raise Your Eyes On High and See*

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING : 2 Kings 2: 1-12 – Sarah

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ² Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here, for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. ³ The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.” ⁴ Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here, for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. ⁵ The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; keep silent.” ⁶ Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here, for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. ⁷ Fifty men of the company of prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸ Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and the two of them crossed on dry ground. ⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” ¹⁰ He responded, “You have asked a hard thing, yet if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” ¹¹ As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹² Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

PSALM 50: 1-6

Deus deorum

¹THE Lord, even the most mighty God, hath spoken: and called the world, from the rising up of the sun unto the going down thereof.

² Out of Sion hath God appeared: in perfect beauty.

³ Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: there shall go before him a consuming fire, and a mighty tempest shall be stirred up round about him.

⁴ He shall call the heaven from above: and the earth, that he may judge his people.

⁵Gather my saints together unto me: those that have made a covenant with me with sacrifice.

⁶ And the heavens shall declare his righteousness : for God is Judge himself.

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 : 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6 - Christine

³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing clearly the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus's sake. ⁶ For it is the God who said, "Light will shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

GOSPEL – Mark 9: 2-9– James

² Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³ and his clothes became dazzling bright, such as no one on earth could brighten them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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, Odion Ayotunde Edeki, Veronica Vernon, The King

We pray for those who mourn

We pray for the souls of: Jean Greetham, 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

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask 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 Sunday Next Before Lent (Racial Justice Sunday): Fr Tomos presiding and preaching 12 Noon – Baptism
Tues 13 Feb	7.30pm Zoom Night Prayer with and Lent Bible Study: see weekly email for Zoom link
Wed 14 Feb	10.00am – Ash Wednesday Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes 8:00pm – Ash Wednesday Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
Thurs 15 Feb	12 Noon - Funeral in Church of Estriana Shaw – Doreen's Mother
Sat 17 Feb	10:30am – Holy Dusters
Sun 18 Feb	10am – The Parish Eucharist on the First Sunday In Lent: Fr Tomos presiding and preaching

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.

Lent Bible Study Course looking at the Easter Vigil readings; beginning Tuesday 13 Feb at 7.30pm online (the evening before Ash Wednesday); see weekly email for Zoom link.

Tuesday 13 Feb - Genesis 1:1-2.4

Tuesday 27 Feb - Exodus 14:15–15:1

Tuesday 5 March - Isaiah 55:1-11

Tuesday 19 March - Ezekiel 37:1-14

Tuesday 26 March - Romans 6.3-11; Mark 16.1-8

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