

**Holy Saviour Church, Croydon**  
**The First Sunday of Lent**  
**18 February 2024**

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**Entrance Hymn: 56** – *Forty Days and Forty Nights*

**Hymn Before the Gospel: 113** – *Father Hear the Prayer We Offer*

**Offertory Hymn:55**– *Christian Dost Thou See Them*

**Communion Hymn(s); 27**– *On Jordan’s Bank: HHS 70*—*Sweet Sacrament Divine*

**Final Hymn: HHS 85**–*Jesus Is Lord*

***COLLECT FOR THE DAY***

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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 9: 8-17 – Mathilde**

<sup>8</sup>Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” <sup>12</sup>God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh, and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

**PSALM 25: 1-9**

***Ad te, Domine, levavi***

UNTO thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in thee: O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me.

<sup>2</sup> For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed: but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion.

<sup>3</sup> Shew me thy ways, O Lord: and teach me thy paths:

<sup>4</sup> Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me: for thou art the God of my salvation; in thee hath been my hope all the day long.

<sup>5</sup> Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies: and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old.

<sup>6</sup> O remember not the sins and offences of my youth: but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

<sup>7</sup> Gracious and righteous is the Lord: therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

<sup>8</sup> Them that are meek shall he guide in judgement: and such as are gentle, them shall he learn his way.

<sup>9</sup> All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth: unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

*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 : 1 Peter 3: 18-22 - Sue**

<sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup> And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

#### **GOSPEL – Mark 1: 9-15– Marie**

<sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove upon him. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from the heavens, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” <sup>12</sup> And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup> He was in the wilderness forty days, tested by Satan, and he was with the wild beasts, and the angels waited on him. <sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God <sup>15</sup> and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

## **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, Trudy's sister Sally, Rev Peter's wife Jennifer, Brandon, Billy's Uncle Richard, Barbara G, 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 and the Princess of Wales*

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

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

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

**And rise in glory.**

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; 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**

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| <b>Today</b>       | <b>10am – The Parish Eucharist on the First Sunday In Lent:</b> Fr Tomos presiding and preaching  |
| <b>Tues 20 Feb</b> | <b>7.30pm Zoom Night Prayer with and Lent Bible Study:</b> (No Night Prayer and Bible Study this week)  |
| <b>Wed 21 Feb</b>  | <b>10.00am – Morning Prayer</b>   |
| <b>Sat 24 Feb</b>  | <b>10:30am – Holy Dusters</b>   |
| <b>Sun 25 Feb</b>  | <b>10am – The Parish Eucharist on the Second Sunday In Lent:</b> Fr James Jelley (St John's Upper Norwood) presiding and Reader James 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. 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.

**Croydon North Deanery Lay Vocations Champion - Marie Williams**

Bishop Christopher will commission Marie as Croydon North Deanery Lay Vocations Champion at **evensong in Southwark Cathedral on Sunday 3 March (3pm)**. We are all encouraged to attend the service and support Marie in this new and exciting calling! Lay Vocations Champions are appointed by the Bishop of Southwark. Their task is enthusiastically to encourage clergy, church leaders and the laity to recognise the value of Lay Vocations and Lay Ministry, finding new ways by which lay vocations can be nurtured and affirmed.

**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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