

**Holy Saviour Church, Croydon**  
**The Second Sunday of Lent**  
**25 February 2024**

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**Entrance Hymn: 207** – *Praise to The Lord, The Almighty*

**Hymn Before the Gospel: 343** – *Be Thou My Vision*

**Offertory Hymn:102**– *My God How Wonderful Thou Art*

**Communion Hymn(s); 237**– *Take Up Thy Cross: 136*—*Jesus Grant Me This*

**Final Hymn: 375**–*I Danced In The Morning*

**COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

**FIRST READING : Genesis 17: 1-7,15,16 – Sheri**

<sup>1</sup>When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. <sup>2</sup>And I will make my covenant between me and you and will make you exceedingly numerous." <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face, and God said to him, <sup>4</sup>"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. <sup>15</sup>God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her and also give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

**PSALM 22: 23-32**

<sup>22</sup> I will declare thy Name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

<sup>23</sup> O praise the Lord, ye that fear him: magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob, and fear him, all ye seed of Israel;

<sup>24</sup> For he hath not despised, nor abhorred, the low estate of the poor: he hath not hid his face from him, but when he called unto him he heard him.

<sup>25</sup> My praise is of thee in the great congregation: my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.

<sup>26</sup> The poor shall eat and be satisfied: they that seek after the Lord shall praise him; your heart shall live for ever.

<sup>27</sup> All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the Lord: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.

<sup>28</sup> For the kingdom is the Lord's: and he is the Governor among the people.

<sup>29</sup> All such as be fat upon earth: have eaten and worshipped.

<sup>30</sup> All they that go down into the dust shall kneel before him : and no man hath quickened his own soul.

<sup>31</sup> My seed shall serve him: they shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation.

<sup>32</sup> They shall come, and the heavens shall declare his righteousness: unto a people that shall be born, whom the Lord hath made.

*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 : Romans 4: 13-25 - Mathilde**

<sup>13</sup> For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. <sup>16</sup> For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup> Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>19</sup> He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup> No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> Therefore "it was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>23</sup> Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone <sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup> who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

### **GOSPEL – Mark 8: 31-38– James**

<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and be killed and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." <sup>34</sup> He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For those who want to

save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup> Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup> Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

### ***INTERCESSIONS – Christine***

#### **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**

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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**

<b>Today</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
<b>Wed 28 Feb</b>	<b>10.00am – Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Sat 2 Mar</b>	<b>10:30am – Holy Dusters</b>
<b>Sun 3 Mar</b>	<b>10am – The Parish Eucharist on the Third Sunday In Lent:</b> Fr Tomos preaching and presiding

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**Other Notices**

**Sat 2 Mar 9.30-4pm** **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. Information on how to book a place can be found in the Holy Saviour weekly email.

**Sun 3 Mar 3pm Southwark Cathedral** **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.

**Tuesdays 7.30-8.30pm** **Lent Bible Study Course:** the remaining sessions, looking at the Easter Vigil readings, continues on the following dates:  
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

**Today & Sun 10 Mar** **Sunday School is in operation at the Parish Eucharist.** Parents, please remember that you must remain in church if bringing children to Sunday School. Save the date for our next Sunday School – Sunday 10 March (Mothering Sunday)!

**Sat 8 Mar 2-4pm** **March Mix and Mingle Event:** Flower arranging demonstration present by Eleanor ("The Magic of Spring")

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