

# Holy Saviour Church, Croydon

## The Third Sunday of Lent

### 03 March 2024

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

**Hymn Before the Gospel: 118** – *Firmly I Believe and Truly*

**Offertory Hymn: HHS 93**– *The Heavens Proclaim God’s Glory*

**Communion Hymn(s):138**– *We Sing the Praise Of Him Who Died: 65*—*My God I Love*

**Final Hymn: 195**–*Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him*

#### **COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 : Exodus 20: 1-17 – Barbara**

Then God spoke all these words, <sup>2</sup> “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup> you shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup> “You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup> You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me <sup>6</sup> but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. <sup>7</sup> “You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup> “Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labour and do all your work. <sup>10</sup> But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup> For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it. <sup>12</sup> “Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. <sup>13</sup> “You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup> “You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup> “You shall not steal. <sup>16</sup> “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. **17** “You shall not covet your neighbour’s house; you shall not covet your neighbour’s wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.”

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#### **PSALM 19: 7-14**

<sup>7</sup> The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul : the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.

<sup>8</sup> The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart : the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.

<sup>9</sup> The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever : the judgements of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold : sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.

<sup>11</sup> Moreover, by them is thy servant taught : and in keeping of them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup> Who can tell how oft he offendeth : O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.

<sup>13</sup> Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me : so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence.

<sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart : be always acceptable in thy sight,

*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 : I Corinthians 1: 18-25 - Lilian**

<sup>18</sup> For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." <sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

## **GOSPEL – John 2: 13-22– James**

<sup>13</sup> The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup> Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, with the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup> He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" <sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup> The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" <sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup> The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup> But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup> After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

## **INTERCESSIONS – Mathilde**

### **We Pray for those Unwell in Body, Mind or Spirit:**

*David Ryland, 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**

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; 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 Third Sunday In Lent:** Fr Tomos preaching and presiding; **Standing Committee Meeting**

**Wed 6 March**           **10.00am –Midweek Eucharist**

**Sat 9 Mar**                **10:30am – Holy Dusters**  
**2-4pm – Mix and Mingle – Flower Arranging Demonstration**

**Sun 10 Mar**              **10am – The Parish Eucharist on the Fourth Sunday In Lent (Mothering Sunday):** Fr Tomos preaching and presiding; Sunday School

**Other Notices**

**Sun 3 Mar**                **Croydon North Deanery Lay Vocations Champion - Marie Williams**  
**3pm**                        Bishop Christopher will commission Marie as Croydon North Deanery Lay Vocations Champion at **evensong in Southwark Cathedral later today.**  
**Southwark**                **We are all encouraged to attend the service and support Marie in this**  
**Cathedral**                **new and exciting calling!**

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

**Holy Week Services**

<b>Wednesday</b> <b>27 March</b>	7.30pm Said Eucharist; 8pm Bring and Share meal, concluding with Night Prayer
<b>Thursday</b> <b>28 March</b>	<i>Maundy Thursday</i> 11.00am Chrism Eucharist in <b>Southwark Cathedral</b> 8.00pm <b>Liturgy of Maundy Thursday</b> (Eucharist, Washing of Feet, and Stripping of the Sanctuary)
<b>Friday</b> <b>29 March</b>	<i>Good Friday</i> 10.00am <b>Stations of the Cross</b> 2.30pm <b>Liturgy of Good Friday</b> , including Veneration of the Cross
<b>Sunday</b> <b>31 March</b>	<i>Easter Day</i> 6.00am <b>Easter Vigil</b> (Blessing of the new fire and lighting of the Paschal Candle) 10.00am <b>Sung Eucharist for Easter Day</b> (with Sunday School and Easter eggs!)

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