

Holy Saviour Church, Croydon
The Fourth Sunday of Lent / Mothering Sunday
10 March 2024

Entrance Hymn: 104 – *For the Beauty of The Earth*

Hymn Before the Gospel: 116 – *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Offertory Hymn 394– *Lord of All Hopefulness*

Communion Hymn(s):360– *For Mary Mother of Our Lord: HHS 50*—*Make Me a Channel*

Final Hymn: 205–*Now Thank We All Our God*

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Merciful Lord, absolve your people from their offences, that through your bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins which by our frailty we have committed; grant this, heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING : Numbers 21: 4-9 – Christine

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom, but the people became discouraged on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." ⁶Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze and put it upon a pole, and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

PSALM 107: 1-3,17-22

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious : and his mercy endureth for ever.

² Let them give thanks whom the Lord hath redeemed : and delivered from the hand of the enemy;

³ And gathered them out of the lands, from the east and from the west : from the north and from the south.

¹⁷ Foolish men are plagued for their offence : and because of their wickedness.

¹⁸ Their soul abhorred all manner of meat : and they were even hard at death's door.

¹⁹ So when they cried unto the Lord in their trouble : he delivered them out of their distress.

²⁰ He sent his word, and healed them : and they were saved from their destruction.

²¹ O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness : and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men!

²² That they would offer unto him the sacrifice of thanksgiving : and tell out his works with gladness!

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 : Ephesians 2: 1-10 - Sarah

You were dead through the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient ³ All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, doing the will of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else, ⁴ but God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵ even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— ⁹ not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them.

GOSPEL – John 3: 14-21– Mitzi

¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Those who believe in him are not condemned, but those who do not believe are condemned already because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹ But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

INTERCESSIONS – Barbara

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, Eula Chester, Natalie Searley
May light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

And rise in glory.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Saviour gave his back to the smiters and did not hide his face from shame: give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed; 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 Fourth Sunday In Lent (Mothering Sunday): Fr Tomos preaching and presiding; Sunday School; Refreshments after the service Building and Finance Team Meeting after Tea and Coffee
Wed 13 March	10.00am – Midweek Eucharist
Sat 16 Mar	10:30am – Holy Dusters
Sun 17 Mar	10am – The Parish Eucharist on the Fifth Sunday In Lent : Fr Tomos preaching and presiding; St Patrick's Day

Other Notices

Tuesdays 7.30-8.30pm	Lent Bible Study Course: the remaining sessions, looking at the Easter Vigil readings, will take place on the following dates: Tuesday 19 March - Ezekiel 37:1-14 Tuesday 26 March - Romans 6.3-11; Mark 16.1-8
Sun 17 March	The Bishop's Lent Call for 2024 is raising funds for projects that focus on peace with justice in the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East, and resilience and well-being across our Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe. There will be a special retiring collection after Parish Eucharist on Sunday 17 March.

Holy Week Services

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

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