

Holy Saviour Church, Croydon
The Fifth Sunday of Lent / Passiontide Begins
17 March 2024

Entrance Hymn: 72 – *Lift High The Cross*

Hymn Before the Gospel: 373 – *Help Us, O Lord, To Learn*

Offertory Hymn HHS 32– *Our Father God in Heaven*

Communion Hymn(s):;97– *Father of Heaven: 66*—*Glory Be To Jesus*

Final Hymn: 251–*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (vv 3-8 only)*

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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: Jeremiah 31: 31-34 – Sheri

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

PSALM 119: 9-16

In quo corriget?

⁹ WHEREWITHAL shall a young man cleanse his way : even by ruling himself after thy word.

¹⁰ With my whole heart have I sought thee : O let me not go wrong out of thy commandments.

¹¹ Thy words have I hid within my heart : that I should not sin against thee.

¹² Blessed art thou, O Lord : O teach me thy statutes.

¹³ With my lips have I been telling : of all the judgements of thy mouth.

¹⁴ I have had as great delight in the way of thy testimonies : as in all manner of riches.

¹⁵ I will talk of thy commandments : and have respect unto thy ways.

¹⁶ My delight shall be in thy statutes : and I will not forget thy word.

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: Hebrews 5: 5-10 - Marie

⁵ So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you”; ⁶ as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” ⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered, ⁹ and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰ having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

GOSPEL – John 12: 20-33– James

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²² Philip went and told Andrew, then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. ²⁷ “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say: ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰ Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

INTERCESSIONS – Marie

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 Austin Emmanuel Dawson, 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 Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **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.

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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For Baptisms (Christenings) and Weddings, please speak to or contact the Vicar

Services this Week

- Today** **10am – The Parish Eucharist on the Fifth Sunday In Lent** : Fr Tomos preaching and presiding;
St Patrick's Day
Bishop's Lent Call Collection at the end of the service
- Wed 20 March** **10.00am** –Midweek Eucharist
- Sat 23 Mar** **No Holy Dusters this weekend**
- Sun 24 Mar** **10am – The Parish Eucharist on Palm Sunday** : Fr Tomos presiding; the service begins in the Parish Hall with the blessing of palms at 10am, followed by a procession through the churchyard into the church
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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.
- 24-31 March** **Holy Week:** please consider signing up (sheet at the back of church) to read during Holy Week. We also need volunteers to have their feet washed!
- Sun 28 April** **The Parish Electoral Roll:** forms are available at the back of church if you would like to join the roll, which will allow you to vote in elections to the PCC that take place at the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)** after the Parish Eucharist on 28 April. If you are thinking of standing for the PCC, please speak to The Vicar for more information!
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