

**Holy Saviour Church, Croydon**  
**The Third Sunday of Easter**  
**14<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

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**Entrance Hymn: 139** – *Rejoice the Lord is King*

**Hymn Before the Gospel: 258** – *Author of Life Divine*

**Offertory Hymn 70**– *It is a Thing Most Wonderful*

**Communion Hymn(s):74**– *O Sons and Daughters*; **63**—*My Song is Love Unknown (Omit Starred Verses)*

**Final Hymn: 75**—*The Day of Resurrection*

**COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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: Zephaniah 3:14-20 – Sarah**

<sup>14</sup> Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! <sup>15</sup> The Lord has taken away the judgments against you; he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. <sup>16</sup> On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: “Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. <sup>17</sup> The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing <sup>18</sup> as on a day of festival.” I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. <sup>19</sup> I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. **20** At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

**PSALM 4: 1-9**

*Cum invocarem.*

HEAR me when I call, O God of my righteousness : thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.

<sup>2</sup> O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honour : and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after leasing?

<sup>3</sup> Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to himself the man that is godly : when I call upon the Lord he will hear me.

<sup>4</sup> Stand in awe, and sin not : commune with your own heart, and in your chamber, and be still.

<sup>5</sup> Offer the sacrifice of righteousness : and put your trust in the Lord.

<sup>6</sup> There be many that say : Who will show us any good?

<sup>7</sup> Lord, lift thou up: the light of thy countenance upon us.

<sup>8</sup> Thou hast put gladness in my heart : since the time that their corn and wine and oil increased.

<sup>9</sup> I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest : for it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

*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: Acts of the Apostles 3: 12-19 - Murnell**

<sup>12</sup> When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, “Fellow Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? <sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup> But you rejected the holy and righteous one and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup> and you killed the author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup> And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. <sup>17</sup> “And now, brothers and sisters, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup> In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup> Repent, therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

**GOSPEL – Luke 24: 36b-48– Marie**

<sup>36</sup> While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>37</sup> They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup> He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see, for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup> And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup> Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate in their presence. <sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.

## **INTERCESSIONS – Barbara**

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

*Tracey and her sister Ann Davis, David Ryland, 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, 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, Hilary, Eula Chester, Natalie Searley

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

**And rise in glory.**

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, 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.

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

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***Services this Week***

- Today**                    **10am – The Parish Eucharist on The Third Sunday of Easter** : Fr Tomos presiding and Preaching.
- Wed 17 April**           **10.00am –Midweek Eucharist**
- Sat 20 April**            **10:30am – Holy Dusters**  
**10am-Noon, 1-3pm ( See below for details)**
- Sun 21 April**            **10am – The Parish Eucharist on The Fourth Sunday of Easter** : Fr Tomos presiding and Preaching.
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***Other Notices***

- Tuesdays**  
**7.30-8.30pm**            **Online Bible Study resumes at the end of April:** the theme for the coming “term” will be the story of Joseph and his Brothers
- Sat 20 April**  
**10am-noon**  
**1-3pm**                    **Holy Saviour and Nehemiah Project – Gardening in the Churchyard Joint Event:** if you are an adult and feel fit enough to help lend a hand in the church grounds, please do consider joining the Vicar and our neighbours from the Nehemiah Project for all or part of the day. Further details, including a bring and share lunch, can be found on the poster in church.
- 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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