

**Holy Saviour Church, Croydon**  
**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**21<sup>st</sup> April 2024**

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**Entrance Hymn: 332** – *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation (vv 5-9 only)*

**Hymn Before the Gospel: 426** – *The Lord's My Shepherd*

**Offertory Hymn 122**– *How Sweet the Name of Jesus*

**Communion Hymn(s):126**– *The King of Love: HHS 70*—*Sweet Sacrament Divine*

**Final Hymn: HHS 81**–*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

**COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**FIRST READING: Genesis 7 :1-5,11-18:8 : 6-18, 9: 8-13 – Sheri**

<sup>1</sup> Then the Lord said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. <sup>2</sup> Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; <sup>3</sup> and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth. <sup>4</sup> For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights, and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground." <sup>5</sup> And Noah did all that the Lord had commanded him. <sup>11</sup> In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. <sup>12</sup> The rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights. <sup>13</sup> On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons entered the ark, <sup>14</sup> they and every wild animal of every kind and all domestic animals of every kind and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth and every bird of every kind. <sup>15</sup> They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. <sup>16</sup> And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him, and the Lord shut him in. <sup>17</sup> The flood continued forty days on the earth, and the waters increased and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. <sup>18</sup> The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the face of the waters. <sup>6</sup> At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made <sup>7</sup> and sent out the raven, and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. <sup>8</sup> Then he sent out the dove from him to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground, <sup>9</sup> but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. <sup>10</sup> He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark, <sup>11</sup> and the dove came back to him in the evening,

and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. <sup>12</sup> Then he waited another seven days and sent out the dove, and it did not return to him anymore. <sup>13</sup> In the six hundred first year, in the first month, on the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth, and Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked and saw that the face of the ground was drying. <sup>14</sup> In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. <sup>15</sup> Then God said to Noah, <sup>16</sup> “Go out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and your sons’ wives with you. <sup>17</sup> Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—so that they may abound on the earth and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.” <sup>18</sup> So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives. <sup>8</sup> Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup> “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you <sup>10</sup> and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup> I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” <sup>12</sup> God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup> I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

**PSALM 23: 1-6 *Dominus regit me.***

THE Lord is my shepherd : therefore can I lack nothing. <sup>2</sup> He shall feed me in a green pasture : and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort. <sup>3</sup> He shall convert my soul : and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake. <sup>4</sup> Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil : for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me. <sup>5</sup> Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me : thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full. <sup>6</sup> Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life : and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

*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 4: 5-12 - Christine**

<sup>5</sup> The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup> with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup> When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” <sup>8</sup> Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup> if we are being questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are being asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup> let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup> This Jesus is ‘the stone that was rejected by

you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' <sup>12</sup> "There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

### **GOSPEL – John 10: 11-18– Lilian**

**11** "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup> The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup> For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

### **INTERCESSIONS – Marie**

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

*Tracey and Ann Davis, David, Milton Findlay, Clifford, Finn, Tony, Julie and her father, Billy, Jacob, Ellie and her mother, Sally, 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, Paul Temiz, Brian Cresswell, The King and the Princess of Wales*

#### **We pray for those who mourn**

**We pray for the souls of:** Gilbert, 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**

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; 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***

- Today**                    **10am – The Parish Eucharist on The Fourth Sunday of Easter** : Fr Tomos presiding and Preaching.
- Wed 24 April**            **10.00am** –Midweek Eucharist
- Fri 26 April**             **Noon** – Funeral in Church of Rosalind Taylor
- Sat 27 April**             **10:30am – Holy Dusters**
- Sun 28 April**             **10am – The Parish Eucharist on The Fifth Sunday of Easter** : Fr Tomos presiding and Reader James Preaching.  
After Church – APCM
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***Other Notices***

- Tuesdays**              **Online Bible Study resumes at the end of April:** the theme for the coming "term" will be the story of Joseph and his Brothers  
**7.30-8.30pm**
- 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! PCC nomination forms are also available at the back of the church.
- Sun 28 April**             Sunday School will be taking place
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