

Holy Saviour Church, Croydon
The Fifth Sunday of Easter
5th May 2024

Entrance Hymn: 156 – *Come Down O Love Divine*

Hymn Before the Gospel: HHS 15 – *Joy To The World*

Offertory Hymn 266– *We Hail Thy Presence Glorious*

Communion Hymn(s):HHS 34– A New Commandment:92—Come Thou Holy Spirit Come

Final Hymn: HHS 97–*What A Friend We Have in Jesus*

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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: Isaiah 55:1-11 – Sue

Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ Now you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶ Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake their way and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

PSALM 98: 1-10

Cantate Domino

O SING unto the Lord a new song : for he hath done marvellous things.

² With his own right hand, and with his holy arm : hath he gotten himself the victory.

³ The Lord declared his salvation : his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.

⁴ He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel : and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.

⁵ Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands : sing, rejoice, and give thanks.

⁶ Praise the Lord upon the harp : sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.

⁷ With trumpets also and shawms : O shew yourselves joyful before the Lord the King.

⁸ Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is: the round world, and they that dwell therein.

⁹ Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord : for he is come to judge the earth.

¹⁰ With righteousness shall he judge the world : and the people with equity.

*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 10: 44-48 - Lilian

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵ The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the gentiles, ⁴⁶ for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷ "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸ So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

GOSPEL – John 15: 9-17– Marie

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

INTERCESSIONS – Mathilde

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

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him 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

Services this Week

- Today** **10am – The Parish Eucharist on The Sixth Sunday of Easter** : Fr Tomos presiding and Preaching.
- Wed 8 May** **10.00am** –Midweek Eucharist
- Sat 11 May** **10:30am – Holy Dusters**
2-4pm – Mix and Mingle – Please see below for details
- Sun 12 May** **10am – Ascension Day Eucharist** : Fr Tomos presiding and Preaching.
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Other Notices

- Tuesdays** **Online Bible Study resumes on Tuesday 7 May:** the theme for the coming “term” will be the story of Joseph and his Brothers
7.30-8.30pm
- Wed 8 May** **Modern Slavery Webinar:** Chris Elliott and Jennifer Hyde, the Southwark Diocesan Advisors on Modern Slavery, will be leading this webinar. It is being presented twice, as a lunchtime and evening event, so that as many as possible can attend. Modern slavery and exploitation thrive when people do not know what it looks like and where it can be found in their community. The session will help you to know what forms of modern slavery might be operating in your area. More details, including how to book a place can be found in the weekly email.
- Sat 11 May** **May Mix and Mingle:** This month we are delighted to be welcoming Carry who will lead us in a Chinese Calligraphy event
2-4pm
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