

**Holy Saviour Church, Croydon**  
**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Trinity**  
**1<sup>st</sup> September 2024**

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**Entrance Hymn 235** – *O Jesus I Have Promised*

**Hymn Before the Gospel: 238** – *Blest Are The Pure In Heart*

**Offertory Hymn 129** – *Lord Jesus, Think On Me*

**Communion Hymn(s):157** – *Breathe On Me Breath Of God: 236* —*God Be In My Head*

**Final Hymn: 171** – *Thy Hand O God Has Guided*

***COLLECT FOR THE DAY***

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in 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: Deuteronomy 4 : 1-2, 6-9– Pearl**

“So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. <sup>2</sup>You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. <sup>6</sup>You must observe them and perform them, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!’ <sup>7</sup>For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? <sup>8</sup>And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? <sup>9</sup>“But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children.

**PSALM 15: 1-7**

***Domine, quis habitabit?***

Lord, who shall dwell in thy tabernacle : or who shall rest upon thy holy hill?

<sup>2</sup> Even he that leadeth an uncorrupt life : and doeth the thing which is right, and speaketh the truth from his heart.

<sup>3</sup> He that hath used no deceit in his tongue, nor done evil to his neighbour : and hath not slandered his neighbour.

<sup>4</sup> He that setteth not by himself, but is lowly in his own eyes : and maketh much of them that fear the Lord.

<sup>5</sup> He that sweareth unto his neighbour, and disappointeth him not : though it were to his own hindrance.

<sup>6</sup> He that hath not given his money upon usury : nor taken reward against the innocent.

<sup>7</sup> Whoso doeth these things : shall never fall.

*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: James 1:17-27 Sheri**

<sup>17</sup> Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup> In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave birth to us by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. <sup>19</sup> You must understand this, my beloved brothers and sisters: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger, <sup>20</sup> for human anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup> Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. <sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup> For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup> for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup> But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. <sup>26</sup> If any think they are religious and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup> Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

## **GOSPEL – Mark 7:1-8,14-15, 21-23 – James**

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, <sup>2</sup> they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup> (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders, <sup>4</sup> and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash, and there are also many other traditions that they observe: the washing of cups and pots and bronze kettles and beds. <sup>5</sup> So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders but eat with defiled hands?" <sup>6</sup> He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; <sup>7</sup> in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' <sup>8</sup> "You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." <sup>14</sup> Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup> there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." <sup>21</sup> For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: sexual immorality, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup> adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, debauchery, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup> All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

## **INTERCESSIONS – Marie**

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

*Lynton Salmon, Cherelle, Julie Johns, Lyn Johns, Khalil A, Paulina Larios, Sally and Katharine, Allen, 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, Minnie, Alexander, Cousin Zen, Christopher, Denise M, Enid, Simon & Samantha, Girish, Pat, Adrian, Ron, Cleveland, Britt and Barry, Veronica Vernon, Pauline Temiz, Brian Cresswell, The King and the Princess of Wales*

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

**We pray for the souls** of Bebe King, Elsie Dot Stancombe, and Alice Dasilva Aguiar, killed at the start of their summer holidays.

May light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. **And rise in glory.**

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in 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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**Services this Week**

**Today**                    **10am – 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity:** Fr Tomos Presiding and Reader James preaching; Sunday School – all children welcome; our regular organist Richard is away and this morning we welcome guest organist Nicholas Ansdell-Evans

Organ Voluntary: *'Veni creator spiritus'* - Maurice Duruflé

**Wed 4 Sept**            **10.00am - Morning Prayer**

**Sat 7 Sept**             **11:00am – Holy Dusters**

**Sun 8 Sept**            **10am – Accession of King Charles 3<sup>rd</sup> - Fr Tomos Presiding and preaching; Refreshments after the service – please stay and chat**

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***Other Notices***

**Sunday School Dates: 1 Sept & 29 Sept**

Parents are welcome to accompany children to Sunday School or to remain in the service. Please don't leave your children behind at Holy Saviour!

**14 Sept**                **Mix and Mingle Macmillan Coffee Event** – save the date in your diary!  
**2-4pm**

**14 Sept**                **Open City Festival** – Holy Saviour will be open as part of the London wide Open City Festival ([open-city.org.uk](http://open-city.org.uk)).  
**12-4pm**

**17 Sept**                **Night Prayer and Bible Study** returns on Tuesdays at 7.30pm from 17 Sept online. We will be looking at the Book of Ruth. Email the vicar for the link to join.

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