

Holy Saviour Church, Croydon
13th Sunday After Trinity
25th August 2024

Entrance Hymn 219 – *Soldiers of Christ Arise*

Hymn Before the Gospel: 220 – *Fight The Good Fight*

Offertory Hymn 395 – *Lord Of All Power*

Communion Hymn(s):247 – *I Heard The Voice of Jesus: HHS 50* —*Be Still My Soul*

Final Hymn: 214 – *Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer*

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING: Joshua 24 : 1-2a, 14-18– Murnell

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. ²And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Now, therefore, revere the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt and serve the Lord. ¹⁵ Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living, but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” ¹⁶ Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods, ¹⁷ for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went and among all the peoples through whom we passed, ¹⁸ and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

PSALM 34: 15-22

¹⁵ The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous : and his ears are open unto their prayers.

¹⁶ The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil : to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

¹⁷ The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them: and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

¹⁸ The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart : and will save such as be of an humble spirit.

¹⁹ Great are the troubles of the righteous : but the Lord delivereth him out of all.

²⁰ He keepeth all his bones : so that not one of them is broken.

²¹ But misfortune shall slay the ungodly : and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

²² The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants : and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

*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: Ephesians 6:10-20 Pearl

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power; ¹¹ put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil, ¹² for our struggle is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on the evil day and, having prevailed against everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand, therefore, and belt your waist with truth and put on the breastplate of righteousness ¹⁵ and lace up your sandals in preparation for the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹ Pray also for me, so that when I speak a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

GOSPEL – John 6:56 -69 – Mathilde

⁵⁶ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which the ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹ He said these things while he was teaching in a synagogue at Capernaum. ⁶⁰ When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹ But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶² Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³ It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴ But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning who were the ones who did not believe and who was the one who would betray him. ⁶⁵ And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.” ⁶⁶ Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷ So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

INTERCESSIONS – Christine

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

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; 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

Services this Week

Today	10am – 13th Sunday after Trinity † Fr Tomos Presiding and Preaching
Wed 28 Aug	10.00am - Holy Communion
Sat 31 Aug	11:00am – Holy Dusters
Sun 1 Sept	10am – 14th Sunday after Trinity † Fr Tomos Presiding and Reader James preaching; Sunday School – All children welcome

Other Notices

Sunday School Dates: Sunday School will be taking a break for the month of August. Watch out for our Autumn Term dates. 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!

Sunday School Dates for September - 1 Sept & 29 Sept

14 Sept 2-4pm	Mix and Mingle Macmillan Coffee Event – save the date in your diary!
14 Sept 12-4pm	Open City Festival – Holy Saviour will be open as part of the London wide Open City Festival (open-city.org.uk).
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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