

**Holy Saviour Church, Croydon**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**  
**15<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

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**Entrance Hymn: 27 - On Jordan's Bank**

**Hymn Before the Gospel: 316 – Lo From The Desert**

**Offertory Hymn: 345 – Christ Is The King**

**Communion Hymn(s): 254- Thee We Adore: 258 – Author of Life Divine**

**Final Hymn: HHS 95– To God Be The Glory**

***COLLECT FOR THE DAY***

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**FIRST READING: Zephaniah 3: 14-20 – Christine**

<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. <sup>20</sup> 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 146 vv 4-10**



- 4 Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob ' for his ' help : and whose hope is ' in  
the ' Lord his ' God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that ' therein ' is : who ' keepeth  
his ' promise for ' ever.
- 6 Who helpeth them to right that ' suffer ' wrong : who ' feed 'eth the ' hungry.
- 7 The Lord looseth men ' out of ' prison : the Lord giveth ' sight ' to the ' blind.
- 8 The Lord helpeth ' them that are ' fallen : the Lord ' careth ' for the ' righteous.
- 9 The Lord careth for the strangers, he defendeth the ' fatherless and ' widow : as  
for the way of the ungodly he ' turneth it ' upside ' down.
- 10 The Lord thy God O Sion, shall be King for ' ever'more : and through'out all  
'gene'rations.

*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. 'A'men*

**SECOND READING: Philippians 4: 4-7 – Murnell**

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus

**GOSPEL – Luke 3: 7-18 – James**

<sup>7</sup> John said to the crowds that came out to be baptised by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup> Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>9</sup> Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire” <sup>10</sup> And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” <sup>11</sup> In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” <sup>12</sup> Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” <sup>13</sup> He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” <sup>14</sup> Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.” <sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup> John answered all of them by saying, “I baptise you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” <sup>18</sup> So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

## **INTERCESSIONS - Marie**

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

*Caroline Arthurscooke, Juana Vega, Chris Hubbucks, Julie Cornfield, 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, Ron, Cleveland, Britt and Barry, Veronica Vernon, Pauline Temiz, Brian Cresswell, The King, the Princess of Wales and Bishop Christopher*

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

**We pray for the soul** of Lloyd McLeggan, and all those we have loved and lost.

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

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; 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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<b>Today</b>	<b>10am – Advent 3 – Fr Tomos Presiding and Preaching</b> <b>4pm – Traditional 9 Lessons and Carols – All Welcome</b>
<b>Mon 16 Dec</b>	<b>7.30pm Advent Course (online) – Women of the Nativity:</b> based on Paula Gooder's book, we will be looking at a series of reflections and Bible passages. Email <a href="mailto:vicar@holysaviourcroydon.co.uk">vicar@holysaviourcroydon.co.uk</a> for the Zoom link.
<b>Wed 18 Dec</b>	<b>10am - Midweek Eucharist</b> <b>6pm – Carol Singing round the Wards – See below</b>
<b>Sat 21 Dec</b>	<b>10.30am – Morning Prayer for Advent (every Saturday in Advent)</b>
<b>Sun 22 Dec</b>	<b>10am – Advent 4 - Fr Tomos Presiding and Preaching</b>

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<b>Wed 18 Dec</b> <b>6pm</b>	<b>Croydon University Hospital Chaplaincy invite us to join them for carol singing on the wards!</b> 18:00 for an 18:30 start at St Barnabas Worship Centre. Located at Croydon University Hospital outside the Woodcroft entrance. More details can be found on the attached poster.
<b>Sun 23 Feb 2025</b>	<b>Children and Holy Communion:</b> If you have a primary school child who will be aged seven or older this academic year, and you would like them to receive Holy Communion, please contact the Vicar. There will be a series of short preparation classes after the Sunday Eucharist next year ( <b>9 and 16 Feb</b> ) followed by admission to Holy Communion at the Parish Eucharist on <b>Sunday 23 Feb 2025</b> . <b>Adults and teenagers – Confirmation:</b> Do you have a growing sense that you would like to make a public commitment to your Christian Faith? In the Church of England this traditionally takes place at a Confirmation Service presided over by the Bishop. If you have not already been Confirmed, and are interested in doing so, please speak to or email the Vicar
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>4pm Children's Crib Service; 11pm Midnight Mass</b>
<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>10 am Christmas Day Eucharist</b>

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