

**Holy Saviour Church, Croydon**  
**Holy Innocents**  
**29<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

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**Entrance Hymn: HHS 18 – See Amid The Winter’s Snow –**

**Hymn Before the Gospel: HHS 162 – Little Jesus Sweetly Sleep**

**Offertory Hymn: HHS 23– The Infant King**

**Communion Hymn(s): HHS 25- Thou Who Was Rich: HHS 50 – Be Still My Soul**

**Final Hymn: HHS 88– How Great Thou Art**

***COLLECT FOR THE DAY***

Heavenly Father, whose children suffered at the hands of Herod, though they had done no wrong: by the suffering of your Son and by the innocence of our lives frustrate all evil designs and establish your reign of justice and peace; 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: Jeremiah 31 : 15-17 – Sue**

<sup>15</sup> Thus says the Lord: A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more. <sup>16</sup> Thus says the Lord: Keep your voice from weeping and your eyes from tears, for there is a reward for your work, says the Lord: they shall come back from the land of the enemy; <sup>17</sup> there is hope for your future, says the Lord: your children shall come back to their own country.

**Psalm 124 – vv 1-7**



1. If the Lord himself had not been on our side, now may ' Israel ' say: if the Lord himself had not been on our side when ' men rose ' up a'gainst us;
2. They had swallowed ' us up ' quick: when they were so ' wrathfully dis ' pleas-ed ' at us.

3. Yea the ' waters had ' drowned us; and the ' stream had gone ' over our ' soul.
4. The deep ' waters of the ' proud : had gone ' even ' over our ' soul.
5. But praised ' be the ' Lord : who hath not given us over for a ' prey ' unto their 'teeth.
6. Our soul is escaped, even as a bird out of the ' snare of the ' fowler: the snare is ' broken and ' we are de ' livered.
7. Our help standeth in the ' name of the ' Lord: who hath ' made ' heaven and ' earth.

*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: 1 Corinthians 1: 26-29– Sylvia**

<sup>26</sup> Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no one might boast in the presence of God.

## **GOSPEL – Matthew 2: 13-18 – Mathilde**

<sup>13</sup> Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” <sup>14</sup> Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt <sup>15</sup> and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.” <sup>16</sup> When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the magi. <sup>17</sup> Then what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: <sup>18</sup> “A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.”

## **INTERCESSIONS - Barbara**

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

*Caroline Arthurscooke, Juana Vega, Chris Hubbucks, Julie Cornfield, Cherelle, Julie Johns, Lyn Johns, 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, 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, Jennifer Jones and all those who have died.

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

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
in your humility you have stooped to share our human life  
with the most defenceless of your children:  
may we who have received these gifts of your passion  
rejoice in celebrating the witness of the Holy Innocents  
to the purity of your sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross;  
for you are alive and reign, 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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## **Wishing you and all your loved ones a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all at Holy Saviour!**

<b>Today</b>	<b>10am – Holy Innocents - Fr Tomos Presiding and Preaching</b>
<b>Wed 1 January</b>	<b>10 am Midweek Service – No Service</b>
<b>Sat 4 Jan</b>	<b>10:30am – Holy Dusters</b>
<b>Sun 5 Jan</b>	<b>10am – The Epiphany - Rev'd Andrew Wilson Presiding and Preaching</b>

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**Sun 23 Feb  
2025**

**Children and Holy Communion:** 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 (**9 and 16 Feb**) followed by admission to Holy Communion at the Parish Eucharist on **Sunday 23 Feb 2025**.

**Adults and teenagers – Confirmation:** 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

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