

Holy Saviour Church, Croydon
Epiphany 1 – The Baptism Of Christ
12th January 2025

Entrance Hymn: 27 – On Jordan’s Bank

Hymn Before the Gospel: 53 – Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Offertory Hymn: HHS 83– God Is Working His Purpose Out

Communion Hymn(s): 48- Earth Has Many A Noble City: 54 – Thou Whom Shepherds

Final Hymn: 192– Praise My Soul The King Of Heaven

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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**

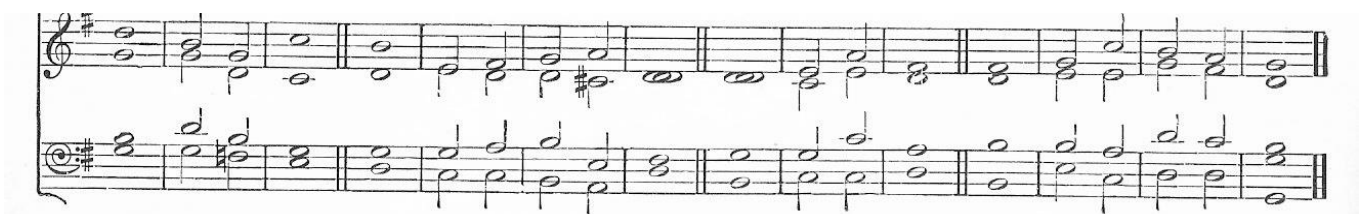
FIRST READING: Isaiah 43 : 1-7– Pearl

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³ For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴ Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶ I will say to the north, “Give them up,” and to the south, “Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— ⁷ everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

Psalm 29 – vv 1-10



¹ Bring unto the Lord O ye mighty, bring young rams ' unto the ' Lord : ascribe unto the ' Lord ' worship and ' strength.

² Give the Lord the honour due ' unto his ' Name : worship the ' Lord with ' holy ' worship.

³ It is the Lord that com' mandeth the ' waters : it is the glorious ' God that ' maketh the ' thunder.

⁴ It is the Lord that ruleth the sea, the voice of the Lord is mighty in ' oper' ation : the voice of the Lord ' is a ' glorious ' voice.

⁵ The voice of the Lord ' breaketh the ' cedar-trees : yea the Lord ' breaketh the ' cedars of ' Libanus.

⁶ He maketh them also to skip ' like a ' calf : Libanus also and Sirion ' like a ' young ' unicorn.

⁷ The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire, the voice of the Lord ' shaketh the ' wilderness : yea the Lord ' shaketh the ' wilderness of ' Cades.

⁸ The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to bring forth young, and discovereth the ' thick ' bushes : in his temple doth ' every man ' speak of his ' honour.

⁹ The Lord sitteth a' bove the ' water-flood : and the Lord re' maineth a ' King for ' ever.

¹⁰ The Lord shall give strength ' unto his ' people : the Lord shall give his ' people the ' blessing of ' peace.

*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: Acts 8: 14-17– Sue

¹⁴ Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵ The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶ (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷ Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL – Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22 – Mitzi

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ 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 baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ 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." ²¹ Now when all the people were baptised, and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

INTERCESSIONS - Barbara

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

Sharon, 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, 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

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; 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

Today	10am – Epiphany 1 – The Baptism of Christ - Fr Tomos Presiding and Preaching Standing Committee after the service
Wed 15 Jan	10 am Holy Communion
Sat 18 Jan	11:00am – Holy Dusters
Sun 19 Jan	10am – Epiphany 2 –Fr Tomos Presiding and Preaching PCC Meeting after the service

Tues 28 Jan; 4 Feb; 11 Feb **Online Night Prayer and Bible Study (Tuesdays 7.30pm – see dates below):** In the period between Epiphany and Lent we will be looking at the Gospel of Mark on the following dates: 28 Jan; 4 Feb; 11 Feb. Email the vicar for the Zoom link if you would like to join!

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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