

Holy Saviour Church, Croydon
Fifth Sunday in Lent – Passiontide Begins
6th April 2025

Entrance Hymn 72– Lift High The Cross

Hymn Before the Gospel: 70 – It Is A Thing Most Wonderful

Offertory Hymn: HHS 97– What A Friend We Have In Jesus

Communion Hymn(s): 137- There Is A Green Hill: 66 – Glory Be To Jesus

Final Hymn: 251– There’s A Wideness In God’s Mercy (vv3-8)

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 43:16-21*-- Pearl

¹⁶ Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸ Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰ The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹ the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Psalm 126– vv 1-7

- 1 When the Lord turned again the cap'tivity of ' Sion : then were we ' like unto ' them that ' dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth ' filled with ' laughter : and ' our ' tongue with ' joy.
- 3 Then said they a'mong the ' heathen : The ' Lord hath done ' great things ' for them.
- 4 Yea, the Lord hath done great things ' for us al'ready : where'of ' we re'jice.
- 5 Turn our cap'tivity O ' Lord : as the ' rivers ' in the ' south.
- 6 They that ' sow in ' tears : shall ' reap ' in ' joy.

7 He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth ' forth good ' seed : shall doubtless come again with joy and ' bring his ' sheaves ' with him.

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 3: 4b-14 – Craig

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus· Gospel.

GOSPEL – John 12: 1-8 – James

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

INTERCESSIONS - Mathilde

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

Tom, Latif Muhammad, Redva's niece Olivia, 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, 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 souls of Murnell Marrant, Margaret Fall, Paul Prado, Hugh Reynolds, 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 Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but 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

Today	10am – Fifth Sunday of Lent – Passiontide begins – Fr Tomos Presiding and Preaching
Tues 8 April	No Bible Study This Evening
Wed 9 April	10am – Midweek Eucharist
Sat 12 April	10.30am – Morning Prayer for Lent
Sun 13 April	10am – Palm Sunday – Fr Tomos Presiding; Service begins in the hall with the Palm Gospel and Procession; Sunday School

Online Bible Study Dates

We continue our study of the Gospel of Mark on the following evenings at 7.30pm:
Tuesday 15 Apr

Our Sunday School runs on the last Sunday of the month and on extra dates throughout the year. your child is under four, we ask that you accompany them to Sunday School. Parents of older children are welcome to join their children in Sunday School or to remain in church. Copies of our safeguarding policies can be found at <https://holysaviourcroydon.co.uk/safeguarding/>

27 April – after the service **APCM and Preparation of a New Electoral Roll:** The next Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place after the Sunday Eucharist on 27 April. If you wish to join the new electoral roll, application forms can be found at the back of church.

Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call: this year the Bishop's Lent Call focuses on projects aimed at improving the mental health of children in our own Diocese of Southwark, and in our link dioceses in Zimbabwe and Jerusalem. If you would like to make a donation to this cause, please speak to the church wardens or the vicar.

Holy Week Services

Wed 16 Apr 10 am Eucharist
Thurs 17 April 11 am Chrism Eucharist at Southwark Cathedral
8pm Liturgy of Maundy Thursday; Celebration of the Last Supper; Washing of Feet; Stripping of the Altars
Fri 18 April 10 am Stations of the Cross for Good Friday
2.30 pm Veneration of the Cross
Sun 20 April 6 am Easter Vigil & First Eucharist of Easter
10 am Parish Eucharist on Easter Day

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