

Holy Saviour Croydon

Fourth Sunday Of Lent

15th March 2026

Entrance Hymn: 140 - All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name

Hymn Before the Gospel: 312 – Jesus Calls Us O'er The Tumult

Offertory Hymn 394 – Lord Of All Hopefulness

Communion Hymn: 473 - I Come With Joy To Meet My Lord

Final Hymn: 214– Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Merciful Lord, absolve your people from their offences, that through your bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins which by our frailty we have committed; grant this, heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16.1-13 - Sue

The Lord said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' ²Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the Lord said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the Lord." ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' ⁴Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' ⁵He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. ⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord.' ⁷But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.' ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen any of these.' ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Psalms 23 vv 1-6

4 PSALM III. E. J. HOPKINS.

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1 The Lord ' is my ' shepherd: therefore ' can I ' lack nothing.
2 He shall feed me in a ' green ' pasture: and lead me forth be'side the ' waters of ' comfort.
3 He shall con' vert my ' soul: and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness ' for his ' Name's ' sake.
4 Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will ' fear no ' evil :
for thou art with me, thy ' rod and thy' staff ' comfort me.
5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me, against ' them that ' trouble me:
thou hast anointed my head with oil ' and my' cup shall be ' full.
6 But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me, all the ' days of my ' life:
and I will dwell in the ' house of the ' Lord for ever.

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 5 5.8-14– Alvina

⁸For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— ⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, 'Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'

GOSPEL – John 9:1-41 – James

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' ³Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' ⁹Some were saying, 'It is he.' Others were saying, 'No, but it is someone like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' ¹⁰But they kept asking him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' ¹¹He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went and washed and received my sight.' ¹²They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.' ¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.' ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?' And they were divided. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.' He said, 'He is a prophet.' ¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?' ²⁰His parents answered, 'We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.' ²²His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.'

²⁴ So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, 'Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.' ²⁵ He answered, 'I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.' ²⁶ They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' ²⁷ He answered them, 'I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?' ²⁸ Then they reviled him, saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses.' ²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.' ³⁰ The man answered, 'Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.' ³⁴ They answered him, 'You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?' And they drove him out. ³⁵ Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' ³⁶ He answered, 'And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.' ³⁷ Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.' ³⁸ He said, 'Lord, I believe.' And he worshipped him. ³⁹ Jesus said, 'I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.' ⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, 'Surely we are not blind, are we?' ⁴¹ Jesus said to them, 'If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, "We see", your sin remains.

INTERCESSIONS – Marie

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

Camilla Harley, Miranda, Rev Pat, Grace, Paul, Sue, Jonathan Lane, Sam's wife Pearl, Tom, Redva's niece Olivia, Sharon, Caroline Arthurscooke, Juana Vega, Chris Hubbucks, Julie Cornfield, Cherelle, Julie Johns, Lyn Johns, Paulina Larios, 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, 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, and the Princess of Wales

We pray for those who mourn

We pray for the souls of those we have lost this year. We pray for Constance Babin and James Coffie Ekem. We also pray for Murnell Marrant, whose year's mind falls at this time. May light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. **And rise in glory.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Saviour gave his back to the smiters and did not hide his face from shame: give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed; 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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Children who are members of the choir or serving team must be accompanied in the vestry by a parent or guardian when robing.

Services this Week & Other Events

Sun 15 Mar	10am Fourth Sunday Of Lent: Fr Tomos presiding and preaching; Sunday School (Under 4s must be accompanied by an adult); Tea and Coffee after the Service; PCC Meeting
Wed 18 Mar	10am – Holy Communion
Sat 21 Mar	11am - Holy Dusters
Sun 22 Mar	10 am Fifth Sunday Of Lent: Fr Tomos preaching and presiding
Sat 28 Mar	Wedding – Ope and Keziah

Holy Week Services

Sun 29 Mar	10am - Parish Eucharist for Palm Sunday
Wed 1 Apr	10am - Holy Communion
Thurs 2 Apr	11am – Chrism Eucharist at Southwark Cathedral 8pm - Eucharist of the Lord's Supper with washing of feet and stripping of the altars
Fri 3 Apr	10am – Stations of the Cross 2.30pm – Liturgy of Good Friday and Veneration of the Cross
Sun 5 Apr	6am - The Easter Vigil 10am – Parish Eucharist on Easter Day

Sat 18th July	Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call: Bishop Christopher is asking you to support projects that focus on the work of schools that will help benefit children and young people to flourish. More details can be found at: https://southwark.anglican.org/news-events/events/lent-call/ Retirement of the Bishop of Southwark: Bishop Christopher's last service will take place at Southwark Cathedral at 12pm on Saturday 18 July. See our weekly email for details of the online consultation for the new Bishop of Southwark. Independent Safeguarding Audit of the Church of England: information about how you can take part in this vital online survey can be found on our Safeguarding Noticeboard. Closing date: 8 April 2026
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