

Holy Saviour Croydon

Fifth Sunday Of Lent

22nd March

2026

Entrance Hymn: 72 - Lift High The Cross

Hymn Before the Gospel: 251 – There's A Wideness In God's Mercy (vv3-8)

Offertory Hymn 247– I Heard The Voice Of Jesus

Communion Hymn: 66- Glory Be To Jesus

Final Hymn: 148– At The Name Of Jesus

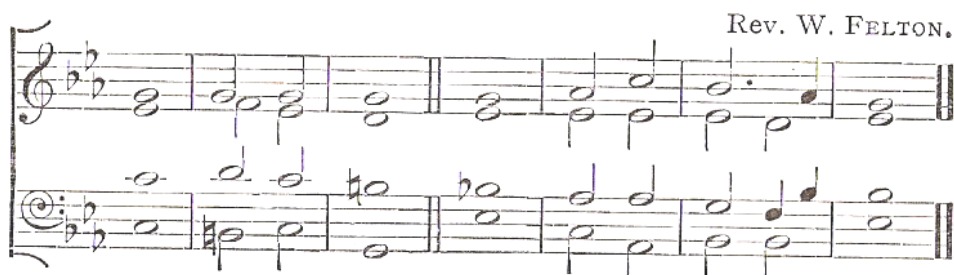
COLLECT FOR THE DAY

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: *Ezekiel 37 .1-14 - Maria*

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³ He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵ Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." ⁷ So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. ¹¹ Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹² Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

Psalm 130 vv 1-8



1 Out of the deep have I called unto ' thee O ' Lord : Lord ' hear ' my ' voice.
2 O let thine ears con'sider ' well : the ' voice of ' my com'plaint.
3 If thou Lord wilt be extreme to mark what is ' done a'miss : O ' Lord who ' may a'bide it?
4 For there is ' mercy with ' thee : therefore ' shalt ' thou be ' feared.
5 I look for the Lord, my ' soul doth ' wait for him : in his ' word is 'my ' trust.
6 My soul fleeth ' unto the ' Lord : before the morning watch, I say be'fore the ' morning ' watch.
7 O Israel trust in the Lord, for with the Lord ' there is ' mercy : and with ' him is ' plenteous re'demption.
8 And he shall re'deem ' Israel : from ' all ' his ' sins.

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: Romans 8. 6-11– Christine

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. 7 For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, 8 and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. 10 But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you

GOSPEL – John 11:1-45 – Marie

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 2 Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. 3 So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' 4 But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' 5 Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, 6 after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. 7 Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' 8 The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' 9 Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. 10 But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' 11 After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' 12 The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' 13 Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. 14 Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. 15 For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' 16 Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.' 17 When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. 18 Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, 19 and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. 20 When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. 21 Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' 23 Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' 24 Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' 25 Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' 27 She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I

believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' ²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' ²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' ³⁷ But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' ³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me.' ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' ⁴⁵ Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

INTERCESSIONS – Christine

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, Chelle, 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 James Coffie Ekem and Constance Babin. 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 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.

Rev'd Tomos Reed, Holy Saviour

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Safeguarding Information & Policies

All our parish policies, including safeguarding policies relating to our work with children and vulnerable adults, can be found at <https://holysaviourcroydon.co.uk/safeguarding/>

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

Sat 21 Mar	11am – Holy Dusters
Sun 22 Mar	10am Fifth Sunday Of Lent: Fr Tomos preaching and presiding
Wed 25 Mar	10am – Holy Communion
Sat 28 Mar	1pm 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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