Holy Saviour Croydon
Trinity 17
27th September
2026

Entrance Hymn:	**140 – All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name**
Hymn Before the Gospel:	**113 – Father Hear The Prayer We Offer**
Offertory Hymn:	**142 – The Head That Once Was Crowned**
Communion Hymn(s):	**126 – The King Of Love My Shepherd Is**
Final Hymn:	**HHS 95–To God Be The Glory**

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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 18: 1-4.25-32 -

The word of the Lord came to me: [2] What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? [3] As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. [4] Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins who shall die. [25]Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? **[26]** When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed, they shall die. **[27]** Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. **[28]** Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. **[29]** Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? **[30]** Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. **[31]** Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? **[32]** For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

PSALM 25: 1-8

[1] I will magnify thee O ' God my ' King : and I will praise thy ' Name for ' ever and ' ever.
[2] Every day will I give thanks ' unto ' thee : and praise thy ' Name for ' ever and ' ever

[3] Great is the Lord, and marvellous worthy ' to be ' praised : there ' is no ' end of his ' greatness.
[4] One generation shall praise thy works ' unto an'other : and de'clare ' thy ' power.
[5] As for me, I will be talking ' of thy ' worship : thy glory, thy ' praise and ' wondrous ' works.
[6] So that men shall speak of the might of thy ' marvellous ' acts : and I will ' also ' tell of thy ' greatness.
[7] The memorial of thine abundant kindness ' shall be ' shewed : and ' men shall ' sing of thy ' righteousness.
[8] The Lord is ' gracious and ' merciful : long-suffering ' and of ' great ' goodness.
We <u>remain seated</u> 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 Philippians 2: 1-13– Maria
If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, [2] make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. [3] Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. [4] Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. [5] Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, [6] who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, [7] but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, [8] he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. [9] Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, [10] so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, [11] and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Shining as Lights in the World [12] Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, [13] for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

GOSPEL – Matthew 21:23-32 -Marie
23 When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” **24** Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. **25** Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why, then, did you not believe him?’ **26** But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet.” **27** So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. **28** “What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ **29** He answered, ‘I will not,’ but later he changed his mind and went. **30** The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go. **31** Which of the two did the will of

his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. **32** For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him.

INTERCESSIONS – Marie

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

Charles, Brenda, Sue, Penny Alleyn, Chris, Martin, Camilla Harley, Miranda, Rev Pat, Grace, 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, 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, including all those losing their lives in the Nepalese Landslide, Jason Arday and Andrew Antony Miller.
May light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. **And rise in glory.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; 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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Events & Services this Week

Today	**10am – Trinity 17 – Father Tomos Presiding and Reader James Preaching**
Wed 30 Sept	**10am – Morning Prayer**
Sat 3 Oct	**11am - Southwark Cathedral Black History Month Celebration** **7pm Holy Saviour Bring and Share Harvest Supper – All welcome!**
Sun 4 Oct	**10am – Harvest Festival – Father Tomos Presiding and Preaching**

Sun 11 Oct	**10am - Holy Saviour Black History Month Eucharist – Guest Speaker: Dr Michael MacMillan - Associate Lecturer in Cultural & Historical Studies, University of the Arts London:** Dr McMillan is a London based writer, playwright, artist/curator and scholar, born to parents from St Vincent & the Grenadines. He is best known for the much-loved and critically acclaimed The Front Room installation that has been iterated nationally and internationally. His interdisciplinary practice centres around the praxis (theory and practice) of 'the creative process, ethnography, oral histories, material culture and performativity'. https://www.michaelmcmillan.uk
Sun 11 Oct	**10am - Sunday School:** Children under four years old must be accompanied by an adult
	Croydon Together Night Shelter: From January to April 2026, Croydon Voluntary Action worked alongside Housing Justice, Croydon Council, and a steering group of local faith and community organisations to deliver the Croydon Together Night Shelter. The shelter provided a safe, welcoming place for people experiencing homelessness during the coldest months of the year. Each night, between 18 and 20 guests accessed a warm bed, hot meals, shower facilities and person-centred support designed to help them build on their strengths and take positive steps towards longer-term stability. Following the successful conclusion of the shelter in April 2026, we are now fundraising and planning for its return next winter, with the aim of once again providing vital emergency accommodation and support to people experiencing homelessness in Croydon. If you feel you could help by volunteering, visit https://cvalive.org.uk/partnership-projects/croydon-together-night-shelter/
Sat 24 Oct	**4pm – Croydon Minister:** Croydon Episcopal Area Black History Month Celebration

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