



St John the Divine Croydon
Eucharist Service
3rd Sunday of Easter
4 May 2025



An order of Service for
Holy Baptism in Holy Communion

GATHERING AND PREPARATION

Opening Hymn: TBA (*please refer to TiS hymn book*)

[EA]

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **And also with you.**

Christ is risen. Alleluia.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

There is one Body and one Spirit; **there is one hope in God's call to us.**
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, **one God and Father of all.**

Baptism is the gift of our Lord Jesus Christ. When he had risen from the dead, he commanded his followers to go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

We have come together today to obey that command. Baptism with water signifies the cleansing from sin that Jesus' death makes possible, and the new life that God gives us through the Holy Spirit. In baptism, the promises of God are visibly signed and sealed for us. We are joined to Christ, and made members of his body, the Church universal.

Children are baptised in response to God's all-embracing love. Parents and godparents who have responded to that love come now to bring their children for baptism. Before this congregation they must express their own trust and commitment to the promises of God, and their intention to bring up their children in the faith and practice of the Church. In due time these children should make their own response to God, and be prepared for confirmation.

So we welcome you, *Leo John Viney*, with your sponsors and families. We give thanks for you, and pray that you may know God's love and faithfulness for ever.

[EA]

Let us affirm our trust in God's mercy, and confess that we need forgiveness.

[Let us pray.]

Lord God, you created this world, and made us in your own image. Forgive us when we turn away from you.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord God, through your Son you overcame evil and death. Rescue us from slavery to sin.

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord God, by your Spirit, you restore us to fellowship with you and with one another. Breathe your love and freedom into our lives.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

[C] Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins, and keep you in life eternal. **Amen**

This **Hymn of Praise** is sung or said.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One.
you alone are the Lord:
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect

[C] Let us pray.

Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection, may, through the renewing power of your Spirit, rise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE 1st READING – Acts 9.1-6

¹ Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them

bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' ⁵He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

May Your word live in us. **And bear much fruit to Your glory.**

PSALM 30 (read by alternate verses)

¹ I will exalt you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up from depths:
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

² **O Lord my God, I cried to you,
and you have made me whole.**

³ You brought me back, O Lord, from the land of silence
you save my life,
from among those gone down to the Pit.^[a]

⁴ **Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.**

⁵ For if in his anger is havoc;
in his good favour is life.
Heaviness may endure for a night,
but joy comes in the morning.

⁶ **In my prosperity I said 'I shall never be moved:',
'your goodness, O lord, has set me on so firm a hill.'**

⁷ Then you hid your face from me;;
and I was greatly dismayed.

⁸ **I cried to you, O God,
and made my petition humbly to my Lord.**

⁹ 'What profit is there in my blood,
if I go down to the Pit?

Can the dust give you thanks,
or declare your faithfulness?

¹⁰ **Hear, O Lord, and be merciful!
O Lord, be my helper!'**

¹¹ You have turned my lamentation into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth
and girded me with joy,

¹² **That my heart may sing your praise and never be silent.
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you for ever.**

THE EPISTLE – 1 Corinthians 15.1-8

¹ Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³ For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers

and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died.^[d] ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me.

May Your word live in us. **And bear much fruit to Your glory.**

Gradual Hymn: TBA (*please refer to TiS hymn book*)

Gospel Reading

(All stand for the Gospel Reading)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **John 21:1-19**

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

¹ After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³ Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' ⁶ He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. ⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

For the Gospel of the Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Sermon/Reflections

THE PRESENTATION

(The priest invites all candidates and their sponsors to stand in view of the congregation. The priest invites the sponsors of baptismal candidates to present the candidates)

We welcome *those* who come to be baptised. I invite their sponsors to present *them* now.

[The sponsors answer]

We present Leo John Viney to be baptised.

(The priest says to the sponsors)

Will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing Leo for baptism?

I will.

Are you willing to answer on behalf of Leo? **I am.**

By your own prayers and example, by your friendship and love, will you encourage Leo in the life and faith of the Christian community?

I will, with God's help.

THE DECISION

(The priest says to the candidates able to answer for themselves, and to the sponsors of other candidates)

Before God and this congregation, you must affirm that you turn to Christ and reject all that is evil:

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust?

I reject them all.

Do you renounce Satan and all evil?

I renounce all that is evil.

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, and lead you in the light of Christ to his everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

(The priest says to the candidates and sponsors)

Will you each, by God's grace, strive to live as a disciple of Christ, loving God with your whole heart, and your neighbour as yourself, until your life's end?

I will, with God's help.

(The priest says to the congregation)

You have heard Leo respond to Christ. Will you support them in this calling?

[The congregation answers] - **We will.**

Let us pray:

Grant, merciful God, that Leo may be so buried with Christ in baptism that the new nature may be raised up in *him*. May the fruit of your Spirit grow and flourish in *him*. **Amen.**

Give to their sponsors, *Jemma and Billy Lawrence and their families* the desire to share with *them* what you have revealed in your holy gospel. **Amen.**

May *Leo* know Christ's forgiving love and continue in the fellowship and service of his Church. May *he* proclaim, by word and example, the good news of God in Christ. **Amen.**

We thank you for the ministry we have in your world and to each other in the household of faith. Hasten that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in Christ. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

(The priest comes to the place where the water for baptism is, and begins the thanksgiving.)

[The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**]

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(The priest or other minister continues)

We give you thanks that at the beginning of creation your Holy Spirit moved upon the waters to bring forth light and life. With water you cleanse and replenish the earth; you nourish and sustain all living things.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery into freedom, and brought them through the river Jordan to new life in the land of promise.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for your Son Jesus Christ: for his baptism by John, for his anointing with the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the deep waters of death Jesus delivered us from our sins and was raised to new life in triumph.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for the grace of the Holy Spirit who forms us in the likeness of Christ and leads us to proclaim your kingdom.

Thanks be to God.

(The priest continues)

And now we give you thanks that you have called *Leo* to new birth in your Church through the waters of baptism. Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and sanctify this water so that those who are baptised in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection. May *he* die to sin, rise to newness of life, and continue forever in Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we give you praise and honour in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

(The priest invites the congregation to join with the sponsors)

I now ask you to affirm as yours the faith of the Church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in God the Son?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the

right hand of the Father; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(The priest says to the congregation)

This is the faith of the Church.

[The congregation responds]

This is our faith: We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

(Each candidate is brought to the water. The minister baptises by dipping the candidates in the water, or pouring water over them, saying)

Leo, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*[The sponsors and the congregation] - **Amen.***

AFTER BAPTISM

(The priest makes a cross on the forehead, saying)

Leo, I sign you with the sign of the cross to show that you are marked as Christ's own for ever.

(The priest addresses all the newly baptised)

Live as a disciple of Christ: fight the good fight, finish the race, keep the faith.

[The congregation responds, saying]

Confess Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, look for his coming in glory.

(The minister says)

God has brought you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

[The congregation joins the minister saying]

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

(The minister continues)

God has called you into his Church.

[The congregation joins the minister in saying]

We therefore receive and welcome you as a member with us of the body of Christ, as a child of the one heavenly Father, and as an inheritor of the kingdom of God.

[Leo is presented to the congregation. The baptism candle is placed on the altar. The baptism family returns to their seats. The Holy Communion service continues]

THE GREETINGS OF PEACE

[All stand]

In baptism, God has made us one in Christ. **His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory Hymn: TBA *(please refer to TiS hymn book)*

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. **Blessed be God for ever.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.]

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross and rising to new life, he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

In baptism you have united us to him and brought us out of darkness into light. You
pour your Spirit upon us, filling us with your gifts,
and calling us to serve you as a royal priesthood.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we
proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying / singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

[Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.]

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, and
we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be
partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks he
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples,
saying,

'Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and
for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:

proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his
one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND COMMUNION

As this broken bread was once many grains, which have been gathered together and
made one bread:

so may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

[C] Let us pray.

Gracious God, in baptism you make us one family in Christ your Son,
one in the sharing of his body and his blood,
one in the communion of his Spirit.

Help us to grow in love for one another
and come to the full maturity of the body of Christ.

[All pray together]

Most loving God, **you send us into the world you love. Give us grace to go
thankfully and with courage in the power of your Spirit.**

(The priest may say to the congregation)

All who have been baptised and confirmed are called to study the Bible, to take part
in the life of the Church, to share in the Holy Communion, and to pray faithfully and
regularly. We are called to share with others, by word and example, the love of Christ
and his gospel of reconciliation and hope. We are called to love our neighbours as
ourselves, to honour all people and to pray and work for peace and justice. I invite all
of you to commit yourselves anew to this calling.

We will gladly do so, in the strength of the Holy Spirit.

THE BLESSING

Final Hymn: TBA *(please refer to TiS hymn book)*

[C] Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; give honour to all; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

[EA] Go in peace to love and serve the Lord: Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Worship Roster for today

8.00am E.A. Jim Moore, **R1.** Wendy Pullin, **R2.** Deborah Guess, **Intercessor.** Fr. Sam, **Cr.** Clive Mattingley, **C.M.** Clive Mattingley, **W.** Eileen Moore

10.00am E.A. Steven Sim, **R1.** Joel Shambrook, **R2.** Jenny Harris, **Intercessor.** Fr. Sam, **Cr.** Naomi Nesimnahan, **C.M.** Ailsa Wakeley, **W.** Elizabeth Sanderson & Jenny Harris, **Counters.** Pei Lee & Joel Shambrook

E.A: Eucharistic Assistant, **C.M.:** Communion Minister, **Cr.** Crucifer, **R:** Reader, **W:** Welcomers



Thank you for joining in our worship today. We offer an after-service 'cuppa' in our meeting room next to the foyer after Sunday Services – you are all invited to join us.

NOTICES

Supportive Friends

Our next meeting will be held in the Fellowship Room on **Friday May 16th at 10.30 am.** We have invited two Representatives from Anglicare to be our guests on that day. We have asked them to speak about the work of Anglicare and to suggest ways in which we may be able to help.

Please bring a small plate of morning tea to share. If you need transport, please let us know.

Wendy and Rosemary

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

		3 rd Sunday of Easter	
Sun	4-May	8:00 am	Said Eucharist
		10:00 am	Said/Sung Eucharist
			and Baptism in Holy Communion
Mon	5-May	10:30 am	<i>Al Anon (fellowship room)</i>
Tue	6-May	5:30 pm	Community meal: TDRM
Wed	7-May	10:00 am	Said Eucharist
		5:15 pm	<i>Community meal: Winter Shelter</i>
		7:00 pm	<i>N.A. meeting (fellowship room)</i>
Thu	8-May		
Fri	9-May		
Sat	10-May	7:00 am	<i>A.A. meeting (fellowship room)</i>
		6:00 pm	<i>Lai Christian Church service</i>
		4 th Sunday of Easter	
Sun	11-May	8:00 am	Said Eucharist
		10:00 am	Said/Sung Eucharist

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