

St John the Divine Croydon

Eucharist Service

Patronal Festival

18 May 2025



Welcome to our worship and community life at St John the Divine. All are welcome to come forward to make your communion with God, receiving either the sacrament, or a blessing if you prefer.

All stand when the bell rings.

[The sanctuary party will process towards the Altar with music provided by the Organist. The opening hymn will be sung once the sanctuary party has assumed their seats.]

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

[EA] Opening Hymn: **TiS 392 – At the dawning of salvation**

1. At the dawning of salvation;
in the morning of the world,
Christ is raised, a living banner
by the love of God unfurled,
Through the daylight, through the
darkness,
Christ leads on his great array:
all the saints and all the sinners
he has gathered on his way.
2. He is risen in the morning,
he is risen from the dead;
he is laughter after sadness,
he is light when night has fled.
He has suffered, he has
triumphed,
life is his alone to give:
as he gave it once he gives it
evermore, that we may live.
3. For the glory of salvation
in the dawn of Easter day
we will praise you, loving Father;
we rejoice to sing and pray
with the Son and with the Spirit
Lead us on, your great array,
saints and sinners celebrating
your triumphant love today.

[C] Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

[C] Christ is risen. Alleluia.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Sentence of the day

[EA] We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life. [1 John 1.1]

[EA] Let us pray.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy

**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.**

Collect of the day

[C] Let us pray:

Shed upon your Church, O Lord, the brightness of your light, so that we, being illumined by the teaching of John the evangelist, may walk in the light the light of your truth, and be brought to the fullness of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE 1ST READING – Proverbs 8.22-31

- ²² The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
- ²³ Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
- ²⁴ When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
- ²⁵ Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—
- ²⁶ when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.
- ²⁷ When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
- ²⁸ when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
- ²⁹ when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
- ³⁰ then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
- ³¹ rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.

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

For PSALM – TiS 326 – Pull back the veil

1. Pull back the veil on the dawn of
creation;
vanish the mists from the sources
of time;
echo the bird that broods over the
waters,
singing the secret of grace in its
prime.

Love's the secret!
Love's the secret!
Love is God's risk and God's
reason,
God's rule and God's rhyme,
and God's rhyme.

2. Pull back the curtain on
Bethlehem's stable;
strip off the tinsel and peer through
the dark;
look at the child who's a threat yet
in danger,
homeless and helpless he first
makes his mark.
Love's the secret!
Love's the secret!
Love is God's cradle, God's table,
God's cup and God's ark,
and God's ark.

3. Pull back the veil on each
parable's story,
be it of virgins or talents forlorn;
find in the kernel a core of
compassion,
planted in minds yet in flesh to be
born.
Love's the secret!
Love's the secret!
Love is God's madness, God's
sadness,
God's feast and God's corn,
and God's corn.

4. Pull back the curtain that hides what
is holy;
tear it in two as Christ did from the hill;
see at the centre of Good and bad
Friday
something no mob or marauder can
kill.
Love's the secret!
Love's the secret.
Love is God's way and God's witness,
God's worth and God's will,
and God's will.

5. Pull back the stone that conceals
what is
buried;
pull back the veil and the curtain of
doom;
pull back the centuries' doubts and
delusions,
look through the mystery into the
tomb.
Love's the secret!
Love's the secret!
Love is surprising, God's rising,
God's wealth and God's womb,
and God's womb.

THE EPISTLE – 1 John 1.1-5

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. ⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.

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

[EA] Gradual Hymn:

Patronal hymn composed for St John the Divine Croydon

(Hymn: John, in the Spirit Elizabeth J Smith, 1992 - tune: Woodlands TiS 161)

1. John, in the Spirit, saw the First and Last,
the Living one, the Firstborn of the dead,
and wrote for us of what he saw and heard,
so we, too, by the Spirit might be led.
2. John wrote the words of warning and of hope,
of love, and truth, and riches God will give;
and so we pray for grace to know our need,
to ask God's help, to keep the faith, and live.
3. John saw the new Jerusalem come down
with all tears wiped away, and no more pain,
and so we long for God to dwell with us,
and so we dream this world made whole again.
4. O God, as you gave John the eyes to see
the Lamb enthroned, the holy city's light,
open our eyes and ears and hearts to know
your wisdom, honour, glory, blessing, might.

[Please remain standing for the gospel]

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **John 20.2-8**

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.'³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb.⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there,⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen

wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed;

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

[Please be seated for the sermon / reflections.]

Sermon / Reflections

THE CREED

[EA] Let us stand and affirm the faith of the Church:-

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son**

is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE [Intercession]

[EA] Let us pray for the world, the church and one another

The prayers conclude with:

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us 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.

PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

[EA] God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. [John 3.16]

[EA] Let us pray:

We do not presume
to come to your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he is us. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

[EA] Christ our Passover Lamb has been offered for us, therefore we come to celebrate the festival.

[Silence may be kept]

[EA] Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true heart.

**Merciful God, our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

[C] Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

[C] Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.

[C] The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

[All may exchange a sign of peace]

[EA] Offertory Hymn: **TiS 456 – Your hand O God has guided**

1. Your hand, O God, has guided
your flock from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written
full clear, on every page.
your people owed your goodness,
and we their deeds accord;
and both of this bear witness:
one church, one faith, one Lord.
2. Your heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest, as to least;
they bade them rise, and hasten
to share the great king's feast;
and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming
one church, one faith, one Lord.
3. Through many a day of darkness,
through many a scene of strife,
the faithful few fought bravely
to guard the nation's life.
Their gospel of redemption,
sin pardoned, earth restored,
was all in this enfolded:
one church, one faith, one Lord.
4. Your mercy will not fail us,
nor leave your work undone;
with your right hand to help us
the victory shall be won;
and then by all creation
your name shall be adored,
and this shall be our anthem:
one church, one faith, one Lord.

[Please remain standing for the gospel]

Offertory prayer

[C] 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

[C] [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 your Son,
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,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin,
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

And now we give you thanks that you raised him to life triumphant,
and exalted him in glory.

By his victory over death,
the reign of sin is ended,
a new day has dawned,
a broken world is restored
and we are made whole once more.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and 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.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body,

for we all share in the one bread.

[The wine will be administered in two chalices. The taller chalice will be for 'sipping' and the shorter chalice for 'dipping/intinction']

(Sing)

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

[C] God the source of all holiness: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims on earth be welcomed with John and all your saints to the heavenly feast in your kingdom.

[C] Father,
we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

[Notices, if any by one of the Wardens]

[EA] Closing Hymn : **TiS 457 – The Church's one foundation**

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| 1. The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord:
she is his new creation
by water and the word;
from heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died. | 3. Though with a scornful wonder
the world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping,
their cry goes up, 'How long?'
and soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song. |
| 2. Elect from every nation
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation,
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses
with every grace endued. | 4. Through toil and tribulation
and tumult of her war
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore,
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blessed,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest. |

5. Yet she on earth has union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give to us the grace
like them, the meek and lowly,
in heaven to seek your face

[C] God give you grace to follow John and all the saints in faith and hope and love; 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

9.00am E.A. Helen Duncan, **R1.** Pat Mackay, **R2.** Connie Killey, **Intercessor.** Jenny Harris, **Cr.** Andrew Bell, **C.M.** Ailsa Wakeley, **W.** Jenny Harris & Rosemary Callow, **Counters.** Ken Hutton & Eileen Moore

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 invited to join us.

NOTICES

Message from your FundRaising Team

Attention STJD parishioners

Please come and join the annual **Soup & Dessert lunch** today, **Sunday 18th of May** after the service. **Price per person is \$10.00**

Trash & Treasure stall to be held on **Saturday 31st May**. This will be held outside under the veranda in the front of the church facing Wicklow Avenue. This is to include the wider community.

If anybody has any preloved goods to donate, it will be very much appreciated. It cannot be large items, it has to be small to medium size, so that it can be carried by one person. The goods can only be delivered on the Thursday or Friday before, due to no storage at church.

Thanks everyone.

From your friendly Fund Raising Team

Messy Church

Stephen's Anglican Church Bayswater runs a Messy Church service every two months. The next one is coming up on **Sunday 1st of June 2025** from 4.30pm to 6.30pm. More information in the poster at narthex.

If you are not aware of Messy Church is for all ages, is Christ centred and emphasises hospitality, creativity and celebration. Each service is centred around a scripture passage and a theme. In April the scripture is John 11:25-26, Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life". Our time together begins with welcoming everyone and joining in a variety of creative activities. In April these will include card making, getting messy with paint, an empty tomb, wide awake eyes and working together to make a quilt. We then move into the church for our Celebration which is a short time of songs, stories or a message delivered in a creative way and prayer. Our time together finishes with a meal which, this time, will be baked potatoes with a variety of toppings and ice cream and jelly for dessert.

Thank you St John's TDRM Team

A huge thank you to everyone who helped at The Dining Room Mission on Tuesday.

Thank you to the cooks who made and delivered the delicious slow cooked beef brisket, carrots and baked potatoes which was served with green vegetables. The guests scraped their plates clean and really enjoyed the tasty and generous meal.

And thank you to the hardworking kitchen team. It was a little more complicated this time, but as always the meal was prepared and served with happy efficiency.

Well done everyone!

The next cooking date for the St John's team is **June 10** so please put the date into your diaries.

Readings for next week:

Acts 16.9-15, Ps 67, Revelation 21.10-14, 21.22-22.5, John 5.1-9

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Please email notices to Parish Office by Wednesday 9AM

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Patronal Festival			
Sun 18-May	9:00 am	Said/ Sung Eucharist	
		Followed by Soup and Lunch dessert and birthdays celebration	
Mon 19-May	10:30 am	<i>Al Anon (fellowship room)</i>	
	7:00 pm	Parish Council meeting	
Tue 20-May	5:30 pm	Community meal: TDRM	
Wed 21-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 22-May			
Fri 23-May			
Sat 24-May	7:00 am	<i>A.A. meeting (fellowship room)</i>	
	6:30 pm	<i>Lai Christian Church service</i>	
		5th Sunday of Easter	
Sun 25-May	8:00 am	Said Eucharist	
	10:00 am	Sung/Said Eucharist	

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