

St John the Divine Croydon

Eucharist Service

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

22 June 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: **Praise the One who break the darkness**

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1. Praise the One who break the darkness
with a liberating light.
Praise the One who frees the prisoners
turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel
healing every dread disease.
Calming storms and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.

2. Praise the One who blessed the children
with a strong yet gentle word.
Praise the One who drove out demons
with a piercing two-edged sword.
Praise the one who brings cool water
to the desert's burning sand.
From this well comes living water
quenching thirst in every land.

3. Praise the one true love incarnate:
Christ who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose for many
that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness
seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory,
praise the One who makes us one.

[C] Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

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

Sentence of the day

[EA] God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, and he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him [Acts 10.38]

[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:

Pour out upon us, O God, the power and wisdom of your Spirit, so that we, who have been baptized into Christ and made your children through faith, may know your Son's power to heal, and, being made one in him, may overcome all barriers that divide us' who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

God of mission, who alone brings growth to your Church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, joy to our worship, and power to our witness. Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[Please be seated for the Readings]

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE 1st READING – 1 Kings 19.1-15a

19 Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ²Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, 'So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.' ³Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

⁴But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.' ⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, 'Get up and eat.' ⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, 'Get up and eat, otherwise

the journey will be too much for you.’⁸ He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.⁹ At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, ‘What are you doing here, Elijah?’¹⁰ He answered, ‘I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.’

¹¹He said, ‘Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.’ Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake;¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, ‘What are you doing here, Elijah?’¹⁴ He answered, ‘I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.’¹⁵ Then the Lord said to him, ‘Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.

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

PSALM 42 (read by alternate verses)

¹As a deer longs for the running brooks :
so longs my soul for you, O God.

²**My soul is thirsty for God, thirsty for the living God :
when shall I come and see his face?**

³My tears have been my food day and night :
while they ask me all day long ‘Where now is your God?’

⁴**As I pour out my soul by myself, I remember this :
how I went to the house of the Mighty One, into the temple of God,**

⁵To the shouts and songs of thanksgiving :
a multitude keeping high festival.

⁶**Why are you so full of heaviness, my soul :
and why so unquiet within me?**

⁷O put your trust in God :
for I will praise him yet, who is my deliverer and my God.

⁸**My soul is heavy within me :
therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan,
from Mizar among the hills of Hermon.**

- ⁹ Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waters :
all your waves and breakers have gone over me.
- ¹⁰ **Surely the Lord will grant his loving mercy in the day-time :
and in the night his song will be with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.**
- ¹¹ I will say to God, my rock, ‘Why have you forgotten me :
why must I go like a mourner because the enemy oppresses me?’
- ¹² **Like a sword through my bones, my enemies have mocked me :
while they ask me all day long ‘Where now is your God?’**
- ¹³ Why are you so full of heaviness, my soul :
and why so unquiet within me?
- ¹⁴ **O put your trust in God :
for I will praise him yet, who is my deliverer and my God.**

THE EPISTLE – **Galatians 3.10-14, 23-29**

¹⁰ For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, ‘Cursed is everyone who does not observe and obey all the things written in the book of the law.’ ¹¹ Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law; for ‘The one who is righteous will live by faith.’^[a] ¹² But the law does not rest on faith; on the contrary, ‘Whoever does the works of the law^[b] will live by them.’ ¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, ‘Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree’— ¹⁴ in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring,^[a] heirs according to the promise.

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

[EA] Gradual Hymn: **TiS 703 – As the deer**

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1. As the deer pants for the water,
So my soul longs after You.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.
*You alone are my strength, my shield,
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.*
2. I want You more than gold or silver,
Only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver
And the apple of my eye.
You alone...
3. You're my Friend and You are my brother,
Even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other,
So much more than anything.
You alone...

[Please remain standing for the gospel]

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Luke 8.26-39**

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

²⁶Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me'— ²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said,

‘Legion’; for many demons had entered him. ³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ ‘Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.’ So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

[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:

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

**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.
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 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] Jesus said: I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. [John 6.35]

[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] ‘God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord’s table.

[Silence may be kept]

[EA] Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God’s forgiveness.

**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 690 – Beauty for brokenness**

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| 1. Beauty for brokenness,
hope for despair,
Lord, in the suffering,
this is our prayer.
Bread for the children,
justice, joy, peace,
sunrise to sunset
your kingdom increase. | 2. Shelter for fragile lives,
cures for their ills,
work for the craftsmen,
trade for their skills;
land for the dispossessed,
rights for the weak;
voices to plead the cause
of those who can’t speak. |
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*God of the poor,
friend of the weak,
give us compassion we pray;
melt our cold hearts,
let tears fall like rain.
Come change our love
from a spark to a flame.*

4. Rest for the ravaged earth,
oceans and streams,
plundered and poisoned,
our future, our dreams.
Lord, end our madness,
carelessness, greed;
make us content with
the things that we need.
God of the poor.....

3. Refuge from cruel wars,
havens from fear,
cities for sanctuary,
freedoms to share,
peace to the killing-fields,
scorched earth to green;
Christ for the bitterness,
his cross for the pain.

5. Lighten our darkness,
breathe on this flame
until your justice burns
brightly again;
until the nations
learn of your ways,
seek your salvation
and bring you their praise.
God of the poor

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.

It is right to praise you, faithful God,
always and everywhere,
for with your only begotten Son
and life-giving Spirit,
you are the one true God from everlasting to everlasting.

At the dawn of time you wrought from nothing
a universe of beauty and splendour,
bringing light from darkness
and order from chaos.

You formed us, male and female, in your image,
and endowed us with creative power.

We turned away from you but you did not abandon us.
You called us by name and searched us out,
making a covenant of mercy,
giving the law, and teaching justice by the prophets.

And so we praise you,
joining with your faithful people of every time and place,
singing the eternal song:
**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.]**

When the fullness of time was come,
you sent your Son to be born of Mary.

Bright image of your glory,
he learnt obedience to you in all things,
even to death on a cross,
breaking the power of evil,
freeing us from sin, and putting death to flight.

You raised him from death,
exalting him to glory,
and the new day dawned.

On the night he was betrayed
your Son Jesus Christ shared food with his friends,
his companions on the way.

While at the table he took bread,
blessed, and broke it,
and giving it to them, said:
‘Take, eat, this is my body.’

He took a cup of wine,
and, giving thanks, he gave it to them, and said,
‘This is my blood of the covenant,
which is poured out for many.
Do this in remembrance of me.’

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Therefore, living God, as we obey his command,
we remember his life of obedience to you,
his suffering and death,
his resurrection and exaltation,
and his promise to be with us for ever.

With this bread and this cup
we celebrate his saving death until he comes.

Accept, we pray, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration
that all who eat and drink at this table
may be strengthened by Christ's body and blood
to serve you in the world.

As one body and one holy people,
may we proclaim that everlasting gospel
of Jesus Christ our Lord,
through whom, with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit.
all glory is yours, eternal God, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE 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.**

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

(Sing/say)

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] Father of all we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

**Keep us in this hope that we have grasped;
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name.**

Notices, if any by one of the Wardens

[EA] Closing Hymn : **TiS 154 – Great is thy faithfulness**

1. Great is your faithfulness, O God my Father,
in you no shadow of turning we see;
you never fail and your love is unchanging:
as you have been you for ever will be.
*[Refrain] Great is your faithfulness,
great is your faithfulness,
morning by morning new mercies we see;
all we have needed your hand has provided:
great is your faithfulness, Lord God, to me.*
2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in unspoken witness
to your great faithfulness, mercy and love. *[Refrain]*
3. Pardon for sin and a peace that's enduring,
your living presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow --
these are the blessings your love will provide. *[Refrain]*

[C] The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; 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.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Worship Roster for today

8.00am E.A. Rosemary Callow, **R1 & R2.** Deborah Guess, **Intercessor.** Fr Sam, **Cr.** Jim Moore, **C.M.** Andrew Bell, **W.** Eileen Moore

10.00am E.A. Steven Sim, **R1.** Connie Killey, **R2.** Jenny Harris, **Intercessor.** Ailsa Wakeley, **Cr.** Joel Shambrook, **C.M.** Ailsa Wakeley, **W.** Elizabeth Sanderson & Cheryl Yon, **Counters.** Connie Killey & 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 invited to join us.

Readings for next weeks

29- Jun-25	Peter, Paul, Apostles and Martyrs	Acts 12.1-11 or Ezekiel 34.11-16	Ps 87 or Ps 34.1-10	2 Timothy 4.6-8 (9-16) 17-18	John 21.15-22
6-Jul-25	Thomas, Apostle & Martyr	Habakkuk 2.1-4	Ps 117	Ephesians 2.19-22	John 20.24-29

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

2 nd Sunday after Pentecost			
Sun	22-Jun	8:00 am	Said Eucharist
		10:00 am	Said/Sung Eucharist
Mon	23-Jun	10:30 am	<i>Al Anon (fellowship room)</i>
Tue	24-Jun	5:30 pm	Community meal: TDRM
Wed	25-Jun	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	26-Jun		
Fri	27-Jun		
Sat	28-Jun	7:00 am	<i>A.A. meeting (fellowship room)</i>
		10:00 am	Singing Group rehearsal
		6:30 pm	<i>Lai Christian Church service</i>
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