

**St John the Divine Croydon**  
*Eucharist Service*  
**Peter and Paul, Apostles & Martyrs**  
29 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.]

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**GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

[EA] Opening Hymn: **TiS 557 – Awake, my soul**

1. Awake, my soul, and with the sun  
your daily stage of duty run;  
shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise  
to pay your morning sacrifice.
2. Glory to you that safely kept  
and have refreshed me while I slept;  
grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake  
I may of endless light partake.
3. Lord, I my vows to you renew;  
disperse my sins as morning dew;  
guard my first springs of thought and will,  
and with yourself my spirit fill.
4. Direct, control, suggest, this day,  
all I design or do or say,  
that all my powers, with all their might,  
in your sole glory may unite.

5. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
praise God, all creatures here below,  
praise God above, you heavenly host,  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

[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] 'My grace is sufficient for you,' says the Lord, 'for my power is made perfect in weakness.' [2 Corinthians 12.9]

[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:

Almighty God, whose apostles Peter and Paul glorified you in their deaths as in their lives: grant that your Church, inspired by their teaching and example, and knit together in unity by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 1<sup>st</sup> READING – Ezekiel 4.11-16**

<sup>11</sup>And you shall drink water by measure, one-sixth of a hin; at fixed times you shall drink. <sup>12</sup>You shall eat it as a barley-cake, baking it in their sight on human dung. <sup>13</sup>The Lord said, ‘Thus shall the people of Israel eat their bread, unclean, among the nations to which I will drive them.’ <sup>14</sup>Then I said, ‘Ah Lord God! I have never defiled myself; from my youth up until now I have never eaten what died of itself or was torn by animals, nor has carrion flesh come into my mouth.’ <sup>15</sup>Then he said to me, ‘See, I will let you have cow’s dung instead of human dung, on which you may prepare your bread.’ <sup>16</sup>Then he said to me, Mortal, I am going to break the staff of bread in Jerusalem; they shall eat bread by weight and with fearfulness; and they shall drink water by measure and in dismay.

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

**PSALM 34.1-10** (read by alternate verses)

- <sup>1</sup> I will bless the Lord continually :  
his praise shall be always in my mouth.
- <sup>2</sup> **Let my soul boast of the Lord :  
the humble shall hear it and rejoice.**
- <sup>3</sup> O praise the Lord with me :  
let us exalt his name together.
- <sup>4</sup> **For I sought the Lord's help and he answered :  
and he freed me from all my fears.**
- <sup>5</sup> Look towards him and be bright with joy :  
your faces shall not be ashamed.
- <sup>6</sup> **Here is a wretch who cried, and the Lord heard him :  
and saved him from all his troubles.**
- <sup>7</sup> The angel of the Lord encamps round those who fear him :  
and delivers them in their need.
- <sup>8</sup> **O taste and see that the Lord is good :  
happy the man who hides in him!**
- <sup>9</sup> Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones :  
for those who fear him never lack.
- <sup>10</sup> **Lions may suffer want and go hungry :  
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing good.**

**THE EPISTLE – 2 Timothy 4.6-18**

<sup>6</sup>As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup>From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

<sup>9</sup>Do your best to come to me soon, <sup>10</sup>for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. <sup>11</sup>Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. <sup>12</sup>I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. <sup>13</sup>When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. <sup>14</sup>Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. <sup>15</sup>You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message.

<sup>16</sup>At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! <sup>17</sup>But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. <sup>18</sup>The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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

[EA] Gradual Hymn: **TiS 634 – All who love and serve your city**

(observed with tune TiS 165)

1. All who love and serve your city,  
all who bear its daily stress,  
all who cry for peace and justice,  
all who curse and all who bless:
2. in your day of loss and sorrow,  
in your day of helpless strife,  
honour, peace and love retreating,  
seek the Lord, who is your life.
3. In your day of wealth and plenty,  
wasted work and wasted play,  
call to mind the word of Jesus,  
'I must work while it is day.'
4. For all days are days of judgment,  
and the Lord is waiting still,  
drawing near to those who spurn him,  
offering peace and Calvary's hill.
5. Risen Lord, shall still our city  
be the city of despair?  
Come today, our Judge, our Glory,  
be its name 'The Lord is there'.

*[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 21.15-22**

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

<sup>15</sup>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.’ <sup>16</sup>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.’ <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>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.’ <sup>19</sup>(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, ‘Follow me.’

<sup>20</sup>Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, ‘Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?’ <sup>21</sup>When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, ‘Lord, what about him?’ <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, ‘If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!’

[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] We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

*[Silence may be kept]*

[EA] Let us then run our race, laying aside every weight and bringing our sins to the Lord in penitence and faith.

**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 584 – Just as I am**

1. Just as I am, without one plea  
but that your blood was shed for me,  
and that you would my Saviour be,  
O Lamb of God, I come.
2. Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come.
3. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind -  
sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
yes, all I need, in you to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come.
4. Just as I am, you will receive,  
will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because your promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

5. Just as I am - your love unknown  
has broken every barrier down  
now to be your, and yours alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

6. Just as I am, of that free love  
the breadth, length, depth and height to prove,  
here for a season, then above,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

#### 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  
and rising to new life,  
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin  
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.  
And now we give you thanks because  
you have called us into the fellowship of Peter and Paul  
all your saints,  
and set before us the example of their witness

and the fruit of your Spirit in their lives.  
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.'

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**

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] God, the source of all holiness: may we who have shared at this table as  
strangers and pilgrims on earth be welcomed with Peter and Paul 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 112 – Through all the changing scenes of life**

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| 1. Through all the changing<br>scenes of life,<br>in trouble and in joy,<br>the praises of my God shall still<br>my heart and tongue employ.       | 4. The hosts of God encamp around<br>the dwellings of the just;<br>deliverance he affords for all<br>who in his mercy trust.                   |
| 2. Of his deliverance I will boast,<br>till all that are distressed,<br>when learning this, will comfort<br>take<br>and calm their griefs to rest. | 5. O make but trial of his love;<br>experience will decide<br>how blest are they, and only they,<br>who in his truth confide.                  |
| 3. O magnify the Lord with me,<br>with me exalt his name;<br>when in distress to him I called<br>he to my rescue came.                             | 6. Fear him, you saints, and you will<br>then<br>have nothing else to fear;<br>if in his service you delight,<br>your wants shall be his care. |

[C] God give you grace to follow Peter and Paul 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.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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## Worship Roster for today

**8.00am E.A.** Jim Moore, **R1 & R2.** Rosemary Callow, **Intercessor.** Fr Sam, **Cr.** Norm Stephens, **C.M.** Norm Stephens, **W.** Caroline Stephens & Eileen Moore

**10.00am E.A.** Helen Duncan, **R1.** Judy Carter, **R2.** Howard Carter, **Intercessor.** Jenny Harris, **Cr.** Steven Sim, **C.M.** Steven Sim, **W.** Judy Carter & Jenny Harris, **Counters.** Gecille Hindson & Mark Duncan

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

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*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.*

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## NOTICES

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### Worship Roster

I am in the process of compiling the Worship roster for July 2025. Please let me know by Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> of June if you are unavailable during the month. Please email me on [hduncan@stjohndivine.org.au](mailto:hduncan@stjohndivine.org.au) the dates you will be unavailable. (Helen)

### Readings for next weeks

|        |                             |                |        |                                 |                  |
|--------|-----------------------------|----------------|--------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| 6-Jul  | Thomas, Apostle & Martyr    | Habakkuk 2.1-4 | Ps 117 | Ephesians 2.19-22               | John 20.24-29    |
| 13-Jul | Pentecost 5                 | Amos 7.7-17    | Ps 82  | Colossians 1.1-14               | Luke 10.25-37    |
| 20-Jul | Pentecost 6                 | Amos 8.1-12    | Ps 52  | Colossians 1.15-29              | Luke 10.38-42    |
| 27-Jul | James, Apostles and Martyrs | Jeremiah 45    | Ps 126 | Acts 11.27-12.3 or 2 Cor 4.7-15 | Matthew 20.20-28 |

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## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

|     |        | Peter and Paul, Apostles and Martyrs |                                |
|-----|--------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Sun | 29-Jun | 8:00 am                              | Said Eucharist                 |
|     |        | 10:00 am                             | Said/Sung Eucharist            |
|     |        |                                      |                                |
| Mon | 30-Jun | 10:30 am                             | Al Anon (fellowship room)      |
|     |        |                                      |                                |
| Tue | 1-Jul  | 5:30 pm                              | Community meal: TDRM           |
|     |        |                                      |                                |
| Wed | 2-Jul  | 10:00 am                             | Said Eucharist                 |
|     |        | 12:00 pm                             | Mothers Union meeting          |
|     |        | 5:15 pm                              | Community meal: Winter Shelter |
|     |        | 7:00 pm                              | N.A. meeting (fellowship room) |
|     |        |                                      |                                |
| Thu | 3-Jul  | 7:00 pm                              | Singing Group rehearsal        |
|     |        |                                      |                                |
| Fri | 4-Jul  |                                      |                                |
|     |        |                                      |                                |
| Sat | 5-Jul  | 7:00 am                              | A.A. meeting (fellowship room) |
|     |        | 6:30 pm                              | Lai Christian Church service   |
|     |        |                                      |                                |
|     |        | Thomas, Apostle & Martyr             |                                |
| Sun | 6-Jul  | 8:00 am                              | Said Eucharist                 |
|     |        | 10:00 am                             | Said/Sung Eucharist            |
|     |        |                                      |                                |

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