

# St John the Divine Croydon

## *Eucharist Service*

### **Thomas, Apostle & Martyr**

6 July 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 438 – Give me the wings of faith**

1. Give me the wings of faith to rise  
within the veil, and see  
the saints above, how great their joys,  
how bright their glories be.
2. Once they were mourning here below,  
and poured out sighs and tears;  
they wrestled hard, as we do now,  
with sins and doubts and fears.
3. I ask them whence their victory came;  
they, with united breath,  
ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,  
their triumph to his death.
4. They marked the footsteps that he trod,  
his zeal inspired their quest,  
and, following their incarnate God,  
possess the promised rest.

5. Our glorious leader claims our praise  
for his own pattern given;  
while the long cloud of witnesses  
show the same path to heaven.

[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] Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe  
[John 20.29]

[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.**

[EA] 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord  
your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your  
mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first  
commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as  
yourself.'

[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.**

[Sing/say]

**Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy**

[Sing/say]

**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 and eternal God, who, for the firmer foundation of our faith, allowed the apostle Thomas to doubt the resurrection of your Son until word and sight convinced him: grant that we, who have not seen, may also believe, and so receive the fullness of your Son's blessing; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

**[All] 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 – Habakkuk 2.1-4**

<sup>1</sup> I will stand at my watch-post,  
and station myself on the rampart;  
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,  
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

<sup>2</sup> Then the Lord answered me and said:

Write the vision;  
make it plain on tablets,  
so that a runner may read it.

<sup>3</sup> For there is still a vision for the appointed time;  
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;  
it will surely come, it will not delay.

<sup>4</sup> Look at the proud!

Their spirit is not right in them,  
but the righteous live by their faith.

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

### **PSALM 117 (read by alternate verses)**

<sup>1</sup> O praise the Lord, all you nations :  
O praise him, all you peoples.

<sup>2</sup> **For great is his loving-kindness toward us :  
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever.  
Praise the Lord**

## THE EPISTLE – **Ephesians 2.19-22**

<sup>19</sup>So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. <sup>21</sup>In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; <sup>22</sup>in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

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

[EA] Gradual Hymn: **TiS 691 – Faith will not grow from words alone**

1. Faith will now grow from words alone.  
from proofs provided, scripture known;  
our faith must feel its way about,  
and live with question-marks and doubt.
2. The pattern Jesus showed, we share”  
life comes through death, hope through despair.  
God is made known in brokenness,  
and faith feeds on God’s emptiness.
3. The church still tells how Jesus came  
through death to glorious life again  
the strangest story! Yet, maybe,  
our faith will thrive on mystery.
4. Faith takes the little that we know,  
and calls for hope, and tells us: Go!  
Love and take courage, come what may;  
Christ will be with us on the way.

*[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 20.24-29**

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

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

*It need not discourage us if we are full of doubts. Healthy questions keep faith dynamic. In fact, unless we start with doubts we cannot have a deep-rooted faith. One who believes lightly and unthinkingly has not much of a belief. One who has a faith which is not to be shaken has won it through blood and tears--has worked his or her way from doubt to truth as one who reaches a clearing through a thicket of brambles and thorns. [Helen Keller]*

*If you would be a real seeker of the truth, it is necessary at least once in your life to doubt, as far as possible, all things. [René Descartes]*

*Faith and doubt both are needed--not as antagonists, but working side by side--to take us around the unknown curve. [Lillian Smith]*

*Doubt is the disease of this inquisitive, restless age. It is the price we pay for our advanced intelligence and civilization--the dim light of our resplendent day. But as the most beautiful night is born of darkness, so the faith that springs from conflict is often the strongest and the best. [Robert J. Turnbull]*

*As long as there is a material body, you are carrying doubt. Do not despise your doubting. That is the human condition. When there is no more doubt, you do not need to be human. [Emmanuel]*

*Give me the benefit of your convictions, if you have any, but keep your doubts to yourself, for I have enough of my own. [Johann Wolfgang von Goethe]*

## 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:

**Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers. Grant that what  
we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive through Jesus  
Christ our Lord.**

## **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.**

## **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 535 – I am the bread of life**

1 “I am the bread of Life”. Those who come to me shall not hunger;  
Those who believe in me, shall not thirst.

No one can come to me unless the Father draws them.

*And I will raise them up,  
and I will raise them up,  
and I will raise them up  
At the last day.*



2. The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world,  
And those who eat this bread,  
They shall live forever, they shall live forever.  
*And I will raise them up.....*

3. Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink of his blood,  
And drink of his blood, you shall not have life within you.  
*And I will raise them up.....*

4. I am the resurrection, I am the life,  
those who believe in me,  
Even though they die, they shall live forever.  
*And I will raise them up.....*

5. Yes, Lord I believe that you are the Christ,  
The Son of God,  
Who has come into the world  
*And I will raise them up.....*

#### 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 Thomas and 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.**

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 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 Thomas 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 545 – Shout for joy**

1. Shout for joy! The Lord has let us feast;  
Heaven's own fare has fed the last and least;  
Christ's own peace is shared again on earth;  
God the Spirit fills us with new worth.

2. No more doubting, no more senseless dread:  
God's good self has graced our wine and bread;  
all the wonder heaven has kept in store.  
now is ours to keep for evermore.
3. Celebrate with saints who dine on high,  
witnesses that love can never die.  
'Hallelujah!' - thus their voices ring:  
nothing less in gratitude we bring.
4. Praise the Maker, praise the Maker's Son,  
praise the Spirit - three yet ever one;  
praise the God whose food and friends avow  
heaven starts here! The kingdom beckons now!

[C] God give you grace to follow Thomas 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.** Helen Duncan, **R1 & R2.** Wendy Pullin, **Intercessor.** Fr Sam, **Cr.** Norm Stephens, **C.M.** Norm Stephens, **W.** Eileen Moore & Rosemary Callow

**10.00am E.A.** Helen Duncan, **R1.** Connie Killey, **R2.** Carol Doriean, **Intercessor.** Jenny Wakefield, **Cr.** Steven Sim, **C.M.** Naomy Nesimnahan, **W.** Jenny Harris & Carol Doriean, **Counters.** Naomy Nesimnahan & 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.*

## NOTICES

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### **TDRM Cooking – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July**

It is St John's turn to cook and serve the meal for The Dining Room Mission this coming Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> July and lots of help is needed because we are providing the soup, main meal and dessert.

On the menu this time is chow mien with rice, and for dessert we will do our much loved apple and pear crumble again. Cooks are needed to make the chow mien and the crumbles in advance. As always, the recipe and main ingredients are provided, and transport can be arranged if you cannot deliver the food hot to TDRM at 5pm on Tuesday. Help with the soup would also be appreciated.

3- 4 volunteers are also needed in the kitchen from 4.30pm to cook the rice, serve the food and do the dishes.

If you can assist with cooking are interested in helping in the kitchen please see Cathy Cossey (0402 239 933)

### **Readings for next weeks**

<b>13-Jul</b>	<b>Pentecost 5</b>	Amos 7.7-17	Ps 82	Colossians 1.1-14	Luke 10.25-37
<b>20-Jul</b>	<b>Pentecost 6</b>	Amos 8.1-12	Ps 52	Colossians 1.15-29	Luke 10.38-42
<b>27-Jul</b>	<b>James, Apostles and Martyrs</b>	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

Thomas, Apostle & Martyr			
Sun	6-Jul	8:00 am	Said Eucharist
		10:00 am	Said/Sung Eucharist
Mon	7-Jul	10:30 am	<i>Al Anon (fellowship room)</i>
Tue	8-Jul	5:30 pm	Community meal: TDRM
Wed	9-Jul	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	10-Jul		
Fri	11-Jul		
Sat	12-Jul	7:00 am	<i>A.A. meeting (fellowship room)</i>
		6:30 pm	<i>Lai Christian Church service</i>
		<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
Sun	13-Jul	8:00 am	Said Eucharist
		10:00 am	Said/Sung Eucharist

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