St John the Divine Croydon

Eucharist Service

6th Sunday after Pentecost

20 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 693 - Come as you are

- 'Come as you are: that's how I want you. Come as you are; feel quite at home, close to my heart, loved and forgiven. Come as you are: why stand alone?
- 'No need to fear, love sets no limits; no need to fear, love never ends; don't run away shamed and disheartened, rest in my love, trust me again.
- 3. 'I came to call sinners, not just the righteous; I came to bring peace, not to condemn.
 Each time you fail to live by my promise, why do you think
 I'd love you the less?
- 4. 'Come as you are: that's how 1 love you; come as you are, trust me again. Nothing can change the love that I bear you; all will be well, just come as you are
- [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] In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and trust shall be your strength. [Isaiah 30.16]

[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:

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ and make yourself our guest: amid the cares of our daily lives, make us attentive to your voice and alert to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and 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 1st READING – Genesis 10.1-10a

¹ These are the descendants of Noah's sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth; children were born to them after the flood. ²The descendants of Japheth: Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras. ³The descendants of Gomer: Ashkenaz, Riphath, and Togarmah. ⁴The descendants of Javan: Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim, and Rodanim. ⁵From these the coastland peoples spread. These are the descendants of Japheth in their lands, with their own language, by their families, in their nations.

⁶The descendants of Ham: Cush, Egypt, Put, and Canaan. ⁷The descendants of Cush: Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah, and Sabteca. The descendants of Raamah: Sheba and Dedan. ⁸Cush became the father of Nimrod; he was the first on earth to become a mighty warrior. ⁹He was a mighty hunter before the Lord; therefore it is

said, 'Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before the Lord.' ¹⁰The beginning of his kingdom was Babel, Erech, and Accad, all of them in the land of Shinar.

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

PSALM 52 (read by alternate verses)

¹Why, you that are powerful, do you boast all the day long : of mischief done to those that are faithful to God?

²You contrive destroying slanders :

your tongue is like a sharpened razor, it cuts deceitfully.

³You have loved evil, and not good : to tell lies, rather than to speak the truth.

⁴You love all words that may do hurt :

 and every deceit of the tongue.
 ⁵ But God will destroy you utterly : he will snatch you away and pluck you out of your dwelling, he will uproot you from the land of the living.

- ⁶The righteous shall see it, and fear : they shall laugh you to scorn, and say,
- ⁷ 'Here is one who did not take God for strength : but trusted in the abundance of his riches, and found strength in slander.'
- ⁸As for me, I am like a green olive tree in the house of God : I will trust in the goodness of God for ever and ever.
- ⁹I will always give you thanks, for this was your doing : I will glorify your name before the faithful, for it is good to praise you.

THE EPISTLE – Colossians 1.15-29

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

²¹And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— ²³ provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

²⁴I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹For this I toil and struggle with all the energy that he powerfully inspires within me.

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

[EA] Gradual Hymn: O God You search me

Bernadette Farrell (b.1957) from Psalm 139, © 1992 Bernadette Farrell.

- O God, you search me and you know me. All my thoughts lie open to your gaze, When I walk or lie down you are before me: Ever the maker and keeper of my days.
- You know my resting and my rising,
 You discern my purpose from afar,
 And with love everlasting you besiege me:
 In ev'ry moment of life or death you are.
- Before a word is on my tongue, Lord, You have known its meaning through and through, You are with me beyond my understanding: God of my present, my past and future too.
- 4. Although your spirit is upon me, Still I search for shelter from your light, There is nowhere on earth I can escape you: Even the darkness is radiant in your sight.
- 5. For you created me and shaped me,
 Gave me life within my mother's womb,
 For the wonder of who I am I praise you:
 Safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 10.38-42

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴² there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

[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:

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. 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 in 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 617 – By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered

 By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered, and confidently waiting come what may, we know that God is with us night and morning and never fails to greet us each new day.

- Yet is this heart by the old year tormented, still evil days bring burdens hard to bear.
 O give our frightened souls the sure salvation for which, O Lord, you taught us to prepare.
- 3. And when this cup you give is filled to brimming with bitter suffering, hard to understand, we take it thankfully and without trembling, out of so good, and so beloved, a hand.
- 4. Yet when again, in this same world, you give us the joy we had, the brightness of your sun, we shall remember all the days we lived through, and our whole life shall then be yours alone.

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.

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory.

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.
Blessing and honour and glory and power are your 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'!]

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

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] Living God, in this holy meal you fill us with new hope. May the power of your love, which we have known in word and sacrament, continue your saving work among us, give us courage for our pilgrimage, and bring us to the joys you promise.

[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.

[EA] Hymn - We come to your feast

Words & Music by Michael Joncas

- We place upon your table

 A gleaming cloth of white
 The weaving of our stories
 The fabric of our lives
 The dreams of those before us
 The ancient hopeful cries
 The promise of our future
 Our needing and our nurture
 Lie here before our eyes
 - We come to your feast We come to your feast The young and the old The frightened, the bold The greatest and the least We come to your feast We come to your feast With the fruit of our lands And the work of our hands We come to your feast
- 2. We place upon your table A humble loaf of bread The gift of field and hillside The grain by which we're fed We come to taste the presence Of him on whom we feed To strengthen and connect us To challenge and correct us To love in word and deed *We come to your feast...*
- 3. We place upon your table A simple cup of wine The fruit of human labour The gift of sun and vine We come taste the presence Of him we claim as Lord His dying and his living His leading and his giving His love in cup out poured **We come to your feast...**

4. We gather 'round your table We pause within our quest We stand beside our neighbours We name the stranger guest The feast is spread before us You bid us come and dine In blessing, we'll uncover In sharing, we'll discover Your substance and your sign We come to your feast...

Notices, if any by one of the Wardens

[EA] Closing Hymn : Teach me to dance

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Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart Teach me to move in the power of your Spirit Teach me to walk in the light of your presence Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart

Teach me to love with your heart of compassion Teach me to trust in the word of your promise Teach me to hope in the day of your coming Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart

You wrote the rhythm of life	Let all my movements express
Created heaven and earth	A heart that loves to say 'yes'
In You is joy without measure	A will that leaps to obey you
So, like a child in your sight	Let all my energy blaze
l dance to see your delight	To see the joy in your face
For I was made for your pleasure	Let my whole being praise you
Pleasure	Praise you
Teach me to dance	Teach me to dance

[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

9.00am E.A. Steven Sim, R1 Clive Mattingley; R2. Pat Mackay, Intercessor. Jenny Harris, Cr. Andrew Bell, C.M. Ailsa Wakeley, W. Norma Seip & Jenny Harris; Counters. Eileen Moore & Ken Hutton

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 afterservice 'cuppa' in our meeting room next to the foyer after Sunday Services – you are invited to join us.

NOTICES

Baptism in Holy Communion

We will be celebrating a baptism in Holy Communion next week, 27th of July at 10AM service. Please come and join in prayers.

Anglican Calendar 2026

It's this time of the year again. If you would like to order an Anglican Calendar please email <u>office@stjohndivine.org.au</u> for a GST free price of \$15.45 by **7 October 2025.**

Worship Roster

I am in the process of compiling the Worship roster for August 2025. Please let me know by Tuesday, 22nd of July if you are unavailable during the month. Please email me on <u>hduncan@stjohndivine.org.au</u> the dates you will be unavailable. (Helen)

Maroondah Fellowship Churches AGM and general meeting will be held on Thursday, 14 August 2025 at 7.15PM to 8PM at St Paul's Anglican Church (Mullum Mullum parish). It is open to the public. Speaker Ashley Saunders will be talking about 'Bringing hope to suffering Christians'. Further information on the board at narthex.

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
3-Aug	Stephen, Deacon and first Martyr	2 Chronicles 24.17-22	Ps 31.1-8	Acts 6.8-10; 7.54-60	Matthew 10.17-22
10-Aug	Pentecost 9	lsaiah 1.1, 10-20	Ps 50.1-8, 23- 24	Hebrews 11.1-3, 8- 16 (17-28)	Luke 12.32-40
17-Aug	Mary, Mother of Our Lord	lsaiah 61.10- 62.3	Ps 113 <i>or</i> Song of Mary	Galatians 4.4-7	Luke 2.1-7

Readings for next weeks

Fr Sam's musing

- The word 'listen' contains the same letters as the word 'silent.'- *Alfred Brendel*
- Just as our love for God begins with listening to God's Word, the beginning of love for other Christians is learning to listen to them. *Dietrich Bonhoeffer*
- Remember this. When people choose to withdraw far from a fire, the fire continues to give warmth, but they grow cold. When people choose to withdraw far from light, the light continues to be bright in itself but they are in darkness. This is also the case when people withdraw from God. *Saint Augustine*
- "If speaking is silver, then listening is gold." Turkish Proverb
- "Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen." *Winston Churchill*
- "The first duty of love is to listen." Paul Tillich
- "You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view." *Harper Lee*
- "Whoever answers before listening is both foolish and shameful." *Proverbs 18:13*
- "God speaks to us every day only we don't know how to listen." Mahatma Gandhi
- "Big egos have little ears." Robert Schuller
- "Everyone you will ever meet knows something you don't." *Bill Nye*
- "When you talk, you are only repeating what you already know. But if you listen, you may learn something new." *Dalai Lama*
- Be a good listener...It makes the person who's speaking to you feel loved, cared for and worthy of being heard. *Wayne Dyer*
- You see pain with your eyes, but you sympathize with your ears. Sometimes the greatest way to serve someone is just by listening. Behind every need is a story. *Rick Warren*
- Listen to understand rather than listen to respond. Barack Obama

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 6th Sunday after Pentecost 20-Jul Said/Sung Eucharist COMBINED SERVICE Sun 9:00 am Followed by birthday celebrations Mon 21-Jul 10:30 Al Anon (fellowship room) am 7:00 Parish Council meeting pm Tue 22-Jul Community meal: TDRM 5:30 pm Wed 23-Jul Said Eucharist 10:00 am 5:15 Community meal: Winter Shelter pm 7:00 N.A. meeting (fellowship room) pm Thu 24-Jul 25-Jul Fri 26-Jul 7:00 am Sat A.A. meeting (fellowship room) 6:30 pm Lai Christian Church service James, Apostles and Martyrs Sun 27-Jul Said Eucharist 8:00 am Sung Eucharist: Baptism in Holy Communion 10:00 am

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