

St John the Divine Croydon

Eucharist Service

Mary, Mother of Our Lord

17 August 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 161 – Tell out my soul**

1. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.
2. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name - the Lord, the Mighty One.
3. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.
4. Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

[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] When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, so that we might receive adoption as God's children [Galatians 4.4-5]

[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.

**O God, you have searched us out and known us,
and all that we are is open to you.**

**We confess that we have sinned:
we have used our power to dominate
and our weakness to manipulate;
we have evaded responsibility
and failed to confront evil;
we have denied dignity
to ourselves and to each other,
and fallen into despair.**

**We turn to you, O God;
we renounce evil;
we claim your love;
we choose to be made whole.**

[C] Your sins are forgiven, be at peace

[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:

Loving God, who chose the blessed virgin Mary to be the mother of your incarnate Son: grant that we, who are redeemed by his blood, may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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 1st READING – Isaiah 61.10-62.3

61 ¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the Lord , my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

62 ¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord ,

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

Song of Mary (read by alternate verses)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord:

my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

Who has looked with favour on his lowly servant:

from this day all generations will call me blessed.

The Almighty has done great things for me:

and holy is his name.

God has mercy on those who fear him:

from generation to generation.

The Lord has shown strength with his arm:

and scattered the proud in their conceit,

Casting down the mighty from their thrones:

and lifting up the lowly.

God has filled the hungry with good things:

and sent the rich away empty.

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel:

to remember the promise of mercy,

The promise made to our forebears:

to Abraham and his children for ever.

THE EPISTLE – **Galatians 4.4-7**

⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶ And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' ⁷ So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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

[EA] Gradual Hymn: **Mary sang a song**

(from Luke 1, Song of Mary; Words and music by Michael Perry, arranged by David Peacock)

Mary sang a song, a song of love,
magnified the mighty Lord above;
melodies of praise his name extol
from the very depths of Mary's soul:

'God the Lord has done great things for me,
looked upon my life's humility;
happy they shall call me from this day -
merciful is he whom we obey.

'To the humble soul our God is kind,
to the proud he brings unease of mind:
who uplifts the poor, pulls down the strong?
God alone has the power to right the wrong!

'He who has been Israel's strength and stay
fills the hungry, sends the rich away;
he has shown his promise firm and sure,
faithful to his people evermore.'

This was Mary's song as we recall,
mother to the saviour of us all:
magnify his name and sing his praise,
worship and adore him, all your days!

[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 2.1-7**

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹ In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴ Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

[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

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 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 152 – Joyful, joyful we adore you**

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore you,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.
2. All your works with joy surround you,
earth and heav'n reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
singing bird and flowing fountain
call to praise you joyfully.
3. You are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest.
You our Father, Christ our brother,
all are yours who live in love;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to your joy above.

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 was born 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 for the obedience
of your servant Mary,
who by your grace answered your call
to be the mother of your Son.

With all generations we call her blessed,
and with her we rejoice in the greatness of your salvation.

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.'

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself
made one 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 our Saviour, your word proclaims our salvation which we taste in the bread of life. Grant us the humble obedience we see in Mary that we, too, may respond as willing servants and bear your Word to our world.

[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 755 – You shall go out with joy**

You shall go out with joy and be led with forth in peace
and the mountains and the hills shall break forth in singing
There'll be shouts of joy, and the trees of field
shall clap, shall clap their hands
and the trees of the field shall clap their hands
and the trees of the field shall clap their hands
and the trees of the field shall clap their hands
and you'll go out with joy

[C] Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, gladden our hearts by his coming to dwell among us, and fill us with joy and peace; 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. Naomi Nesimnahan, **R1** Pat Mackay; **R2.** Lyn Lynch, **Intercessor.** Ailsa Wakeley, **Cr.** Joel Shambrok, **C.M.** Ailsa Wakeley, **W.** Norma Seip & Jenny Harris; **Counters.** Eileen Moore & Naomi Nesimnahan

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

Roster for September and October

As I will be away in the beginning of October, I am now in the process of compiling the Worship roster for September and October 2025. Please let me know by Friday, 22nd of August if you are unavailable during the month. Please email me on hduncan@stjohnndivine.org.au the dates you will be unavailable. (Helen)

SAVE THE DATE!



Blessing of the animals

Sunday 5 Oct 2025

2 PM

5 Toorak Avenue, Croydon

Thank you St John's TDRM Team

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with The Dining Room Mission on Tuesday. It was another fantastic effort from our wonderful team! Thank you to the cooks who made and delivered the delicious Shepherd's Pies and Apple Crumbles. The guests really enjoyed their tasty and generous meal. And thank you to the happy, hardworking kitchen team who cooked the

vegetables, served the meals and did all the dishes. Well done everyone!

The next cooking date for the St John's team is **September 9** so please put the date into your diaries.

If you would like more information about volunteering at TDRM please see Cathy Cossey (0402 239 933).

Rosters for next week : 24-August

8AM E.A. Helen Duncan, **R1&R2** Rosemary Callow; **Intercessor.** Fr Sam, **Cr.** Jim Moore, **C.M.** Jim Moore, **W.** Eileen Moore & Rosemary Callow;

10AM E.A. Helen Duncan, **R1** Connie Killey; **R2.** Elizabeth Sanderson, **Intercessor.** Jenny Harris, **Cr.** Naomi Nesimnahan, **C.M.** Ken Hutton, **W.** Elizabeth Sanderson & Cheryl Yon; **Counters.** Joel Shambrook & Helen Duncan

Readings for next weeks

24-Aug	Bartholomew, Apostle and Martyr	Deuteronomy 18.15-18	Ps 145.10-18	Revelation 21.9b-14	John 1.45-51
31-Aug	Pentecost 12	Jeremiah 2.4-13	Ps 81.1, 10-16	Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16	Luke 14.1 (2-6) 7-14
7-Sep	Martyrs of New Guinea	Zephaniah 3.14-20	Ps 130	Romans 8.33-39	John 12.20-32
14-Sep	Pentecost 14	Jeremiah 4.11-12, 22-28	Ps 14	1 Timothy 1.1-2, 12-19a OR 1 Timothy 1	Luke 15.1-10

Fr Sam's musing

You pray in your distress and in your need; would that you might also pray in the fullness of your joy and in your days of abundance. Khalil Gibran

"Everything you've ever wanted is on the other side of fear." —George Addair

"Staying positive does not mean that things will turn out okay. Rather it is knowing that you will be okay no matter how things turn out." —Garth Ennis

"There is only one way to avoid criticism. Do nothing. Be nothing. Say nothing." —Aristotle

"If you believe it will work out, you'll see opportunities. If you believe it won't, you will see obstacles." —Wayne Dyer

"I didn't fail the test. I just found 100 ways to do it wrong." Benjamin Franklin

"Age is of no importance unless you're a cheese." – Billie Burke.

"If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put foundations under them." —Henry David Thoreau

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Please email notices to Parish Office by Wednesday 9AM

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

		Mary, Mother of Our Lord	
Sun	17-Aug	9:00 am	Said/Sung Eucharist COMBINED SERVICE
			Followed by Birthdays Celebration
Mon	18-Aug	10:30 am	<i>Al Anon (fellowship room)</i>
		7:00 pm	Parish Council meeting
Tue	19-Aug	5:30 pm	Community meal: TDRM
		7:30 Pm	<i>A.A. meeting (fellowship room)</i>
Wed	20-Aug	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	21-Aug		
Fri	22-Aug		
Sat	23-Aug	7:00 am	<i>A.A. meeting (fellowship room)</i>
		6:30 pm	<i>Lai Christian Church service</i>
		Bartholomew, Apostle and Martyr	
Sun	24-Aug	8:00 am	Said Eucharist
		10:00 am	Said/Sung Eucharist

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