

St John the Divine Croydon

Eucharist Service

14th Sunday after Pentecost

14 September 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 59 – All people that on earth do dwell**

1. All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;
come ye before him and rejoice.
2. Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make:
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.
3. O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.
4. For why the Lord our God is good;
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

[C] The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Sentence of the day

[EA] I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents [Luke 15.10]

[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:

Undaunted you seek the lost, O God, exultant you bring home the found:
touch our hearts with grateful wonder at the tenderness of your forbearing
love; grant us delight in the mercy that has found us; and bring all to rejoice at
the feast of forgiven sinners. 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 – Jeremiah 4.11-12, 22-28

¹¹At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert towards my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse—¹²a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgement against them.

²²‘For my people are foolish,
they do not know me;
they are stupid children,
they have no understanding.

They are skilled in doing evil,
but do not know how to do good.’

²³I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void;
and to the heavens, and they had no light.

²⁴I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking,
and all the hills moved to and fro.

²⁵I looked, and lo, there was no one at all,
and all the birds of the air had fled.

²⁶I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert,
and all its cities were laid in ruins
before the Lord, before his fierce anger.

²⁷For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end.

²⁸Because of this the earth shall mourn,
and the heavens above grow black;
for I have spoken, I have purposed;
I have not relented nor will I turn back.

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

Psalm 14 (read by alternate verses)

¹The fool has said in his heart ‘There is no God’ :
they have all become vile and abominable in their doings,
there is not one that does good.

²**The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men :
to see if there were any who would act wisely and seek after God.**

³But they have all turned out of the way,
they have all alike become corrupt :
there is none that does good, no not one.

**⁴Are all the evildoers devoid of understanding :
who eat up my people as men eat bread,
and do not pray to the Lord?**

⁵They shall be struck with terror :
for God is with the company of the righteous.

**⁶Though they frustrate the poor man in his hopes :
surely the Lord is his refuge.**

⁷O that deliverance for Israel might come forth from Zion :
when the Lord turns again the fortunes of his people,
then shall Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad.

THE EPISTLE – **1 Timothy 1.1-2, 12-19a**

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Saviour and of Christ Jesus our hope,²To Timothy, my loyal child in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

¹²I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.¹⁸I am giving you these instructions, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies made earlier about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight, ¹⁹having faith and a good conscience.

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

[EA] Gradual Hymn: **TiS 158 – God has spoken**

1. God has spoken by his prophets,
spoken his unchanging word,
each, from age to age proclaiming
God, the one, the righteous Lord.
In the world's despair and turmoil
one firm anchor holds us fast:
God is king, his throne eternal,
God the first, and God the last.

2. God has spoken by Christ Jesus,
Christ, the everlasting Son,
brightness of the Father's glory,
with the Father ever one;
spoken by the Word incarnate,
God from God, ere time began,
Light from Light, to earth descending,
God, revealed as Son of Man.
3. God is speaking by his Spirit,
speaking to our hearts again,
in the age-long word expounding
God's own message, now as then,
through the rise and fall of nations
one sure faith yet standing fast;
God still speaks, his word unchanging,
God the first, and God the last.

[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 16.1-13**

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

16 Then Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer." ³Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes." ⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" ⁶He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty." ⁷Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty." ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager

because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰‘Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.’

[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: Come to me all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. [Matthew 11.28]

[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 650 – Brother sister**

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| 1. Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too. | 4. I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through. |
| 2. We are pilgrims on a journey
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load. | 5. When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony. |
| 3. I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear. | 6. Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too. |

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 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.

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:

**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.'

We remember his death on the cross.

We proclaim the resurrection to new life.

We await Christ's coming in glory.

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

[C] We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. We who are many are one
body,
for we all share in the one bread.

[C] 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.**

[C] 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 dies for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with
thanksgiving.

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

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 people will be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name.

[C] Most loving God,
you send us into the world you love. Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of your Spirit.

Notices, if any by one of the Wardens

[EA] Closing hymn: **TiS 576 – O for a closer**

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| 1. O for a closer walk with God,
a calm and heavenly frame,
a light to shine upon the road
that leads me to the Lamb. | 4. Return, O holy dove, return,
sweet messenger of rest!
I hate the sins that made thee
mourn,
and drove thee from my breast. |
| 2. Where is the blessedness I knew
when first I saw the Lord?
Where is the soul-refreshing view
of Jesus and his word? | 5. The dearest idol I have known,
whate'er that idol be,
help me to tear it from thy throne
and worship only thee. |
| 3. What peaceful hours I once
enjoyed,
how sweet their memory still!
But they have left an aching void
the world can never fill. | 6. So shall my walk be close with
God,
calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road
that leads me to the Lamb. |

[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

8AM E.A. Rosemary Callow, **R1&R2.** Sonia Shaw; **Intercessor.** Fr Sam, **Cr.** Andrew Bell, **C.M.** Andrew Bell, **W.** Sonia Shaw & Lyn Lynch

10AM E.A. Ken Hutton, **R1** Jenny Harris; **R2.** Lyn Lynch, **Intercessor.** Ailsa Wakeley, **Cr.** Joel Shambrook, **C.M.** Elizabeth Sanderson, **W.** Cheryl Yon & Elizabeth Sanderson; **Counters.** Gecille Hindson & 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.

NOTICES

Blessing of the Animals

The Blessing of the Animals is approaching fast, and we need your help to ensure the smooth service on the day. Please help as you are willing and able.

- Take a digital picture of your pet/s Cats, chickens, dogs, birds etc for the Facebook campaign with permission to use these photos. They would need to be in “.jpeg” format and sent to the office@stjohndivine.org.au
- Donate pet food cats, dogs, birds etc to go into the quite small showbags to be handed out after the service.
- Food for afternoon tea to be brought on the day and people to serve drinks from the servery.
- People to help on the day (ie: Live stream of the service, set up tables and chairs, etc.
- And most importantly to pray & suggest what we can give & offer people which might awaken an interest into the “way” of Christ.

SAVE THE DATE!



Blessing of the animals

Sunday 5 October 2025

2 PM

5 Toorak Avenue, Croydon

Office closed

Please note that office will be closed during period **17-Sep until 13-Oct** for Asti's annual leave. As the pew sheets will be prepared beforehand, any notices during this period please contact one of the Wardens directly on the day to be announced.

Readings for next weeks

21-Sep	Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist & Martyr	Proverbs 3.1-6	Ps 19.1-6	Ephesians 4.1-14	Matthew 9.9-13
28-Sep	Michael and All Angels	Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14 <i>or</i> Ezekiel 1.4-12	Ps 138	Revelation 12.7-12a	John 1.45-51
5-Oct	Pentecost 17	Lamentations 1.1-6	Lamentations 3.19-26 <i>or</i> Ps 137	2 Timothy 1.1-14	Luke 17.(1-4) 5-10
12-Oct	Pentecost 18	Jeremiah 29.1, 4-7	Ps 66.1-11	1 Timothy 2 91-7) 8-15	Luke 17.11-19

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

14 th Sunday after Pentecost			
Sun	14-Sep	8:00 am	Said Eucharist
		10:00 am	Sung Eucharist
Mon	15-Sep	10:30 am	<i>Al Anon (fellowship room)</i>
		7:00 pm	Parish Council meeting
Tue	16-Sep	5:30 pm	Community meal: TDRM
		7:30 pm	<i>A.A. meeting (fellowship room)</i>
Wed	17-Sep	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	18-Sep		
Fri	19-Sep	10:30 am	Supportive Friends meeting
Sat	20-Sep	7:00 am	<i>A.A. meeting (fellowship room)</i>
		6:30 pm	<i>Lai Christian Church service</i>
		Matthew, Evangelist and Martyr	
Sun	21-Sep	9:00 am	Said/Sung Eucharist COMBINED SERVICE
			Followed by birthdays celebration

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