

St John the Divine Croydon

Eucharist Service

Michael and All Angels

28 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: *please refer to the hymn book or insert*

[C] The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Sentence of the day

[EA] And all the angels sang, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'
[Revelation 7.12]

[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.

**Heavenly Father,
you have loved us with an everlasting love,
but we have broken your holy laws
and have left undone what we ought to have done.
We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them.**

**For the sake of your Son who died for us,
forgive us, cleanse us and change us.
By your Holy Spirit,
enable us to live for you;
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 God, you govern the courses of this world by means too wonderful for us to comprehend: give us reverence before the mysteries of your providence, and grace to know the messengers of your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 – Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14

⁹As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence.

A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened.

¹³As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him.

¹⁴To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

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

Psalm 138 (read by alternate verses)

¹I will give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart :
even before the gods will I sing your praises.

²**I will bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name :
because of your faithfulness and your loving-kindness,
for you have made your name and your word
supreme over all things.**

³At a time when I called to you, you gave me answer :
and put new strength within my soul.

⁴**All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord :
for they have heard the words of your mouth;**

⁵And they shall sing of the ways of the Lord :
that the glory of the Lord is great.

⁶**For though the Lord is exalted, he looks upon the lowly :
but he humbles the proud from afar.**

⁷Though I walk in the midst of danger,
yet will you preserve my life :
you will stretch out your hand against the fury of my enemies,
and your right hand shall save me.

⁸**The Lord will complete his purpose for me :
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever;
do not forsake the work of your own hands.**

THE EPISTLE – **Revelation 12.7-12a**

⁷And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

¹⁰Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,

‘Now have come the salvation and the power
and the kingdom of our God
and the authority of his Messiah,

for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down,
who accuses them day and night before our God.

¹¹But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony,
for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.

¹²Rejoice then, you heavens
and those who dwell in them!

But woe to the earth and the sea,
for the devil has come down to you
with great wrath,
because he knows that his time is short!’

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

[EA] Gradual Hymn: *please refer to the hymn book or insert*

[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 1.45-51**

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, ‘We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.’ ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, ‘Can anything good come out of Nazareth?’ Philip said to him, ‘Come and see.’ ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, ‘Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!’ ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, ‘Where did you come to know me?’ Jesus answered, ‘I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.’ ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, ‘Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!’ ⁵⁰Jesus answered, ‘Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.’ ⁵¹And he said to him, ‘Very truly, I tell

you,^[a] you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

[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: *please refer to your hymn book or insert*

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 Michael 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.'

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.**

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

[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.

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 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.

[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] God, the source of all holiness: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims on earth be welcomed with Michael 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 : *please refer to the hymn book or insert*

[C] God give you grace to follow Michael 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.

Worship Roster for today

8AM E.A. Jim Moore, **R1&R2.** Deborah Guess; **Intercessor.** Fr Sam, **Cr.** Andrew Bell, **C.M.** Andrew Bell, **W.** Eileen Moore & Rosemary Callow

10AM E.A. Naomy Nesimnahan, **R1** Connie Killey; **R2.** Ken Hutton, **Intercessor.** Elizabeth Sanderson, **Cr.** Steven Sim, **C.M.** Ken Hutton, **W.** Cheryl Yon & Ken Hutton; **Counters.** Connie Killey & Pei Lee

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.

Rosters for next week : 5-Oct

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

10AM E.A. Steven Sim, **R1** Carol Doriean; **R2.** Elizabeth Sanderson, **Intercessor.** Ailsa Wakeley, **Cr.** Naomi Nesimnahan, **C.M.** Ailsa Wakeley, **W.** Jenny Harris & Elizabeth Sanderson; **Counters.** Pei Lee & Ken Hutton

Readings for next weeks

5-Oct	Pentecost 17	Lamentations 1.1-6	Lamentations 3.19-26 or 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
19-Oct	Luke, Evangelist and Martyr	Jeremiah 8.22-9.3	Ps 145.10-18	2 Timothy 4.9-17a	Luke 10.1-9
26-Oct	Simon and Jude, Apostles and Martyrs	Deutonomy 32.1-4	Ps 19.1-6	Jude 1-3, 17-25	Luke 6.12-16

NOTICES

Blessing of the Animals

The Blessing of the Animals is next week 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@stjohnndivine.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

Anglican Calendar 2026

It's this time of the year again. If you would like to order an Anglican Calendar please email office@stjohnndivine.org.au for a GST free price of \$15.45 by **14 October 2025**.

Lectionary 2026

The APBA Lectionary 2026 Year A (Matthew) Is now available for sale. The price is \$16.95 and if you wish to order through church you can have a GST price for \$15.41. Please email office@stjohnndivine.org.au by **14 October 2025** if you wish to have one (or more) delivered to church.

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Please email notices to Parish Office by Wednesday 9AM

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH				
		Michael and All Angels		
Sun	28-Sep	8:00	am	Said Eucharist
		10:00	am	Said/Sung Eucharist
Mon	29-Sep	10:30	am	<i>Al Anon (fellowship room)</i>
Tue	30-Sep	5:30	pm	Community meal: TDRM
		7:30	pm	<i>A.A meeting (fellowship room)</i>
Wed	1-Oct	10:00	am	Said Eucharist
		12:00	pm	<i>Mother’s Union meeting</i>
		5:15	pm	<i>Community meal: Winter Shelter</i>
		7:00	pm	<i>N.A. meeting (fellowship room)</i>
Thu	2-Oct			
Fri	3-Oct			
Sat	4-Oct	7:00	am	<i>A.A. meeting (fellowship room)</i>
		6:30	pm	<i>Lai Christian Church service</i>
		17 th Sunday after Pentecost		
Sun	5-Oct	8:00	am	Said Eucharist
		10:00	am	Said/Sung Eucharist
		2:000	pm	Blessing of the Animals

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