

St John the Divine Croydon

Eucharist Service

17th Sunday after Pentecost

5 October 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] 'Who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? But I am among you,' says the Lord, 'as one who serves.' [Luke 22.27]

[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] 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:

Faithful God, have mercy on us your unworthy servants, and increase our faith, that, trusting in your Spirit's power to work in us and through us, we may never be ashamed to witness to our Lord but may obediently serve him all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives 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.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE 1st READING – Lamentations 1.1-6

1 How lonely sits the city
that once was full of people!
How like a widow she has become,
 she that was great among the nations!
She that was a princess among the provinces
 has become a vassal.

2 She weeps bitterly in the night,
 with tears on her cheeks;
among all her lovers
 she has no one to comfort her;
all her friends have dealt treacherously with her,
 they have become her enemies.

3 Judah has gone into exile with suffering
 and hard servitude;
she lives now among the nations,
 and finds no resting-place;
her pursuers have all overtaken her
 in the midst of her distress.

4 The roads to Zion mourn,
 for no one comes to the festivals;
all her gates are desolate,
 her priests groan;
her young girls grieve,^[a]
 and her lot is bitter.

5 Her foes have become the masters,
 her enemies prosper,
because the Lord has made her suffer
 for the multitude of her transgressions;
her children have gone away,
 captives before the foe.

6 From daughter Zion has departed
 all her majesty.
Her princes have become like stags
 that find no pasture;
they fled without strength
 before the pursuer.

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

Psalm 137 (read by alternate verses)

¹ By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept :
when we remembered Zion.

² **As for our harps we hung them up :
upon the trees that are in that land.**

³ For there those who led us away captive
required of us a song :
and those who had despoiled us demanded mirth, saying
'Sing us one of the songs of Zion.'

⁴ **How can we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?**

⁵ If I forget you, O Jerusalem :
let my right hand forget its mastery.

⁶ **Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth :
if I do not remember you,
if I do not prefer Jerusalem above my chief joy.**

⁷ Remember, O Lord, against the Edomites the day of Jerusalem :
how they said 'Down with it, down with it, raze it to its foundations.'

⁸ **O daughter of Babylon, you that lay waste :
happy shall he be who serves you as you have served us;**

⁹ **Happy shall he be who takes your little ones :
and dashes them against the stones.**

THE EPISTLE – 2 Timothy 1.1-14

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,²To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³ I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the

faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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 **Luke 17. 5-10**

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith!’ ⁶The Lord replied, ‘If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, “Be uprooted and planted in the sea”, and it would obey you. ⁷‘Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, “Come here at once and take your place at the table”? ⁸Would you not rather say to him, “Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink”? ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, “We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!”’

[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: *please refer to the 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 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

[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.

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

[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.** 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

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.

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Rosters for next week : 12-Oct

8AM E.A. Jim Moore, **R1&R2.** Sonia Shaw; **Intercessor.** Fr Sam, **Cr.** Andrew Bell, **C.M.** Andrew Bell, **W.** Jean Jelley & Noel Hardy

10AM E.A. Ken Hutton, **R1** Jenny Harris; **R2.** Joel Shambrook, **Intercessor.** Elizabeth Sanderson, **Cr.** Steven Sim, **C.M.** Elizabeth Sanderson, **W.** Cheryl Yon, Norma & Patrick Seip; **Counters.** Mark Duncan & Joel Shambrook

Readings for next weeks

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
2-Nov	All Saints	Daniel 7.1-3, 15-18	Ps 149	Ephesians 1.11-23	Luke 6.20-31

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

		17 th Sunday after Pentecost	
Sun	5-Oct	8:00 am	Said Eucharist
		10:00 am	Sung Eucharist
		2:00 pm	Blessing of the Animals
Mon	6-Oct	10:30 am	Al Anon (fellowship room)
Tue	7-Oct	5:30 pm	Community meal: TDRM
		7:30 pm	A.A. meeting (fellowship room)
Wed	8-Oct	10:00 am	Said Eucharist
		5:15 pm	Community meal: Winter Shelter
		7:00 pm	N.A. meeting (fellowship room)
Thu	9-Oct		
Fri	10-Oct		
Sat	11-Oct	7:00 am	A.A. meeting (fellowship room)
		6:30 pm	Lai Christian Church service
		18 th Sunday after Pentecost	
Sun	12-Oct	8:00 am	Said Eucharist
		10:00 am	Sung Eucharist

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