

St John the Divine Croydon

Eucharist Service

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

9 November 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 376 – I know that my redeemer lives**

1. I know that my Redeemer lives -
what joy this blest assurance gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives, my everlasting Head.
2. He lives, to bless me with his love:
he lives, to plead for me above;
he lives my hungry soul to feed;
he lives to help in time of need.
3. He lives, and grants me daily breath;
he lives, and I shall conquer death;
he lives, my mansion to prepare;
he lives, to lead me safely there.
4. He lives, all glory to his name;
he lives, my Saviour, still the same;
what joy the blest assurance gives,
I know that my Redeemer lives!

[C] The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Sentence of the day

[EA] 'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord. 'Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.' [John 11.25-26]

[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:

God of all the living, in the resurrection of Christ Jesus you have given us the promise of life which death itself cannot destroy: in the strength of this unshakeable promise, give us a new heart to live, even now, as your new creation. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

[Please be seated for the Readings]

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE 1st READING – Haggai 1.15b-2.9

¹⁵ on the twenty-fourth day of the month, in the sixth month.

2 ¹ In the second year of King Darius, ¹ in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai, saying: ² Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, ³ Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? ⁴ Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts, ⁵ according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. ⁶ For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; ⁷ and I will shake all the nations, so that the

treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendour, says the Lord of hosts. ⁸The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. ⁹The latter splendour of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts.

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

PSALM 98 (read by alternate verses)

¹ O sing to the Lord a new song :

for he has done marvellous things;

² **His right hand and his holy arm :**

they have got him the victory.

³ The Lord has made known his salvation :

he has revealed his just deliverance in the sight of the nations.

⁴ **He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness**

towards the house of Israel :

and all the ends of the earth

have seen the salvation of our God.

⁵ Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth :

break into singing and make melody.

⁶ **Make melody to the Lord upon the harp :**

upon the harp and with the sounds of praise.

⁷ With trumpets and with horns :

cry out in triumph before the Lord, the king.

⁸ **Let the sea roar, and all that fills it :**

the good earth and those who live upon it.

⁹ Let the rivers clap their hands :

and let the mountains ring out together before the Lord;

¹⁰ **For he comes to judge the earth :**

he shall judge the world with righteousness,

and the peoples with equity.

THE EPISTLE – 2 Thessalonians 2.1-5, 13-17

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ²not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God,

declaring himself to be God. ⁵Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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

[EA] Gradual Hymn: **TiS 136 – There's a wideness in God's mercy**

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea,
and forgiveness in his justice
sealed for us on Calvary.
2. There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.
3. For the love of God is broader
than the measures of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
4. But we make his love too narrow
by false limits of our own,
and we magnify his strictness
with a zeal he would not own.
5. If our love were but more simple
we should take him at his word;
and our lives would be illumined
by the goodness of our Lord.

[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 20.27-40**

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him ²⁸ and asked him a question, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.'

³⁴ Jesus said to them, 'Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.' ³⁹ Then some of the scribes answered, 'Teacher, you have spoken well.' ⁴⁰ For they no longer dared to ask him another question.

[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 210 – O for a thousand tongues to sing**

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of our God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!
2. Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
such music in the sinner's ears,
is life, and health, and peace.
3. He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
he sets the prisoner free:
his blood can make the foulest clean,
his blood availed for me.
4. He speaks, and listening to his voice
new life the dead receive,
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.
5. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, you dumb,
your loosened tongues employ;
you blind, behold your Saviour come;
and leap, ye lame, for joy!
6. My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim
and spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of your name.

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.

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 once 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] 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.

Notices, if any by one of the Wardens

[EA] Closing Hymn : **TiS 580 – Lead us heavenly Father lead us**

1. Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.
2. Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us;
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.
3. Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy:
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

[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. Jean Jelley & Noel Hardy

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

Rosters for next week : 16-Nov (COMBINED SERVICE)

9AM E.A. Steven Sim, **R1.** Pat Mackay; **R2.** Joel Shambrook, **Intercessor.** Jenny Wakefield, **Cr.** Clive Mattingley, **C.M.** Clive Mattingley, **W.** Jenny Harris & Jim Moore; **Counters.** Jim Moore & Naomy Nesimnahan

Readings for next weeks

16-Nov	Pentecost 23	Isaiah 65.17-25	Song of Isaiah (APBA p.391)	2 Thessalonians 3.6-13	Luke 21.5-19
23-Nov	Christ the King	Jeremiah 23.1-6	Song of Zechariah or Ps 46	Colossians 1.11-20	Luke 23.33-43
30-Nov	Advent 1	Isaiah 2.1-5	Ps 122	Romans 13.9-14	Matthew 24.36-44
7-Dec	Advent 2	Isaiah 11.1-10	Ps 72.1-7, 18-21	Romans 15.4-13	Matthew 3.1-12

NOTICES

News from Fundraising Team

- A. A raffle will be held and drawn at the Christmas lunch.
Donations for the raffle of gourmet foods and others will be very much appreciated.
E.g. chocolates, biscuits, alcohol, nuts, crackers, jams, tea, coffee, olives, pickles, anchovies, oysters, mussels, bathroom stuff (shower gel, soaps etc) or anything else Christmassy. Starting....as of now.
- B. Christmas cakes for sale
Delivery on the 14th December
Price & size to be announced and orders will be taken.
A list for orders will be in the narthex.

TDRM 2025 AGM - Tuesday 18th November

The Annual General Meeting of the members of The Dining Room Mission Inc. will take place on Tuesday 18th November at 7pm at St John's Anglican Church, 5 Toorak Avenue, Croydon.

The agenda includes:

1. Confirmation of minutes from the previous AGM
2. Receipt of annual committee reports and financial statements
3. The election of Office Bearers and Ordinary Members:
 - o Officers of the Association:
 - President
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary

- o Ordinary members
- o Members representing St John the Divine Anglican Church

Applications for membership of The Dining Room Mission Inc and nominations for the above positions should be given to Cathy Cossy, TDRM Secretary, email tdrmission@gmail.com.

TDRM Cooking – Tuesday 11th November

It is St John's turn to cook and serve the meal for The Dining Room Mission this coming Tuesday, 11th November.

On the menu this time is chicken with roast vegetables. The chicken will be purchased pre cooked but cooks are needed to make lots of roast vegetables. As always, the main ingredients are provided and can be collected today. Transport can be arranged if you cannot deliver the food **hot** to TDRM at 5pm on Tuesday.

3- 4 volunteers are also needed in the kitchen from 4.00pm to prepare and serve the food and do the dishes.

If you can assist with cooking roast vegetables or are interested in helping in the kitchen please see Cathy Cossey (0402 239 933)

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Westpac: BSB # 033-044, St. John's General Account # 251582

Please email notices to Parish Office by Wednesday 9AM

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

		22 nd Sunday after Pentecost	
Sun	9-Nov	8:00 am	Said Eucharist
		10:00 am	Said/Sung Eucharist
Mon	10-Nov	10:30 am	<i>Al Anon (fellowship room)</i>
Tue	11-Nov	5:30 pm	Community meal: TDRM
		7:30 pm	<i>A.A meeting (fellowship room)</i>
Wed	12-Nov	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	13-Nov		
Fri	14-Nov		
Sat	15-Nov	7:00 am	<i>A.A. meeting (fellowship room)</i>
		23 rd Sunday after Pentecost	
Sun	16-Nov	9:00 am	Said/Sung Eucharist COMBINED SERVICE
			With ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
			and Christmas Luncheon after service

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