

# St John the Divine Croydon

## *Eucharist Service*

### **23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

16 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: **New every morning is the love**

*(John Keble . 1822, tune by Melcombe, public domain)*

1. New every morning is the love  
our waking and uprising prove;  
through sleep and darkness safely brought,  
restored to life and power and thought.
2. New mercies each returning day,  
surround your people as they pray;  
new dangers past, new sins forgiven,  
new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.
3. If on our daily life our mind  
be set to honour all we find;  
new treasures still, of countless price,  
God will provide for sacrifice.
4. The trivial round, the common task  
will give us all we need to ask;  
room to deny ourselves, a road  
to bring us daily nearer God.
5. Prepare us, Lord, in your dear love  
for perfect rest with you above;  
and help us, this and every day  
to grow more like you as we pray.

[C] The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Sentence of the day

[EA] May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways.

[2 Thessalonians 3.16]

[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:

Lord God of all the ages, the One who is, who was and who is to come: stir up within us a longing for your kingdom, keep our hearts steady in times of trial, and grant us patient endurance until the Sun of justice dawns. We make our prayer 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**

**For PSALM: Song of Isaiah** (read by alternate verses)

Behold, God is my salvation;

I will trust, and will not be afraid:

**for the Lord God is my strength and my song;  
and has become my salvation.**

With joy you will draw water:

from the wells of salvation.

**On that day you will say:**

**‘Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name,**

**‘Make known his deeds among the nations:  
proclaim that his name is exalted.**

**Sing God’s praises, who is triumphed gloriously:  
let this be known in all the world.**

Shout and sing for joy, you that dwell in Zion:

for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

[Isaiah 12.2-6]

## **THE EPISTLE – 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13**

<sup>6</sup>Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. <sup>7</sup>For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup>and we did not eat anyone’s bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. <sup>9</sup>This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup>For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. <sup>11</sup>For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. <sup>12</sup>Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. <sup>13</sup>Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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

*[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 21.5-19**

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

<sup>5</sup>When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, <sup>6</sup>‘As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.’

<sup>7</sup>They asked him, ‘Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?’ <sup>8</sup>And he said, ‘Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, “I am he!” and, “The time is near!” Do not go after them.

<sup>9</sup>‘When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.’ <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, ‘Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; <sup>11</sup>there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

<sup>12</sup>‘But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. <sup>13</sup>This will give you an opportunity to testify. <sup>14</sup>So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; <sup>15</sup>for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup>You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup>You will be hated by all because of my name. <sup>18</sup>But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup>By your endurance you will gain your souls.

[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 613 – Lord of all hopefulness**

1. Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,  
be there at our waking and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
2. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
be there at our labours and give us, we pray,  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
3. Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,  
be there at our homing and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

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4. Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,  
be there at our sleeping and give us, we pray,  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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.'

[Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:]

**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 245 – We have a gospel to proclaim**

1. We have a gospel to proclaim,  
good news for all throughout the earth;  
the gospel of a Saviour's name:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.
2. Tell of his birth at Bethlehem  
not in a royal house or hall  
but in a stable dark and dim,  
the Word made flesh, a light for all.
3. Tell of his death at Calvary,  
hated by those he came to save,  
in lonely suffering on the cross,  
for all he loved his life he gave.
4. Tell of that glorious Easter morn;  
empty the tomb, for he was free:  
he broke the power of death and hell  
that we might share his victory.
5. Tell of his reign at God's right hand,  
by all creation glorified.  
He sends his Spirit on his church  
to live for him, the Lamb who died.

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6. Now we rejoice to name him King:  
 Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
 This gospel-message we proclaim:  
 we sing his glory, tell his worth.

[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.**

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### Worship Roster for today

**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 & Naomi Nesimnahan

**E.A:** Eucharistic Assistant, **C.M.:** Communion Minister, **Cr.** Crucifer, **R:** Reader, **W:** Welcomers

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*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 : 23-Nov

**8AM E.A.** Jim Moore, **R1.** Clive Mattingley; **R2.** Lyn Lynch, **Intercessor.** Fr Sam, **Cr.** Adnrew Bell, **C.M.** Andrew Bell, **W.** Clive Mattingley & Eileen Moore;

**10AM E.A.** Naomi Nesimnahan, **R1.** Judy Carter; **R2.** Elizabeth Sanderson, **Intercessor.** Ailsa Wakeley, **Cr.** Steven Sim, **C.M.** Steven Sim, **W.** Cheryl Yon & Carol Doriean; **Counters.** Connie Killey & Pei Lee

### Readings for next weeks

<b>23-Nov</b>	<b>Christ the King</b>	Jeremiah 23.1-6	Song of Zechariah or Ps 46	Colossians 1.11-20	Luke 23.33-43
<b>30-Nov</b>	<b>Advent 1</b>	Isaiah 2.1-5	Ps 122	Romans 13.9-14	Matthew 24.36-44
<b>7-Dec</b>	<b>Advent 2</b>	Isaiah 11.1-10	Ps 72.1-7, 18-21	Romans 15.4-13	Matthew 3.1-12
<b>14-Dec</b>	<b>Advent 3</b>	Isaiah 35.1-10	Song of Mary (APBA p.9) or Ps 146	James 5.7-10	Matthew 11.2-11

## NOTICES

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### **News from Fundraising Team**

- A. A raffle will be held and drawn today 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.
- 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](mailto:tdrmission@gmail.com).

### **Supportive Friends**

**The last meeting of Supportive Friends for the year is at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Room on Friday 21 November.**

Please bring Christmas gifts suitable for Infants, children and teenagers to be given to Anglicare and the Salvation Army for distribution. Please don't wrap your gifts.

**Toys, games, books and toiletries for various ages are all welcome.**

Please bring a small plate of food to share for a festive morning tea. Everyone is welcome.

Rosemary and Wendy

### **Thank you St John's TDRM Team**

Thank you to everyone who helped with The Dining Room Mission meal on Tuesday. It was another fantastic effort from our wonderful team who came along on Tuesday afternoon to pull apart roast chickens and prepare vegetables, and who cooked and delivered lots very delicious roast potatoes.

It was a tasty and generous meal, and we now have plenty of chicken in the freezer to use another time!

Thank you also to the happy, hardworking kitchen team who served up the meals and did all the dishes. Well done everyone!

The next cooking date for the St John's team is **December 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 ).

### **Messy Church**

The next Messy Church at St Stephen's Anglican Church in Bayswater is on Sunday, 7 December 2025 from 4-6PM.

Each service is centred around a scripture passage and a theme. In December the scripture is John 3:16, 1 Timothy 6:18-19, James 1:17 , with the theme, ' What can we give?' Our time together begins with welcoming everyone and joining in a variety of creative activities. In December these will include card making, a special gift box, drums and a fun game tossing beanbags. We then move into the church for our Celebration which is a short time of songs, stories or a message delivered in a creative way and prayer. Our time together finishes with a meal which, this time, will be a BBQ with trifle and jelly for dessert.

For more information please contact Jean 0408 558 153.

### **Worship Roster**

I am in the process of compiling the Worship roster for December 2025. Please let me know by Friday, 21 November if you are unavailable during the month. Please email me on [hduncan@stjohndivine.org.au](mailto:hduncan@stjohndivine.org.au) the dates you will be unavailable. (Helen)

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**Please email notices to Parish Office by Wednesday 9AM**

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost			
Sun 16-Nov	9:00 am	Said/Sung Eucharist COMBINED SERVICE	
		With <b>ANNUAL PARISH MEETING</b>	
		and <b>Christmas Luncheon</b> after service	
Mon 17-Nov	10:30 am	<i>Al Anon (fellowship room)</i>	
Tue 18-Nov	5:30 pm	Community meal: TDRM	
	7:00 pm	TDRM AGM (downstairs office)	
	7:30 pm	<i>A.A meeting (fellowship room)</i>	
Wed 19-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 20-Nov			
Fri 21-Nov	10:30 am	Supportive Friends meeting	
Sat 22-Nov	7:00 am	<i>A.A. meeting (fellowship room)</i>	
		<b>Christ the King</b>	
Sun 23-Nov	8:00 am	Said/Sung Eucharist	
	10:00 am	Sung Eucharist	

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