

# St John the Divine Croydon

Eucharist Service

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

18 January 2026



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. The Liturgy of the day could be sung or said.

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 132 – Holy, holy, holy**

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty,  
early in the morning to you our praise shall be;  
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.
  
2. Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore you,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before you,  
God everlasting through eternity.
  
3. Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide you,  
though the sinful human eye your glory may not see,  
you alone are holy, there is none beside you,  
perfect in power, in love and purity.
  
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty,  
all your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

[C]The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### Sentence of the day

[EA] God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. [1 Corinthians 1.9]

[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.**

**Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy**

**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, whose Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*[Please be seated for the Readings]*

## **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

### **THE 1<sup>ST</sup> READING – Isaiah 49.1-7**

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, O coastlands,  
    pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The Lord called me before I was born,  
    while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

<sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
    in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow,  
    in his quiver he hid me away.

<sup>3</sup>And he said to me, 'You are my servant,  
    Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'

<sup>4</sup>But I said, 'I have laboured in vain,  
    I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the Lord,  
    and my reward with my God.'

<sup>5</sup>And now the Lord says,  
    who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
    and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord,  
    and my God has become my strength—

<sup>6</sup>he says,  
'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
    to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
    and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
    that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

<sup>7</sup>Thus says the Lord,  
    the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
    the slave of rulers,  
'Kings shall see and stand up,  
    princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the Lord, who is faithful,  
    the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

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

## For PSALM: TiS 500 – Here we adore you

(observed with tune TiS 498)

1. Here we adore you, hidden Saviour, Lord,  
who in your sacrament are living Word;  
both flesh and spirit at your presence fail,  
yet here your presence now we humbly hail.
2. O blest memorial of our dying Lord,  
the living bread, who here will life afford,  
O may our souls on you for ever feed,  
and you be ever present in our need.
3. Fountain of goodness, Jesus, Lord and God,  
cleanse us, unclean, with your all-cleansing blood;  
increase our faith and love that we may know  
the hope and peace which from your presence flow.
4. O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see,  
may what we thirst for our possession be:  
to gaze on you unveiled and see your face,  
the vision of your glory and your grace.

## THE EPISTLE – 1 Corinthians 1.1-9

<sup>1</sup> Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—<sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

[EA] Gradual Hymn: **TiS 447 – Lord your almighty word**

1. Lord, your almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard,  
and took their flight:  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and where the gospel day  
sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light.
2. Saviour, who came to give  
those who in darkness live  
healing and sight,  
health to the sick in mind,  
sight to the inly blind,  
now to all humankind  
let there be light.
3. Spirit of truth and love,  
life-giving holy dove,  
speed forth your flight;  
move on the waters' face  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place  
let there be light.
4. Holy and blessed Three,  
glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might,  
boundless as ocean's tide  
rolling in fullest pride,  
through the earth far and wide,  
let there be light.

*[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 1.29-42**

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

<sup>29</sup>The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, ‘Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, “After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.” <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him;

but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.’<sup>32</sup> And John testified, ‘I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.<sup>33</sup> I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, “He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.”<sup>34</sup> And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.’

<sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,<sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, ‘Look, here is the Lamb of God!’<sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.<sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to him, ‘Rabbi’ (which translated means Teacher), ‘where are you staying?’<sup>39</sup> He said to them, ‘Come and see.’ They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.<sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.<sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (which is translated Anointed).<sup>42</sup> He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas’ (which is translated Peter).

[For] the Gospel of the Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

*[Please be seated for the sermon / reflections.]*

### Sermon / Reflections

#### **THE APOSTLE’S 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:

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] God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him  
should not perish but have eternal life. [John 3.16]

[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 is us. Amen.**

## **CONFESSiON AND ABSOLUTiON**

[EA] Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations.

*[Silence may be kept]*

[EA] Let us bring our darkness to his light, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

God the Father, maker of heaven and earth,  
**have mercy on us.**

God, the Son, redeemer of the world,  
**have mercy on us.**

God, the Holy Spirit, giver of light and life,  
**have mercy on us.**

For accepting life yet living it without you,  
**forgive us, Lord.**

For tolerating oppression, injustice and wrong,  
**forgive us, Lord.**

For disobeying your will and commandments,  
**forgive us, Lord.**

For refusing to love and forgive others,  
**forgive us, Lord.**

For turning the world to our own purposes and desires,  
**forgive us, Lord.**

That in all things we may hold to your will and purpose,  
**Lord, hear us. 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.**

## **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 446 – Glorious things of you**

1. Glorious things of you are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God:  
he whose word cannot be broken  
formed you for his own abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded,  
what can shake your sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded  
you may smile at all your foes.
2. See, the streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply your sons and daughters  
and all fear of want remove:  
who can faint while such a river  
ever flows their thirst to assuage -  
grace, which like the Lord the giver  
never fails from age to age?
3. Blest inhabitants of Zion,  
washed in their Redeemer's blood:  
Jesus, whom their souls rely on,  
makes them kings and priests to God.  
For his love his people raises  
over self to reign as kings,  
and as priests, his solemn praises  
each for a thank-offering brings.
4. Saviour, since of Zion's city  
I, through grace, a member am,  
let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in your name:  
fading are the worldlings' pleasures,  
all their boasted pomp and show;  
solid joys and lasting treasures  
none but Zion's children know.

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.

You anointed him as Messiah,  
the light of the nations,  
and revealed him as the hope  
of all who thirst for righteousness and peace.

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.]**

Holy and gracious God,  
all creation rightly gives you praise.  
All life, all holiness, comes from you  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
whom you sent to share our human nature,  
to live and die as one of us,  
to reconcile us to you,  
the God and Father of all.

Hear us, merciful Lord;  
through Christ accept our sacrifice of praise;  
and, by the power of your Word and Holy Spirit,

sanctify this bread and wine,  
that we who share in this holy sacrament  
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

Who, when his hour had come,  
on the night before he went up to the cross  
to make full atonement for the sins of the whole world,  
offering once for all his one sacrifice of himself,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Take, eat:  
this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.'

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying,  
'Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant  
which is 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, in obedience to his command,  
we commemorate and celebrate,  
his saving passion and death,  
his mighty resurrection and ascension into heaven  
and we eagerly await his coming again in glory.

We thank you that by your grace alone  
you have accepted us in Christ;  
and here we offer you a spiritual sacrifice,  
holy and acceptable in your sight.  
Through Christ, receive this our duty and service,  
and grant that we who eat and drink these holy gifts  
may, by your Holy Spirit,  
be one body in Christ,  
and serve you in unity and peace.

In your grace and mercy,  
bring us to the joy of your eternal kingdom  
with all the company of the redeemed.  
May we praise you in union with them,  
and give you glory through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you, Father eternal,  
in songs of never-ending praise:  
**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION**

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.**

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

[Sung/said]

**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.**

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.

### **PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION**

[C] God of the nations, we thank you for nourishing us with this holy sacrament. Guide us by your presence, that we may bring your light to those who dwell in darkness, and establish your justice in the earth.

[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 246 – Christ is the world's light**

1. Christ is the world's light, he and none other;  
born in our darkness, he became our brother.  
If we have seen him, we have seen the Father:  
Glory to God on high.

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2. Christ is the world's peace, he and none other;  
no one can serve him and despise his brother.  
Who else unites us, one in God the Father?  
Glory to God on high.
3. Christ is the world's life, he and none other;  
sold once for silver, murdered here, our brother --  
he, who redeems us, reigns with God the Father:  
Glory to God on high.
4. Give God the glory, God and none other;  
give God the glory, Spirit, Son and Father;  
give God the glory, God in man my brother:  
Glory to God on high.

[C] May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you, that your lives may be a light to the world; 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

**E.A.** Jim Moore, **R1.** Judy Carter, **R2.** Connie Killey, **Intercessor.** Fr Sam, **Cr.** Steven Sim, **C.M.** Steven Sim, **W.** Lyn Lynch & Cheryl Yon, **Counters.** Stephen Cossey & Jim Moore

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**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.*

**Please note all Sunday services in January are combined service at 9AM.**

## NOTICES

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

Thank you to everyone who helped with The Dining Room Mission meal on Tuesday. It was an extremely busy and successful evening with 60 guests sitting down to share a meal together, and other 25+ meals given out as takeaways for those unable to attend. We served a beautiful summer meal of cold roast chicken with 3 different salads followed by brownies and ice cream. A huge thank you to our happy, hardworking team who prepared the chicken, made the salads, served the meals, and did all the dishes. Well done everyone!

The next cooking date for the St John's team is **February 10** so please put the date into your diaries.

If you would like more information about The Dining Room Mission please see Cathy Cossey (0402 239 933 ).

### **Worship Roster**

I am in the process of compiling the Worship roster for February 2026. Please let me know by Friday, 23 January 2026 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)

### **Australia Day Celebration lunch – 25 January 2026**

Next week after the combined service, we will be having Australia Day celebration lunch. Those who are able are invited to bring a plate of food to share. A sign-up sheet is available on the table in the narthex. Kindly add your name, along with the dish you plan to bring.

### **Rosters for next week : 25-Jan**

**9AM E.A.** Steven Sim, **R1.** Clive Mattingley; **R2.** Carol Dorian, **Intercessor.** Fr Sam, **Cr.** Joel Shambrook, **C.M.** Ailsa Wakeley, **W.** Jenny Harris & Carol Dorian; **Counters.** Joel Shambrook & Pei Lee

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## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b>				
Sun	18-Jan	9:00	am	Said/Sung Eucharist COMBINED SERVICE
Mon	19-Jan	10:30	am	Al Anon (fellowship room)
Tue	20-Jan	5:30	pm	Community meal: TDRM
		7:30	pm	A.A meeting (fellowship room)
Wed	21-Jan	5:15	pm	Community meal: Winter Shelter
		7:00	pm	N.A. meeting (fellowship room)
Thu	22-Jan			
Fri	23-Jan			
Sat	24-Jan	7:00	am	A.A. meeting (fellowship room)
				<b>Australia Day</b>
Sun	25-Jan	9:00	am	Said/Sung Eucharist COMBINED SERVICE followed by Australia Day celebration lunch

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