



***St Matthew Croydon***  
***Ordinary Time Eucharist (1)***

**Welcome to St Matthew Croydon.**

**If you are new to our church, please make yourself known at the end of the service to one of the wardens or a member of the clergy.**

**We meet after church to share tea and coffee and enjoy learning more about each other.**

**We do have a hearing loop – please switch your hearing aids to the ‘T’ position if you need this help.**

**Toilets are available, and the warden will happily direct you should you need it.**

**Fire exits are clearly marked and, in the event of any incident, you will be calmly directed to the correct exit.**

**Please turn your mobile phone off – and if you can’t do that, please ensure that the sound is off.**

**Our services are often livestreamed – if you have any queries about this, please speak to the warden at the back of the church.**

**Our children usually go to Young Church in the middle of our service, and any children visiting are welcome to join them.**

## ¶ *The Gathering*

### **Hymn**

*The president may say*  
In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
*All Amen.*

### **The Greeting**

*The president greets the people*  
The Lord be with you      **and also with you.**

*Words of welcome or introduction may be said.*

### **Prayer of Preparation**

*This prayer may be said*

**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.**

## **Prayers of Penitence**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins,  
to be our advocate in heaven,  
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
and to live in love and peace with all.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.**

**We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,**

**forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve  
you in newness of life to the glory of your name.**

**Amen.**

*The president says*

Almighty God,

who forgives all who truly repent,

have mercy upon *you*,

pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins,

confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness,

and keep *you* in life eternal;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

*The Gloria is sung*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his 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.**

## **The Collect**

*The Collect is said, and all respond*

**Amen.**

## **¶ The Liturgy of the Word**

### **Readings**

Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture.

**Our hearts and minds are open.**

**First Reading**

*At the end of which, the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Song/Hymn**

*Please be seated. The children leave for Young Church.*

**Second Reading**

*At the end of which, the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading**

Let us stand to greet the Gospel of Christ

*An acclamation may be sung*

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

### **The Creed**

Let us stand to declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from  
heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the  
Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and  
glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of  
sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

*This, or another response, may be used:*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*And at the end*

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **¶ *The Liturgy of the Sacrament***

#### **The Peace**

*The president may introduce the Peace with a suitable  
sentence, and then says*

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*



## Hymn

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness,  
the power, the glory, the splendour,  
and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.  
All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give you.**

## Preparation of the Table

### The Eucharistic Prayer

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 thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right,  
it is our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places  
to give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, heavenly King,  
almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

*The following may be omitted if a Short Proper Preface is used*

[For he is your living Word;  
through him you have created all things from the  
beginning,  
and formed us in your own image.  
Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin,  
giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the  
cross;  
you raised him from the dead  
and exalted him to your right hand on high.  
Through him you have sent upon us  
your holy and life-giving Spirit,  
and made us a people for your own possession.]

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and *singing*:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit

these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious  
ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

*As the children return from Young Church, we sing*  
**Chant**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour taught us, so we 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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

**We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.  
Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

*The Agnus Dei may be sung*

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

## **Giving of Communion**

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

**We do not presume  
to come to this 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 our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body  
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.  
Amen.**

*The president and people receive communion.*

*Authorized words of distribution are used and the  
communicant replies **Amen.***

*During the distribution hymns and anthems may be  
sung.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept.*

*The Post Communion prayer is said.*

**Almighty God,**

**we thank you for feeding us**

**with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.**

**Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.**

**Send us out**

**in the power of your Spirit**

**to live and work**

**to your praise and glory.**

**Amen.**

## **¶ *The Dismissal***

### **Notices**

### **Hymn**

*The president may use this or another blessing*

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 and with all those you love and care for, this day and for evermore.

**Amen.**

*A minister says*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*The ministers and people depart.*

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