



**3rd November 2024**

## **All Saints' Day**

**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 (357) ♪**

All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Him serve with fear, His praise forth  
tell,  
come ye before Him, and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;  
without our aid He did us make;  
we are His folk, He doth us feed,  
and for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise,  
approach with joy His courts unto;  
praise, laud, and bless His Name always,  
for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good;  
His mercy is for ever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
the God Whom heaven and earth  
adore,  
from men and from the angel host  
be praise and glory evermore.

*William Kethe (d.1594) Psalm 100 in Anglo-Genevan Psalter, 1560)*

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you  
**and also with you.**

Rejoice, people of God, praise the Lord!  
Let us keep the feast in honour of all  
God's saints, in whose victory the  
angels rejoice and glorify the  
Son of God.

*We remain standing to pray together*

**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.**

*Please be seated*

## **The Confession and Absolution**

### **Invitation to confession**

Christ calls us to share the heavenly banquet of his love with all the saints in earth and heaven.

Knowing our unworthiness and sin, let us ask from him both mercy and forgiveness.

Turn to us again, O God our Saviour, and let your anger cease from us:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation:  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Your salvation is near for those that fear you,  
that glory may dwell in our land:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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.**

*Please stand*

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

**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

*A period of silent prayer*

Almighty God,  
you have knit together your elect  
in one communion and fellowship  
in the mystical body of your Son Christ  
our Lord:  
grant us grace so to follow your blessed  
saints  
in all virtuous and godly living  
that we may come to those  
inexpressible joys  
that you have prepared for those who  
truly love you;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our  
Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## ¶ The Liturgy of the Word

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.**

*Please be seated*

### First Reading

*Wisdom of Solomon 3.1–9*

The souls of the righteous are in the  
hand of God,  
and no torment will ever touch them.  
<sup>2</sup>In the eyes of the foolish they seemed  
to have died,  
and their departure was thought to be  
a disaster,  
<sup>3</sup>and their going from us to be their  
destruction;  
but they are at peace.

<sup>4</sup>For though in the sight of others they  
were punished,  
their hope is full of immortality.

<sup>5</sup>Having been disciplined a little, they  
will receive great good,  
because God tested them and found  
them worthy of himself;

<sup>6</sup>like gold in the furnace he tried them,  
and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he  
accepted them.

<sup>7</sup>In the time of their visitation they will  
shine forth,  
and will run like sparks through the  
stubble.

<sup>8</sup>They will govern nations and rule over  
peoples,  
and the Lord will reign over them for  
ever.

<sup>9</sup>Those who trust in him will  
understand truth,  
and the faithful will abide with him in  
love,  
because grace and mercy are upon his  
holy ones,  
and he watches over his elect.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

### ♪ Hymn (594) ♪

Be still, my soul:  
the Lord is on your side;  
bear patiently  
the cross of grief and pain.  
Leave to your God  
to order and provide;  
in every change, He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul:  
your best, your heavenly Friend  
through thorny ways  
leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul:  
your God will undertake  
to guide the future, as He has the past.  
Your hope, your confidence  
let nothing shake;  
all now mysterious shall be clear at last.  
Be still, my soul:  
the waves and winds still know  
His voice, Who ruled  
them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul:  
when dearest friends depart,  
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,  
then you shall better know  
His love, His heart,  
who comes to soothe your sorrow,  
calm your fears.  
Be still, my soul: for Jesus can repay  
from His own fullness all He takes away.

Be still, my soul:  
the hour is hastening on  
when we shall be forever with the Lord.  
When disappointment,  
grief and fear are gone,  
sorrow forgotten,  
love's pure joy restored.

Be still, my soul:  
when change and tears are past  
all safe and blessed we shall meet at  
last.

Be still, my soul: begin the song of praise  
on earth, believing, to thy Lord on high;  
acknowledge Him  
in all thy words and ways,  
so shall He view thee  
with a well pleased eye.  
Be still, my soul: the Sun of life divine  
through passing clouds  
shall but more brightly shine.

*Katharina A. von Schlegel (1697 - after 1768)  
trans. Jane L. Borthwick (1813-1897)*

*Please be seated*

*The children leave for Young Church.*

## Second Reading

*Revelation 21.1-6*

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with  
them;

<sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from  
their eyes.

Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will  
be no more,  
for the first things have passed  
away.'

<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Let us stand to greet the  
Gospel of Christ.

## The Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, called out of darkness into his marvellous light. *1 Peter 2.9*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*John 11.32-44*

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.' <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!'

<sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## **The Sermon**

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

## **The Nicene Creed**

**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.**

*Please be seated*

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*To the words*  
Lord in your mercy,

*We respond*  
**hear our prayer.**

*After the final prayer we say:*  
Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers for the**  
**sake of your Son, our Saviour,**  
**Jesus Christ.**  
**Amen.**

## **¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

*Please stand*

### **The Peace**

We are fellow-citizens with the saints  
and of the household of God,  
through Christ our Lord, who came and  
preached peace to those who were far  
off and peace to those who were near.

*cf Ephesians 2.19,17*

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

Let us offer one another a sign  
of God's peace.

### **♪ Hymn (CAHON 35) ♪**

*A new commandment*  
*I give unto you:*  
*that you love one another*  
*as I have loved you,*  
*that you love one another*  
*as I have loved you.*

By this shall all  
know you are my disciples  
if you have love one for another.  
(Repeat)

You are my friends  
if you do what I command you.  
Without my help you can do nothing.  
(Repeat)

I am the true vine,  
my Father is the gardener.  
Abide in me: I will be with you. (Repeat)

True love is patient,  
nor arrogant nor boastful;  
love bears all things, love is eternal.  
(Repeat)

As the grain once scattered in the fields  
and the grapes once dispersed on the  
hillside are now reunited on this table  
in bread and wine,  
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon  
be gathered together from the corners  
of the earth into your kingdom.

**Amen.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer (E)**

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, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you  
thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal  
God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
And now we give you thanks, most  
gracious God, surrounded by a great  
cloud of witnesses and glorified in the  
assembly of your saints.

The glorious company of apostles  
praise you. The noble fellowship of  
prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs  
praise you.

We, your holy Church, acclaim you.

In communion with angels and  
archangels, and with all who served you  
on earth and worship you now in  
heaven, we raise our voice to proclaim  
your glory, 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.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of  
your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had  
supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them  
and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is  
given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took  
the cup of wine.

Again he praised you, gave it to them  
and said:

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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus  
did, in him we plead with confidence his  
sacrifice made once for all  
upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life  
and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and  
resurrection you have set us  
free. You are the Saviour of  
the world.**

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all  
the earth.

Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with St Matthew and all  
the saints to feast at your table in  
heaven.

**Through Christ, and with  
Christ, and in Christ, in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit, all  
honour and glory are yours, O  
loving Father,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

*As the children return from Young Church  
we sing*

♪ **Chant** ♪

O, adoramus te, Domine.

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## **The Lord's Prayer**

With saints and martyrs through the  
ages, 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**

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.**

## **Agnus Dei**

**Jesus, Lamb of God,  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
give us your peace.**



## Giving of Communion

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, 'Alleluia.'

The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.

### **Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

*Communicant members of any Christian Church are invited to receive Holy Communion. Children and those who are not confirmed are welcome to come forward for a blessing. If you wish to receive a blessing please bow your head.*

### ♪ **Anthem** ♪

### ♪ **Hymn (629)** ♪

Father, hear the prayer we offer:  
not for ease that prayer shall be,  
but for strength that we may ever  
live our lives courageously.

Not for ever in green pastures  
do we ask our way to be;  
but the steep and rugged pathway  
may we tread rejoicingly.

Not for ever by still waters  
would we idly rest and stay;  
but would smite the living fountains  
from the rocks along our way.

Be our strength in hours of weakness,  
in our wanderings be our guide;  
through endeavour, failure, danger,  
Father, be Thou at our side.

*Love Maria Willis (1824-1908)*

## Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept.*

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:

may we who have shared at this table  
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth  
be welcomed with all your saints  
to the heavenly feast on the day of your  
kingdom;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**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 firm in the hope you  
have set before us,  
so we and all your children  
shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to  
praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## Notices

## ♪ Hymn (296) ♪

For all the saints  
who from their labours rest,  
who Thee by faith  
before the world confessed,  
Thy Name, O Jesu, be forever blest.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock,  
their Fortress and their Might;  
Thou, Lord, their Captain  
in the well-fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness,  
still their one true Light.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O may Thy soldiers,  
faithful, true and bold,  
fight as the saints  
who nobly fought of old,  
and win with them  
the victor's crown of gold.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce,  
the warfare long,  
steals on the ear  
the distant triumph-song,  
and hearts are brave again,  
and arms are strong.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

The golden evening  
brightens in the west;  
soon, soon to faithful  
warriors comes their rest;  
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks  
a yet more glorious day;  
the saints triumphant  
rise in bright array:  
the King of glory passes on His way.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds,  
from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl  
streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

*William Walsham How (1823-1897)*

## ¶ **Dismissal**

### **Acclamation**

Great is the Lord and greatly to be  
praised:

**there is no end of his greatness.**

One generation shall praise your works  
to another

**and shall declare your power.**

All your works praise you, Lord,  
**and your faithful servants  
bless you.**

They make known the glory of  
your kingdom

**and speak of your power.**

My mouth shall speak the praise  
of the Lord:

**let everything bless his holy  
name for ever and ever.**

## **The Blessing**

May God,  
who kindled the fire of his love in the  
hearts of the saints, pour upon you the  
riches of his grace.

**Amen.**

May he give you joy in their fellowship  
and a share in their praises.

**Amen.**

May he strengthen you to follow them  
in the way of holiness and to come to  
the full radiance of glory.

**Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you and  
all those whom you love and all those  
for whom you pray this All Saints' Day  
and for evermore.

**Amen.**

Following God's saints in the ways of  
holiness and truth,  
go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

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