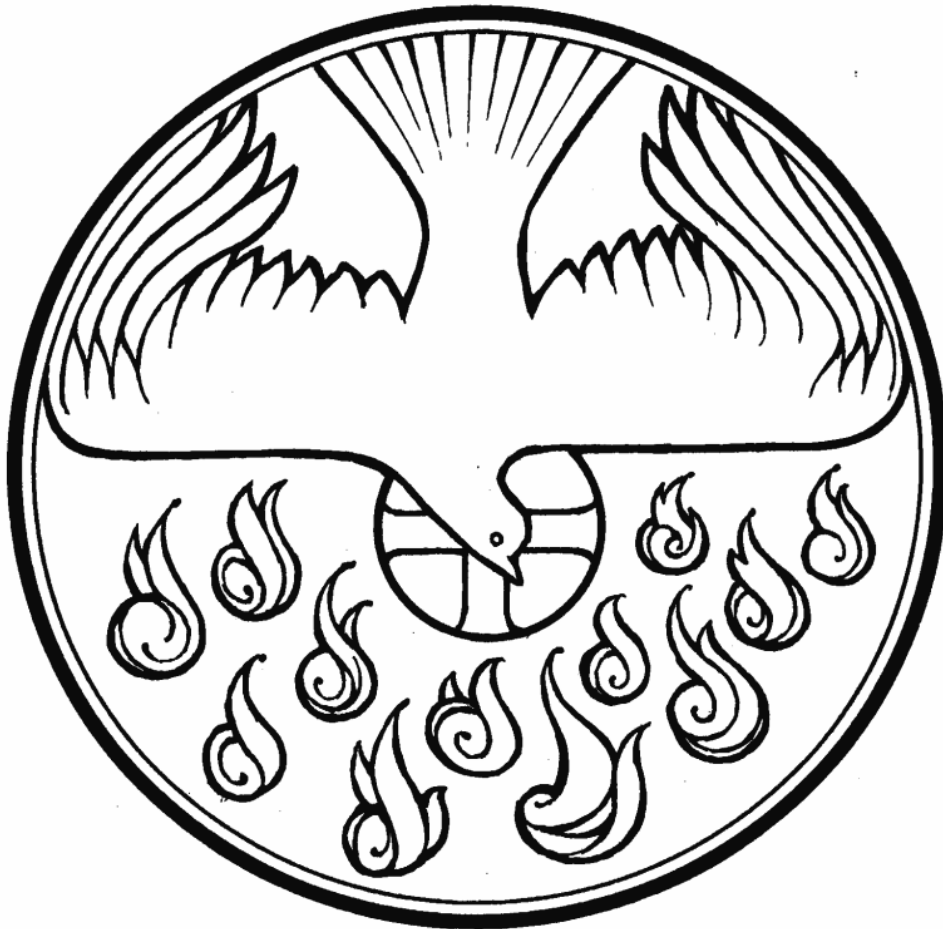




Pentecost



Welcome to St Matthew Croydon.

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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.

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No filming of any of our services is permitted.

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

¶ The Gathering

Please stand

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The fire of God is coming! Sing praises!

Sing praises to God!

The wind of God is blowing!

Sing praises!

Sing praises to God!

The joy of the Spirit is here!

Sing praises!

Sing praises to God!

Sing praises to God all the earth!

Sing praises!

Sing praises! Sing praises!

Sing praises!

♪ Hymn (218) ♪

Thine be the glory,
risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory
Thou o’er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where Thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the victory,
Thou o’er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us,
risen from the tomb;
lovingly He greets us,
scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing;
for her Lord now liveth,
death hath lost its sting:

No more we doubt Thee,
glorious Prince of Life;
life is naught without Thee:
aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors,
through Thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan
to Thy home above:

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

Silence

They were all together in one place,
praying and waiting, praying and waiting,
praying and waiting.

Silence

**Almighty God,
help us today to be open to
your Spirit, to hear you word,
proclaim your glory, and
celebrate the Good News of
Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Please be seated

The Confession and Absolution

Invitation to confession

Come, let us return to the Lord and
say:

We confess to you our selfishness and
lack of love: fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you our fear and failure
in sharing our faith:

fill us with your Spirit.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We confess to you our stubbornness
and lack of trust: fill us with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May the Father forgive us by the death
of his Son and strengthen us to live in
the power of the Spirit all our days.

Amen.

Please stand

The Peruvian Gloria

Verse 1

Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to
the Father!

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory
to the Father!**

Chorus

To God be glory forever!

To God be glory forever!

Alleluia, Amen!

Alleluia, Amen!

Alleluia, A men!

Verse 2

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to
Christ Jesus!

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory
to Christ Jesus!**

Chorus

Verse 3

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to
the Spirit!

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory
to the Spirit!**

Chorus

The Collect

A period of silent prayer

God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your
Holy Spirit:

grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy
comfort;

through the merits of Christ Jesus our
Saviour,

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

Acts 2: 1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come,
they were all together in one place.

²And suddenly from heaven there came
a sound like the rush of a violent wind,
and it filled the entire house where they
were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire,
appeared among them, and a tongue
rested on each of them. ⁴All of them
were filled with the Holy Spirit and
began to speak in other languages, as
the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from
every nation under heaven living in
Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd

gathered and was bewildered, because
each one heard them speaking in the
native language of each. ⁷Amazed and
astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these
who are speaking Galileans?' ⁸And how
is it that we hear, each of us, in our own
native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes,
Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia,
Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,
¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the
parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and
visitors from Rome, both Jews and
proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our
own languages we hear them speaking
about God's deeds of power.' ¹²All were
amazed and perplexed, saying to one
another, 'What does this mean?' ¹³But
others sneered and said, 'They are filled
with new wine.'

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven,
raised his voice and addressed them:
'Men of Judea and all who live in
Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and
listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are
not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only
nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is
what was spoken through the prophet
Joel:

¹⁷"In the last days it will be, God
declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all
flesh,

and your sons and your daughters
shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream
dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and
women,

in those days I will pour out my
Spirit;

and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the
heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's
great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name
of the Lord shall be saved."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Romans 8: 14-17

All who are led by the Spirit of God are
children of God. ¹⁵For you did not
receive a spirit of slavery to fall back
into fear, but you have received a spirit
of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba!
Father!' ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing
witness with our spirit that we are
children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then
heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with
Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so
that we may also be glorified with him.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand to sing

The Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your
faithful people and kindle in them the
fire of your love.

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 14.8–17, 25–27

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the
Father, and we will be satisfied.' ⁹Jesus
said to him, 'Have I been with you all
this time, Philip, and you still do not
know me? Whoever has seen me has
seen the Father. How can you say,
"Show us the Father"? ¹⁰Do you not
believe that I am in the Father and the
Father is in me? The words that I say to
you I do not speak on my own; but the
Father who dwells in me does his
works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the
Father and the Father is in me; but if
you do not, then believe me because of
the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell
you, the one who believes in me will
also do the works that I do and, in fact,
will do greater works than these,
because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will
do whatever you ask in my name, so
that the Father may be glorified in the
Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for
anything, I will do it.

¹⁵If you love me, you will keep my
commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the
Father, and he will give you another
Advocate, to be with you for ever.

¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the
world cannot receive, because it neither
sees him nor knows him. You know him,
because he abides with you, and he will
be in you.

²⁵I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Talk

Let us stand to declare our faith in God.

The Creed

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer Time

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit, who teaches us all things, we pray for your wisdom and understanding in every situation that we find difficult – in our world, in our community and in our own lives. Help us to watch and wait and work for peace and healing in your world. Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

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

God makes peace within us— let us claim it.

God makes peace between us—let us share it.

The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

We encourage everyone to speak in their mother tongue

♪ Hymn (719) ♪

Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness shining:
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;
set us free by the truth You now bring
us:

shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth Your word, Lord,
and let there be light!*

Lord, I come to Your awesome
presence,
from the shadows into Your radiance;
by the blood I may enter Your
brightness:
search me, try me, consume all my
darkness:
shine on me, shine on me.

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
so our faces display Your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory:
mirrored here may our lives tell Your
story:
shine on me, shine on me.

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**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.**

Blessed be God,
who feeds the hungry, who raises the
poor, who fills us with his Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

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.**

Why is it right to give thanks and
praise?

Listen, and we will hear.

Lord of all life,
you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful
earth,
to discover and to cherish.

You give us friends and families
busy streets for young and old,
the life of an earthly city
fulfilled in your city to come.

You made us all,
each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels
and sing your praise:

**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 thank you, loving Father,
because, when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.
Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his
blood.

Why do we share this bread and wine?
Listen, and we will hear.

On the night before he died,
when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread.
He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'
After they had eaten, he took the cup
of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his
disciples, saying:
'This is my blood, poured out for you
and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.'
So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his
risen life.
As you feed us with these gifts,
send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

How do we follow Jesus Christ?
Listen, and we will hear.

Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day
when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your
loving arms.

And now with all your saints
we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit,
today and for ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Being made one by the power of the
Spirit, as our Saviour taught us,
so we pray in your preferred language:

**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

Alleluia. Christ our passover
is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia.**

*Communicant members of any Christian
Church are invited to receive Holy
Communion. If you wish to receive a
blessing please bow your head.*

♪ **Anthem** ♪

♪ **Song (236)** ♪

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what Thou dost love,
and do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure;
until with Thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly Thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with Thee the perfect life
of Thine eternity.

Edwin Hatch (1835-1889)

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**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.**

Notices

♪ Hymn (638) ♪

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me
burning,
give me oil in my lamp, I pray;
give me oil in my lamp, keep me
burning,
keep me burning till the break of day.

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King!*

Give me joy in my heart,
keep me praising,
give me joy in my heart, I pray;
give me joy in my heart,
keep me praising,
keep me praising till the break of day:

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King!*

Give me peace in my heart,
keep me loving,
give me peace in my heart, I pray,
give me peace in my heart,
keep me loving,
keep me loving till the break of day:

Give me love in my heart,
keep me serving,
give me love in my heart, I pray;
give me love in my heart,
keep me serving,
keep me serving till the break of day:

Author Unknown; adapted by A. Sevison and others

¶ Dismissal

The Blessing

May God's Holy Spirit be in your life
place hand on heart

May God's Holy Spirit be in our world
sweep hand out in front

May God's Holy Spirit be love between
us *lift hands towards each other*

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 Pentecost and
for evermore.

Amen.

With the power that raised Jesus from
the dead at work within you, go in the
peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia.

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