



**Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**



## **Welcome to St Matthew Croydon.**

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*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 be seated*

### **Hymn 510**

Will you come and follow Me  
if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don’t know  
and never be the same?

Will you let My love be shown,  
will you let My Name be known,  
will you let My life be grown  
in you and you in Me?

Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare?

Will you let Me answer prayer  
in you and you in Me?

Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?

Will you set the prisoners free  
and never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean  
in you, and you in Me?

Will you love the ‘you’ you hide  
if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you’ve found  
to reshape the world around,  
through My sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in Me?

Lord, your summons echoes true  
when You but call my name.

Let me turn and follow You  
and never be the same.

In Your company I’ll go  
where Your love and footsteps show.

Thus I’ll move and live and grow  
in You and You in me.

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*Please stand*

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



**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**

The saints were faithful unto death  
and now dwell in the heavenly  
kingdom for ever. As we celebrate  
their joy,

let us bring to the Lord our sins and  
weaknesses, and ask for his mercy.

Remember, Lord, your compassion  
and love, for they are everlasting.  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Remember not the sins of my youth  
or my transgressions, but think on  
me in your goodness, O Lord,  
according to your steadfast love.  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

O keep my soul and deliver me;  
let me not be put to shame, for I

have put my trust in you.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May God our Father forgive us our  
sins

and bring us to the fellowship of his  
table with his saints for ever.

**Amen.**

*Please remain seated*

## **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*

O almighty God,  
whose blessed Son called Matthew  
the tax-collector to be an apostle  
and evangelist: give us grace to forsake  
the selfish pursuit of gain and the  
possessive love of riches that we may  
follow in the way of your Son Jesus  
Christ, 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.**

### First Reading

*Proverbs 3.13-18*

Happy are those who find wisdom,  
and those who get  
understanding,  
<sup>14</sup>for her income is better than silver,  
and her revenue better than  
gold.  
<sup>15</sup>She is more precious than jewels,  
and nothing you desire can  
compare with her.  
<sup>16</sup>Long life is in her right hand;  
in her left hand are riches and  
honour.  
<sup>17</sup>Her ways are ways of pleasantness,  
and all her paths are peace.

<sup>18</sup>She is a tree of life to those who lay  
hold of her;  
those who hold her fast are  
called happy.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ♪ Hymn 373 ♪

Purify my heart,  
let me be as gold and precious silver.  
Purify my heart,  
let me be as gold, pure gold.

*Refiner's fire,  
my heart's one desire  
is to be holy,  
set apart for You, Lord.  
I choose to be holy,  
set apart for You, my Master,  
ready to do Your will.*

Purify my heart,  
cleanse me from within  
and make me holy.  
Purify my heart,  
cleanse me from my sin, deep within.

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### Second Reading

*2 Corinthians 4.1-6*

Since it is by God's mercy that we  
are engaged in this ministry, we do  
not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>We have renounced  
the shameful things that one hides;  
we refuse to practise cunning or to  
falsify God's word; but by the open  
statement of the truth we commend  
ourselves to the conscience of  
everyone in the sight of God. <sup>3</sup>And  
even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled  
to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their



case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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.**

The word of the Lord endures for ever.

The word of the Lord is the good news announced to you.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Matthew 9.9-13*

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup>And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and

sinner came and were sitting with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' <sup>12</sup>But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup>Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

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**

*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**

May the God of peace sanctify you:  
may he so strengthen your hearts in  
holiness that you may be blameless  
before him at the coming of our Lord  
Jesus with his saints.

*cf 1 Thessalonians 5.23; 3.13*

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

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

*Please be seated*



## ♪ Hymn CAHON 674 ♪

This is my body, broken for you,  
bringing you wholeness, making you  
free,  
take it and eat it, and when you do,  
do it in love for me.

This is my blood poured out for you,  
bringing forgiveness, making you free.  
Take it and drink it, and when you do,  
do it in love for me.

Back to my Father soon shall I go.  
Do not forget me; then you will see  
I am still with you, and you will know  
you're very close to me.

Filled with my Spirit, how you will grow!  
You are my branches; I am the tree.  
If you are faithful, others will know  
you are alive in me.

Love one another – I have loved you,  
and I have shown you how to be free;  
serve one another, and when you do,  
do it in love for me.

*vv. 1,2 Jimmy Owens, vv. 3-5 Damian Lundy  
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Blessed are you, Lord God of all  
creation:  
through your goodness we have this  
bread to set before you,  
which earth has given and human  
hands have made. It will become for  
us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all  
creation:  
through your goodness we have this  
wine to set before you, fruit of the  
vine and work of human hands.

It will become for us the cup of  
salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

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  
your Son  
our Lord.

**To you be glory and praise for  
ever.**

We rejoice in the glorious splendour  
of your majesty for you have given us  
a share with St Matthew in the  
inheritance of the saints in light.  
In the darkness of this passing age  
they proclaim the glory of  
your kingdom.

**To you be glory and praise for  
ever.**

Chosen as lights in the world,  
they surround our steps as we  
journey on towards the city of  
eternal light  
where they sing the everlasting  
song of triumph.



In communion with angels and archangels and all who have served you on earth and worship you now in heaven, we raise our voices 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.**

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.

**To you be glory and praise for ever.**

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.

**To you be glory and praise for ever.**

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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.**

**You are the Saviour of the world.**

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.

**To you be glory and praise for ever.**

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.**

♪ **Chant** ♪

Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
come to Him and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
trust in Him and you will not thirst.

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**The Lord's Prayer**

Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
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**

Every time we eat this bread  
and drink this cup,

**We proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.**

**Agnus Dei**

**Lamb of God, you take away  
the sins of the world,**

**Have mercy on us, have  
mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away  
the sins of the world,**

**Have mercy on us, have  
mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away  
the sins of the world,**

**Grant us your peace.**

**Invitation to 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.**

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

♪ **Anthem** ♪



## ♪ Hymn 805 ♪

There is a Redeemer,  
Jesus, God's own Son,  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Holy One.

*Thank you, O my Father,  
for giving us Your Son,  
and leaving Your Spirit,  
till the work on earth is done.*

Jesus, my Redeemer,  
Name above all names,  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
O for sinners slain.

When I stand in glory,  
I will see His face,  
and there I'll serve my King for ever,  
in that holy place.

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## Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty God,  
who on the day of Pentecost  
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles  
with the wind from heaven and in  
tongues of flame,  
filling them with joy and boldness to  
preach the gospel:  
by the power of the same Spirit  
strengthen us to witness to your  
truth  
and to draw everyone to the fire  
of your love;  
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 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**

### **The Blessing**

God give you grace to follow his  
saints  
in faith and hope and love;  
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 day  
and  
for evermore.

**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the  
Lord.

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

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