



2nd November 2025

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.

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Our services are often livestreamed – if you have any queries about this, please speak to the warden at the back of the church. If you don't want to appear on video please look for the labelled seats. 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

🎵 Hymn (814) 🎵

Thy hand, O God, has guided
Thy flock, from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page;
our fathers owned Thy goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness;
one Church, one faith, one Lord.

Thy heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest, as to least;
they bade men rise, and hasten
to share the great King's feast;
and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming
one Church, one faith, one Lord.

When shadows thick were falling,
and all seemed sunk in night,
Thou, Lord, didst send Thy servants,
Thy chosen sons of light.

On them and on Thy people
Thy plenteous grace was poured,
and this was still their message:
one Church, one faith, one Lord.

Through many a day of darkness,
through many a scene of strife,
the faithful few fought bravely,
to guard the nation's life.
Their Gospel of redemption,
sin pardoned, man restored,
was all in this enfolded:
one Church, one faith, one Lord.

And we, shall we be faithless?
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict,
and cast away our crown?
Not so: in God's deep counsels
some better thing is stored;

we will maintain, unflinching,
one Church, one faith, one Lord.

Thy mercy will not fail us,
nor leave Thy work undone;
with Thy right hand to help us,
the victory shall be won;
and then, by men and angels,
Thy name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem:
one Church, one faith, one Lord.

Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891)

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

Daniel 7.1–3, 15–18

In the first year of King Belshazzar of
Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions
of his head as he lay in bed. Then he
wrote down the dream:²I, Daniel, saw in
my vision by night the four winds of
heaven stirring up the great sea,³ and
four great beasts came up out of the
sea, different from one another.

¹⁵As for me, Daniel, my spirit was
troubled within me, and the visions of
my head terrified me. ¹⁶I approached
one of the attendants to ask him the
truth concerning all this. So he said that
he would disclose to me the
interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷'As for
these four great beasts, four kings shall
arise out of the earth. ¹⁸But the holy
ones of the Most High shall receive the
kingdom and possess the kingdom for
ever—for ever and ever.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

♪ Hymn (223) ♪

All hail the power of Jesu's name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
to crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
crown Him Lord of all!

Crown Him ye martyrs of your God,
who from His altar call:
praise Him whose way of pain ye trod,
and crown Him, crown Him, crown
Him,
crown Him Lord of all!

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
ye ransomed of the fall,
hail Him who saves you by His grace,
and crown Him, crown Him, crown
Him,
crown Him Lord of all!

Let every tribe and every tongue
to Him their hearts enthrall,
lift high the universal song
and crown Him, crown Him, crown
Him,
crown Him Lord of all!

Edward Perronet (1726-1792) Revised John Rippon

Please be seated

The children leave for Young Church.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1.11–23

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were

marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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 Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 6.20–31

Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹‘Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

‘Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²²‘Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴‘But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵‘Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

‘Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶‘Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

²⁷‘But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray

for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.

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 (710) ♪

Light's abode, celestial Salem,
vision whence true peace doth spring,
brighter than the heart can fancy,
mansion of the highest King;
O how glorious are the praises
which of thee the prophets sing!

There for ever and for ever
alleluia is outpoured;
for unending, for unbroken,
is the feast-day of the Lord;
all is pure and all is holy
that within thy walls is stored.

There no cloud or passing vapour
dims the brightness of the air;
endless noon-day, glorious noon-day,
from the Sun of suns is there;
there no night brings rest from labour,
for unknown are toil and care.

O how glorious and resplendent,
fragile body, shalt thou be,
when endued with so much beauty,
full of health and strong and free,
full of vigour, full of pleasure
that shall last eternally!

Now with gladness, now with courage,
bear the burden on thee laid,
that hereafter these thy labours
may with endless gifts be paid;
and in everlasting glory
thou with brightness be arrayed.

Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One,
consubstantial, co-eternal,
while unending ages run.

*Ascribed to Thomas à Kempis (c.1379-1471) trans.
John Mason Neale (1816-1866)*

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 (433)** ♪

*Broken for me, broken for you,
the body of Jesus broken for you.*

He offered his Body, He poured out his soul,
Jesus was broken that we might be whole.

Come to my table and with me dine,
eat of my bread and drink of my wine.

This is my body given for you,
eat it remembering I died for you.

This is my blood I shed for you,
for your forgiveness, making you new.

Janet Lunt (b.1954) arranged by Andrew Maries (b1949)

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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