



***St Matthew Croydon***  
***Ordinary Time Eucharist (1)***  
***With renewal of wedding vows***

**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.**

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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**

### **Hymn (715)**

Lord, for the years  
Your love has kept and guided,  
urged and inspired us,  
cheered us on our way,  
sought us and saved us,  
pardoned and provided:  
Lord of the years,  
we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that Word,  
the Word of life which fires us,  
speaks to our hearts  
and sets our souls ablaze,  
teaches and trains,  
rebukes us and inspires us:  
Lord of the Word,  
receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land,  
in this our generation,  
spirits oppressed by pleasure,  
wealth and care:  
for young and old,  
for commonwealth and nation,

Lord of our land,  
be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world;  
when we disown and doubt you,  
loveless in strength,  
and comfortless in pain,  
hungry and helpless,  
lost indeed without you:  
Lord of the world,  
we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves;  
in living power remake us,  
self on the cross,  
and Christ upon the throne,  
past put behind us,  
for the future take us:  
Lord of our lives,  
to live for Christ alone.

*Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926) © Timothy Dudley-Smith*

*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**

*Isaiah 40.12–17, 27–end*

12 Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand

and marked off the heavens with a span,  
enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure,  
and weighed the mountains in scales  
and the hills in a balance?

13 Who has directed the spirit of the Lord,  
or as his counsellor has instructed him?

14 Whom did he consult for his enlightenment,  
and who taught him the path of justice?

Who taught him knowledge,  
and showed him the way of understanding?

15 Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket,  
and are accounted as dust on the scales;  
see, he takes up the isles like fine dust.

16 Lebanon would not provide fuel enough,  
nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering.

17 All the nations are as nothing before him;

they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.

27 Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,  
'My way is hidden from the Lord,  
and my right is disregarded by my God'?

28 Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The Lord is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.

29 He gives power to the faint,  
and strengthens the powerless.

30 Even youths will faint and be weary,  
and the young will fall exhausted;

31 but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their  
strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.

*At the end of which, the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Song/Hymn (721)**

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us Thy humble dwelling,  
all Thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesu, Thou art all compassion,  
pure unbounded love Thou art;  
visit us with Thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit  
into every troubled breast;

let us all in Thee inherit,  
let us find Thy promised rest.

Take away the love of sinning,  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all Thy grace receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
never more Thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve Thee as Thy hosts above;  
pray, and praise Thee, without ceasing,  
glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then Thy new creation:  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see Thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in Thee.  
Changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before Thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

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

## **Second Reading**

*2 Corinthians 13.11–end*

11 Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

12 Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

13 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

*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  
*Matthew.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Matthew 28.16–20*

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

*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.**

### **Renewal of Wedding Vows**

We have come together in the presence of God to give thanks with Stephen and Florence for 35 years of married life.

I invite you now to recall the vows that you made at your wedding.

*Husband and wife face each other and hold hands.*

*The husband says*

I, Stephen, took you, Florence, to be my wife;

*The wife says*

I, Florence, took you, Stephen, to be my husband;

*The couple say together*

to have and to hold from that day forward,  
for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer,  
in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish,  
till death us do part, according to God's holy law,  
and this was our solemn vow.

Today, in the presence of our family and friends,  
we affirm our continuing commitment to this vow.

*The minister says to the congregation*

Will you, the family and friends of Stephen and Florence,  
continue to support and uphold them  
in their marriage now and in the years to come?

**We will.**

## **The Rings**

Heavenly Father, source of everlasting love,  
revealed to us in Jesus Christ and poured into our hearts  
through your Holy Spirit;  
that love which many waters cannot quench, neither the  
floods drown;  
that love which is patient and kind, enduring all things  
without end;

by your blessing, let *these rings* be  
to Stephen and Florence  
*symbols* to remind them of the covenant made on their  
wedding day,  
through your grace in the love of your Son  
and in the power of your Spirit.  
**Amen.**

### **Prayers**

God the Father,  
God the Son,  
God the Holy Spirit,  
bless, preserve and keep you;  
the Lord mercifully grant you the riches of his grace  
that you may please him both in body and soul,  
and, living together in faith and love,  
may receive the blessings of eternal life.  
**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 (650)**

Great is Thy faithfulness,  
O God my Father,  
there is no shadow of  
turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not,  
Thy compassions, they fail not;  
as Thou hast been,  
Thou for ever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness!*  
*Great is Thy faithfulness!*  
*Morning by morning*  
*new mercies I see;*  
*all I have needed*  
*Thy hand hath provided,*  
*great is Thy faithfulness,*  
*Lord, unto me.*

Summer and winter,  
and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars  
in their courses above,  
join with all nature  
in manifold witness  
to Thy great faithfulness,  
mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and  
a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence  
to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and  
bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine,  
with ten thousand beside!

*Thomas Obadiah Chisholm (1866-1960)*  
*Music by William M. Runyan (1870-1957)*  
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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.**

## **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.  
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.

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.***

**Anthem:** The Lord bless you and keep you by John Rutter

## Hymn (725)

Make me a channel of Your peace.

Where there is hatred,

let me bring Your love.

Where there is injury,

Your pardon Lord;

and where there's doubt,

true faith in You.

*O Master, grant that I may never seek,*

*so much to be consoled as to console,*

*to be understood, as to understand,*

*to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of Your peace.

Where there's despair in life

let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness,

let me bring Your light;

and where there's sadness, ever joy.

Make me a channel of Your peace.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

in giving of ourselves that we receive,

and in dying that we're born

to eternal life.

*Sebastian Temple (1928-1997) based on the prayer*

*of St Francis of Assisi © 1967 OCP Publications*

## **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 (818)**

To God be the glory,  
great things He has done!  
So loved He the world  
that He gave us His Son;  
who yielded His life  
an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate  
that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father,  
through Jesus the Son,  
and give Him the glory!  
Great things He has done!*

O perfect redemption,  
the purchase of blood,  
to every believer  
the promise of God.  
The vilest offender  
who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus  
forgiveness receives.

Great things He has taught us,  
great things He has done,  
and great our rejoicing  
through Jesus the Son;  
but purer, and higher,  
and greater will be  
our wonder, our rapture,  
when Jesus we see.

*Frances Jane van Alstyne (Fanny J. Crosby) (1820-1915)*

*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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