



St Matthew Croydon
Ordinary Time Eucharist (2)
with Baptism

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 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 (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
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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.

Most merciful God,

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

We confess that we have sinned

In thought, word and deed.

We have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

In your mercy

**Forgive what we have been,
Help us to amend what we are,
And direct what we shall be,
That we may do justly, Love mercy,
And walk humbly with you, our God. 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

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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.

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

Genesis 28.10–19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. ¹¹He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹²And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring.

¹⁵Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' ¹⁶Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' ¹⁷And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

¹⁸So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹He called that place Bethel.

At the end of which, the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn (765)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is
thy health and salvation:

all ye who hear,
now to His temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things
so wondrously reigneth,
shieldeth thee gently from harm,
or when fainting sustaineth:

hast thou not seen
how thy heart's wishes have been
granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper
thy work and defend thee;
surely His goodness and mercy
shall daily attend thee.

Ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
if to the end He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that
is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen
sound from His people again:
gladly for aye we adore Him!

Joachim Neander (1650-1680) trans. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

Please be seated. The children leave for Young Church.

Second Reading

Romans 8.12–25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For 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.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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 13.24–30, 36–43

Jesus put before his disciples another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, “Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?” ²⁸He answered, “An enemy has done this.” The slaves said to him, “Then do you want us to go and gather them?” ²⁹But he replied, “No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.” ’

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, ‘Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.’ ³⁷He answered, ‘The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.

⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!’

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Liturgy of Baptism

Introduction

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us
that to enter the kingdom of heaven
we must be born again of water and the Holy Spirit, and has
given us baptism as the sign and seal of this new birth.
Here we are washed by the blood of Christ and made clean.
Here we are clothed with Christ, dying to sin that we may live
his risen life.
As children of God, we have a new dignity as God calls us to
fullness
of life in him.

Presentation of the Candidates

Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me. Do not stop them'.

We thank God for Samara who has come to be baptised today.

Christ loves her and welcomes her into her Church.

So I ask you all:

Will you support Samara as she begins her journey of faith?

We will.

Will you help her to live and grow within God's family?

We will.

God knows each of us by name and we are his. Parents and godparents, you speak for Samara today. Will you pray for her, and help her to follow Christ?

We will.

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

Signing with the Cross

A minister makes the sign of the cross on Samara's forehead, saying

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed of Christ.

You are his for ever.

Stand bravely with him

against all the powers of evil,

and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

Amen.

Prayer over the Water

Praise God who made heaven
and earth,
who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

We praise you, loving Father,
for the gift of your Son Jesus.
He was baptised in the River Jordan,
where your Spirit came upon him
and revealed him as the Son you love.
He sent his followers
to baptise all who turn to him.

Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water, that Samara who
is to be baptised in it may be cleansed by the blood of Jesus,
washed in the water of life, and, filled with your Spirit, may
know that she is loved as your child, safe in Christ for ever.
Amen.

Profession of Faith

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all
being and life,
the one for whom we exist?
I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

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

Baptism

Samara, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

You have been clothed with Christ.

As many as are baptised into Christ have put on Christ.

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace,
that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

Amen.

Commission

We have brought Samara to baptism knowing that Jesus died and rose again for her and trusting in the promise that God hears and answers prayer. We have prayed that in Jesus Christ she will know the forgiveness of her sins and the new life of the Spirit.

As she grows up, she will need the help and encouragement of the Christian community, so that she may learn to know God in public worship and private prayer, follow Jesus Christ in the life of faith, serve her neighbour after the example of Christ, and in due course come to confirmation.

As part of the Church of Christ, we all have a duty to support her by prayer, example and teaching. As her parents and godparents, you have the prime responsibility for guiding and helping her in her early years. This is a demanding task for which you will need the help and grace of God. Therefore let us now pray for grace in guiding Samara in the way of faith.

Prayer

Faithful and loving God,
bless those who care for Samara and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith. Pour upon them your healing and reconciling love, and protect their homes from all evil.
Fill them with the light of your presence
and establish them in the joy of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith,
one baptism:

Samara, by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

Giving of a Lighted Candle

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has
given us a place with the saints in light.

Samara, you have received the light of Christ; walk in this
light all the days of your life.

**Shine as a light in the world,
to the glory of God the Father.**

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 (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)

**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 (CAHON 929) ♪

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
in the Lord, I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid;
lift up your voices: the Lord is near,
lift up your voices: the Lord is near.

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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.

Every time we eat this bread

And drink this cup,

We proclaim the Lord's death

Until he comes.

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.***

Hymn (330)

*Refrain:
Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name;
you are mine.*

When you walk through the waters,
I'll be with you.
You will never sink beneath the waves.

Refrain

When the fire is burning all around you,
you will never be consumed by the flames.

Refrain

When the fear of loneliness is looming,
then remember I am at your side.

Refrain

When you dwell in the exile of a stranger,
remember you are precious in my eyes.

Refrain

You are mine, O my child,
I am your Father,
and I love you with a perfect love.

Refrain

Gerard Markland (b.1953) based on Isaiah 43.1-4 © 1978 Kevin Mayhew Ltd

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 (757)

One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go;
from the old things to the new,
keep me travelling along with You:

*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with You.*

Round the corners of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I learn;
all the new things that I see
You'll be looking at along with me:

As I travel through the bad and good,
keep me travelling the way I should;
where I see no way to go
You'll be telling me the way, I know:

Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough;
leap and sing in all I do,
keep me travelling along with You:

You are older than the world can be,
You are younger than the life in me;
ever old and ever new,
keep me travelling along with You:

Sydney Carter (1915-2004)

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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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