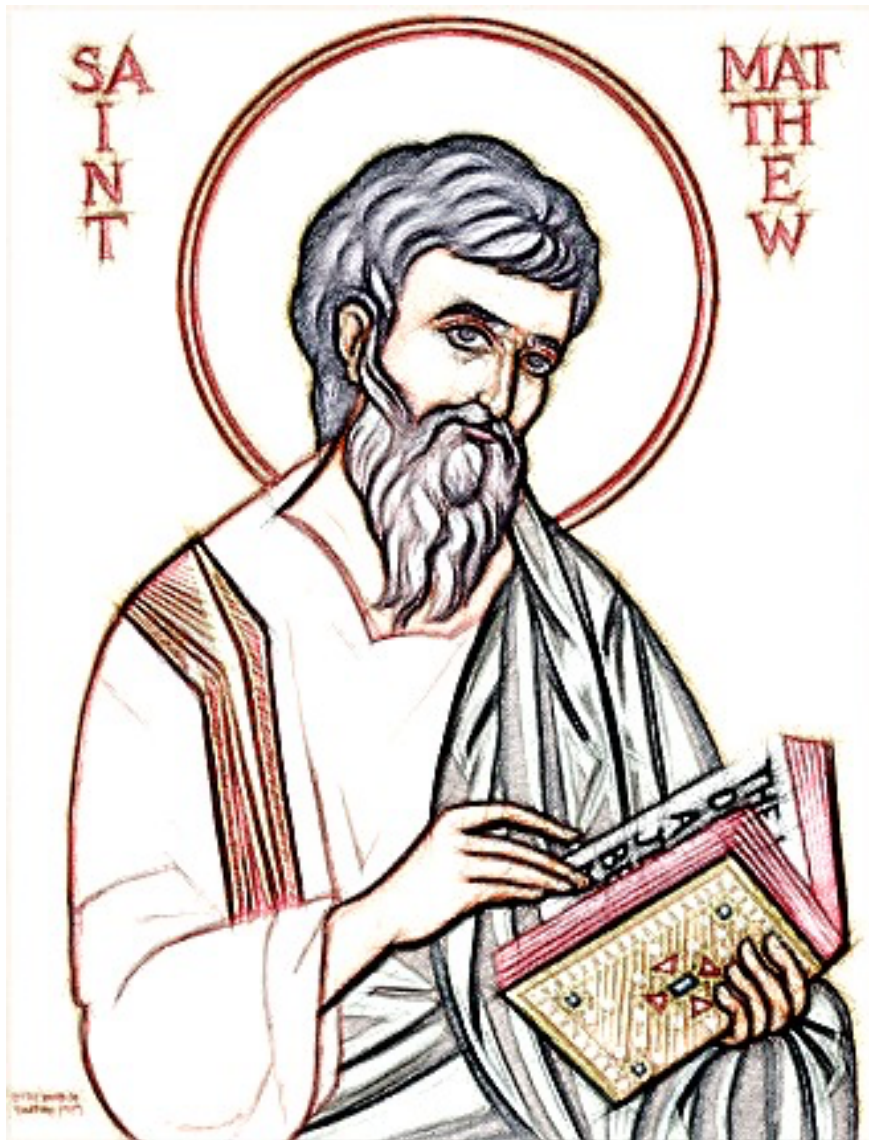




Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

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

Please be seated

Hymn

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

¶ **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

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

♪ **Hymn 373** ♪

Second Reading

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 *N*.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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 I 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 ♪

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 ♪

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 ♪

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

**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 ♪

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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