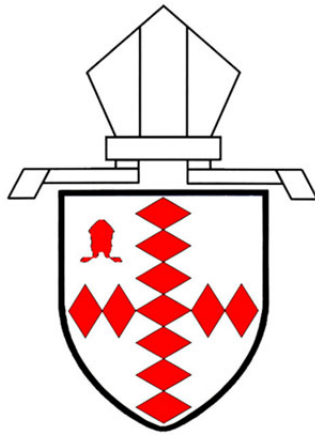


Diocese of Southwark Croydon Episcopal Area



Service of Baptism and Confirmation at Holy Communion

**St Matthew, Croydon
18 October at 4pm**

This evening, we welcome our Assistant Bishop, The Rt Revd Peter Price, and the families and friends of those who are to be baptised and confirmed at this service. We also welcome those from the Parish of St Matthew's and the South Croydon Benefice. Please remember all those being baptised and/or confirmed today in your prayers throughout this coming week.

St Matthew Croydon
Karl Sheppard, Geoffrey Ndokwu,
Somayeh (Tina) Jounaghani

South Croydon Benefice of St Peter and St Augustine
Chimamanda Jasmine Ikenna, Chimdiebube Jayden
Ikenna, Andrew John Murden (St Augustine's)

During the service please ensure your **mobile phone** is turned off.

Everything you need for the service is in this Order of Service.

Do please join in with the words in **bold**.

A **collection** plate for the Bishop of Southwark's Lent Fund (Registered Charity Number 1075122) will be available throughout the service at the back of the church. Please give generously if you can.

Christians of all denominations are welcome to receive Communion if you usually do so in your own church.

WELCOME

The Rev'd Ruth Chapman, Vicar, St Matthew Croydon and
Area Dean Croydon Central

*Please stand for the entry of the ministers.
A hymn is sung*

OPENING HYMN [748]

O Jesus, I have promised
to serve Thee to the end;
be Thou forever near me,
my Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
if Thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if Thou wilt be my Guide.

O let me feel Thee near me,
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw Thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear Thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control!
O speak, and make me listen,
Thou Guardian of my soul!

O Jesus, Thou hast promised
to all who follow Thee
that where Thou art in glory
there shall Thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend!

John Ernest Bode (Tune: Wolvercote)

THE GREETING

The Bishop greets the people

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
All **Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.**

There is one body and one spirit
there is one hope to which we were called;
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all.

Peace be with you.
All **and also with you.**

The Bishop introduces the service

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

*The Bishop or a Minister uses a seasonal invitation to
Confession or these or other suitable words*

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.

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 Bishop says

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

THE COLLECT

Almighty God,
you called Luke the physician,
whose praise is in the gospel,
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:
by the grace of the Spirit
and through the wholesome medicine of the
gospel,
give your Church the same love and power to heal;
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.
All Amen.

Please be seated

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

1 John 3.16 - 4.6

Reader, Andrew John Murden

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God; for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. And this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming; and now it is already in the world. ⁴Little children, you are from God, and have conquered them; for the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore what they say is from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us, and whoever is not from God does not listen to us. From this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

At the end, the reader will say

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

GRADUAL HYMN [236]

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what Thou dost love,
and do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure;
until with Thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly Thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with Thy fire divine

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with Thee the perfect life
of Thine eternity.

Edwin Hatch (1835-1889)

We remain standing for

THE GOSPEL

Mark 10.35-45

Reader, The Rev'd Ruth Chapman

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark

All Glory to you, O Lord.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' ³⁶And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' ³⁷And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' ³⁸But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' ³⁹They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

At the end, the reader will say

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

THE PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Signing with the Cross

The Bishop or another minister makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of each candidate, saying

Christ claims you for his own.
Receive the sign of his cross.

The Bishop may invite parents, godparents and sponsors to sign the candidates with the cross. When all the candidates have been signed, the Bishop says

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.
All Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God
deliver you from the powers of darkness,
restore in you the image of his glory,
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.
All Amen.

Prayer over the Water

The Bishop and candidates for baptism gather at the baptismal font. A canticle, psalm, hymn or litany may be used

The Bishop stands before the water of baptism and says

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All It is right to give thanks and praise.
We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water
to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.

Over water
the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.
Through water you led the children of Israel
from slavery in Egypt
to freedom in the Promised Land.
In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John
and was anointed by the Holy Spirit
as the Messiah, the Christ,
to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism.
In it we are buried with Christ in his death.
By it we share in his resurrection.
Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.
Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son,
we baptize into his fellowship
those who come to him in faith.

Now sanctify this water that,
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
they may be cleansed from sin and born again.
Renewed in your image,
may they walk by the light of faith
and continue for ever in the risen life of
Jesus Christ our Lord;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Profession of Faith

The Bishop addresses the congregation when the Candidates for Confirmation have joined him at the Font

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess
together with these candidates
the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

All I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

All I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

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the prayer of St Francis of Assisi © 1967
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CONFIRMATION

The Bishop stands before those who are to be confirmed and says

Our help is in the name of the Lord
All who has made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the name of the Lord
All now and for ever. Amen.

The Bishop stretches out his hands towards them and says

Almighty and ever-living God,
you have given these your servants
new birth in baptism by water and the Spirit,
and have forgiven them all their sins.
Let your Holy spirit rest upon them:
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding;
the Spirit of counsel and inward strength;
the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness;
and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord.

All Amen.

The Bishop addresses each Candidate by name

N, God has called you by name
and made you his own.

*The Bishop lays his hands on the head of each Candidate and
anoints them with oil and says*

Confirm, O Lord, your servant **N**
with your Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

*The newly confirmed turn outwards to face the Congregation and
the Bishop invites the Congregation to pray for them*

All Defend O Lord,
these your servants with your heavenly grace,
that they may continue yours for ever,
and daily increase in your Holy spirit more a more,
until they come to your eternal kingdom.
Amen.

COMMISSION

The newly confirmed turn back to face the Bishop as he commissions them

Those who are baptised
are called to worship and serve God.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in breaking bread, and in the prayers?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall
into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of
God in Christ?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your
neighbour as yourself?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society,
by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the
weak, and seeking peace and justice?

With the help of God, I will.

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, that you
may be rooted and grounded in love and bring forth the fruit
of the Spirit.

All Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Led by Stephen Collingwood

These responses may be used

Lord in your mercy or Lord, hear us.
All hear our prayer. Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end

Merciful Father,
All accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Bishop concludes the intercessions with this Collect

God of mercy,
by whose grace alone we are accepted
and equipped for your service:
stir up in us the gifts of your Holy Spirit
and make us worthy of our calling;
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Welcome and the Peace

Please stand

The Bishop addresses the newly confirmed

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.
All **We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father
we welcome you.**

*The congregation may greet the newly confirmed
The newly confirmed then return to their seats.*

The Bishop introduces the Peace

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us and,
as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the spirit to dwell in our hearts.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

HYMN

Joyful, joyful, we adore You,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You,
Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

All Your works with joy surround You,
Earth and heav'n reflect Your rays,
Stars and angels sing around You,
Center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Praising You eternally!

Always giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Loving Father, Christ our Brother,
Let Your light upon us shine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus,
Which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us,
Joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

Henry J. Van Dyke (1852-1933)

THE EUCHARIST PRAYER B

All The Lord be with you *(or)* The Lord is here.
and also with you. **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ,
your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness
to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will
and won for you a holy people.

Short Proper Preface, when appropriate

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and *saying*:

**All 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.]**

Lord, you are holy indeed,
the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.

[Great is the mystery of faith:]
All Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

And so, Father,
calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice
made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of [*N and*]
all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,

through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All Amen.

Please kneel or sit to pray

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

All 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread
to share I the body of Christ.

All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we share in one bread.

AGNUS DEI

All Jesus, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world,
grant us your peace.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

*The Bishop invites everyone to come to receive
communion or a blessing*

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink
in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

*Please follow the directions to receive communion or a
blessing*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All Almighty God,
we thank you feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of the Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.

Please stand

FINAL HYMN [707]

Here and now we're bound together:
held in one divine embrace.
Help us see, in one another,
difference as a gift of grace.
As each passing generation
worships you in fresh new ways,
join our songs with all creation,
lift our voice to sing your praise.

Lord, affirm our shared vocation:
may we bring your plans to birth,
build your church on sure foundations,
fit to serve a troubled earth.
Growing, praying, sharing, learning,
deep in wisdom, broad in scope,
love-revealing, truth-discerning,
living out the gospel hope.

In your work of transformation
you are making all things new.
Stir our hearts' imagination,
call us now to work with you.
Send us out to share your mission;
show us each our part to play.
as we live the Great Commission,
joyful in your world today.

*Tune: Blaenwern
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THE SENDING OUT

GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

All the candidates are given a lighted candle, lit from the Paschal Candle. The Bishop or another person may give each of the newly confirmed a lighted candle. When all have received a candle, the Bishop says

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

You have received the light of Christ;
Walk in this light all the days of your life.

**All Shine as a light in the world
To the Glory of God the Father.**

THE BLESSING

The God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

The Bishop leads the newly confirmed through the Church

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