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The Eucharist in Advent

Traditional Language

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Advent is a season of expectation, waiting and preparation for the coming (*adventus*) of Christ, both in his incarnation in the child of Bethlehem at

Christmas and as judge at the end of time. The season challenges us to watch for the coming of Christ and to prepare ourselves to meet him.

The season has a natural break on the 17th December ('O Sapientia'). Until 16th December, the Advent emphasis is on looking ahead to the coming of Christ at the end of time, and the themes of judgement and fulfilment to the fore. From 17th December, the focus of the season shifts towards preparing ourselves to meet the coming Christ-child, whose birth we will celebrate at Christmas.

In this service:

We are all gathered to worship God and to celebrate the Eucharist.
The President leads us in gathering at the Lord's Table.
The Deacon proclaims the Gospel and sends us
to serve God in our world

Words in Bold Type are for us all to join in

Words in Plain Type are for a minister to say

Words in Italic Type are instructions and explanations

Special prayers and the readings for the day can be found on the readings sheet.

If you would like to receive communion in your pew, or need a gluten-free wafer, please speak to a sidesman or a verger before the service begins.

Some Prayers for use before the service

Be still in the presence of God.

Consider what you are bringing to God today:

sins, sorrows, hopes, needs, thanksgivings ...

for yourself, for others, for the world ...

Be present, O merciful God,
and enlighten our hearts by the grace of thy Holy Spirit
that we may worthily approach these holy mysteries
and love thee with an everlasting love. Amen.

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, inebriate me.

Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O good Jesu, hear me.

Within thy wounds, hide me.

Suffer me not to be separated from thee.

From the malicious enemy defend me.

In the hour of my death, call me,

and bid me come to thee,

that with thy saints I may praise thee, in all eternity. Amen.

By thy first coming, make us righteous;

at thy second coming, set us free:

so that, when the world is filled with light and thou judgest all things,

we may be clad in spotless robes and follow in thy steps, O King,

into the heavenly hall. Amen.

THE GATHERING

Please stand

Processional Hymn

The President greets the people

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you
and with thy spirit.

Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God,
unto whom all hearts be open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love thee,
and worthily magnify thy holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

Please kneel. If you prefer to sit, please do so.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

“The first commandment is this:

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord;
and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,
and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind,
and with all thy strength.'

This is the first commandment.

“And the second is like, namely this:

'Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.'

There is none other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

**All Lord, have mercy upon us,
and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

Silence is kept to recall our sin

When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

1 Corinthians 4.5

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against thee and against our neighbour,
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are heartily sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve thee in newness of life
to the glory of thy name. Amen.**

The Kyrie eleison (Lord have mercy) is said or sung, in Greek or English.

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Christe eleison	Christ have mercy
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Kyrie eleison	Lord have mercy
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The president pronounces God's forgiveness

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.**

The Collect

Let us pray.

A time of silence is kept.

The president then says the collect (the prayer for the day).

*We all respond **Amen.***

Please sit.

The Advent Wreath

The children gather at the front of the church.

*The Advent Wreath is introduced; candle(s) are lit;
and one of the prayers on pages 22- 25 is said.*

The children then leave for Sunday School.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gradual Hymn

Gospel Reading

The Gospel is processed into the middle of the church as a sign that it is at the heart of our community. Please turn and face the Gospel as it passes you.

The Gospel is introduced with an acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia.

Isaiah 40.3-5

When the gospel is announced the reader says:

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At the end the reader says:

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

Please sit.

The Creed

We stand and proclaim our faith together

**All I believe in one God the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible:**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary
and was made man,
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried,
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory
to judge both the quick and the dead,
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshipped and glorified,
who spake by the prophets.
And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

We kneel or sit to bring our needs and the needs of the world before God.

These usually follow this pattern:

Prayers for the Church of God

Prayers for the world, human society and those in authority

Prayers for the local community

Prayers for those who suffer

Prayers remembering those who have died

These responses may be used:

Lord, in thy mercy

or

Lord, hear us

Hear our prayer.

Lord, graciously hear us.

At the end this response is used:

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers

for the sake of thy Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

Please stand

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.78,79

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and with thy spirit.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We greet one another with a handshake or another sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

During this hymn bread and wine are placed on the altar, and a collection of money may be taken

The Deacon leads the offertory prayer

**Thine, O Lord, is the greatness and the power
and the glory and the victory and the majesty.
All that is in heaven and earth is thine.
All things come of thee, O Lord,
and of thine own do we give thee.**

The president takes the bread and wine.

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 thy whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth into thy kingdom.

All **Amen.**

Please kneel

Eucharistic Prayer A *(For use until 16th December)*

The Lord be with you.

and with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is indeed right and good to give thee thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ thy Son.

For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh,
he fulfilled the plan thou formed before the foundation of the world

to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that thy promise will be fulfilled,

we now watch for the day

when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

And so we join our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven to proclaim thy glory,
for ever praising thee and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.**

**Blessed is he that cometh
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra
gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of thy Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be unto us his body and his blood;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread;
and when he had given thanks to thee,
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.”

Likewise after supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks to thee;
he gave it to them, saying:
“Drink ye all of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Lord and 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 his kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ thy 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 thy divine majesty,
renew us by thy Holy Spirit, inspire us with thy love
and unite us in the body of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father almighty,
world without end. **Amen.**

Silence is kept and a bell may be rung to mark the presence of God in the sacrament.

The service continues with the Lord's Prayer on page 17.

Please kneel

Eucharistic Prayer B (*For use from 17th December*)

The Lord be with you
All **and with thy spirit.**
Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is indeed right and good to give thee thanks and praise,
Almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ thy Son.
He is the one foretold by all the prophets,
whom the Virgin Mary bore with love beyond all telling.
John the Baptist was his herald
and made him known when at last he came.
In his love Christ fills us with joy as we prepare to celebrate his birth,
so that when he comes again he may find us watching in prayer,
our hearts filled with wonder and praise.
And so, with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim thy glory,
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

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Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
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world without end. **Amen.**

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the sacrament.*

The Lord's Prayer

Awaiting his coming in glory,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and 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

Agnus Dei

The choir sings:

**O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.**

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

Giving of Communion

The president invites God's people to receive communion:

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.

**We do not presume
to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in thy manifold and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table.**

**But thou art the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of thy 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.**

Those who normally receive communion in their own church are welcome to do so here. Those who prefer to come to the Altar for a blessing are also welcome. Please hold this service booklet, and kneel with your head bowed. Please follow the direction of sidesmen.

These or other authorized words are used at the distribution of communion.

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life.
The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life.

During communion hymns and anthems may be sung

Please kneel

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

The Post-Communion prayer for the day is said. This can normally be found on the readings sheet.

We all pray:

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

THE DISMISSAL

Please stand

The Blessing

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

The Deacon says:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

Some prayers for use after the service

We give you thanks Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the good things you have won for us,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for us.
O most merciful redeemer,
friend and brother,
may we know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly,
day by day. Amen.

St Richard of Chichester

Ah! What time wilt thou come? When shall that cry
“The Bridegroom’s coming” fill the sky?
Shall it in the evening run
When our words and work are done?
Or will thy all-surpassing light
Break at midnight

Yet let my course, my aim my love
And chief acquaintance be above;
so when that say shall come
in which thyself will be the sun,
Thou’lt find me dressed and on my way
Watching the break of thy great day

From ‘the Dawning’ by Henry Vaughan

Appendix – Prayers at the Advent Wreath

The Advent Wreath, five candles set in greenery, reminds us of the ever-green love of God. The wreath helps us to mark the time of Advent, and so heightens our expectation and helps our preparation during this season.

Advent Sunday – The Candle of Hope: Abraham, Sarah, The Patriarchs and the Old Testament Ancestors of Jesus

Today is the First Sunday of Advent, in which we recall the hope we have in Christ. God told Abraham that through him all the nations of the world would be blessed, because he trusted and put his hope in God. The Old Testament spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a Saviour would be born, a king in the line of King David. He would rule the world wisely and bless all the nations. We too believe in God's promise to send Jesus again to this world to establish his kingdom upon the earth.

The first candle on the wreath is lit.

Hope is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

**God of Abraham and Sarah, and all the patriarchs of old,
you are our Father too.**

**Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of David.**

**Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth
to make our hearts ready for your Holy Spirit
to make his home among us.**

**We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the Light who is coming into the world. Amen.**

Advent 2 – The Candle of Peace: The prophets who foretold the birth of Jesus

Today is the Second Sunday of Advent and we will light the Candle of Peace. Last Sunday we lit the Candle of Hope, and remembered the patriarchs and Old Testament ancestors of Jesus. Today we light the Candle of Peace. We remember the prophets who spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a Saviour would be born, a king in the line of King David. The prophet Isaiah called Christ "the Prince of Peace". They told us how he would rule the world wisely and bless all the nations. When Jesus came he taught people the importance of being peace-makers. He said that those who make peace shall be called the children of God. When Christ comes to us he brings us peace and he will bring everlasting peace when he comes again. We light the Candle of Peace to remind us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace and that through him peace is found.

The first and second candles on the wreath are lit.

Peace is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we celebrate the peace we find in Jesus Christ.

**God our Father,
you spoke to the prophets of old
of a Saviour who would bring peace.
You helped them to spread the joyful message
of his coming kingdom.
Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his birth,
to share with those around us
the good news of your power and love.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the Light who is coming into the world. Amen.**

Advent 3 – The Candle of Love: John the Baptist

Last Sunday we lit the Candle of Peace. We light it and the Candle of Hope again as we remember Jesus, born in Bethlehem, our hope and our peace. Today we light the Candle of Love. In their old age God gave to Zechariah and Elizabeth a son called John. John spoke to the people bravely in the desert denying his own comforts and prepared to die for what he believed. John taught that we should share what we have with others, treat each other kindly and show God's love. He did this because he cared for people and wanted them to repent and find God's forgiveness.

The first, second and third candles on the wreath are lit

Love is like a candle shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the love we have in Christ.

**God our Father,
you gave to Zechariah and Elizabeth in their old age
a son called John.
He grew up strong in spirit,
prepared the people for the coming of the Lord,
and baptized them in the Jordan to wash away their sins:
Help us, who have been baptized into Christ,
to be ready to welcome him into our hearts,
and to grow strong in faith by the power of the Spirit.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the Light who is coming into the world. Amen.**

Advent 4 –The Candle of Joy: Mary the Mother of Jesus

One week in Advent is marked as ‘Gaudete Sunday’. ‘Gaudete’ means ‘Rejoice’, and this Sunday is more celebratory than others. Rose-pink vestments were traditionally worn on this Sunday. We light a pink candle on this Sunday as we remember Mary, the mother of Jesus to whom is attributed that great song of joy, the Magnificat.

Last Sunday we lit the Candle of Love. We light it and the Candles of Hope and Peace again as we remember that Jesus, born in Bethlehem, will come again to fulfil all of God's promises and bring us everlasting peace and joy. Today we light the Candle of Joy. When the angel Gabriel told Mary that a special child would be born to her she was filled with joy. She sang a song that began with the words: "My soul magnifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour." Just as the birth of Jesus gave great joy to his mother, so his presence in the world gave joy to those who had none before. He healed them and gave them hope and peace when they believed in him. From hope, peace, and love grows joy. We light the Candle of Joy to remind us that when Jesus is born in us we have joy and that through him there will be everlasting joy on earth.

The first, second, third and fourth candles on the wreath are lit.

Joy is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we celebrate the joy we find in Jesus Christ.

**God our Father, the angel Gabriel told the Virgin Mary
that she was to be the mother of your Son.
Though Mary was afraid, she responded to your call with joy.
Help us, whom you call to serve you,
to share like her in your great work
of bringing to our world your love and healing.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the Light who is coming into the world. Amen.**

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