

The Eucharist

During Advent



Welcome

There may be a **HYMN**

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

All: **Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Lighting the Advent Wreath

The President lights one of the candles and says a prayer. All respond:

All: **Blessed be God for ever.**

Prayers of Penitence

The President introduces the confession, followed by:

All: **Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call. Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement; bind up our wounds and revive us; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Choir may sing the **KYRIE**

The President says the Absolution, to which all respond:

All: **Amen.**

The Collect

The President says the Collect, to which all respond:

All: **Amen.**

First Reading

At the end of the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

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

All: **Alleluia.**

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

All: **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

At the end of the reading.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: **Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; he was buried; he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles: this we have received and this we believe. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

We use the following response:

Lord, in your mercy.

All: **Hear our prayer.**

At the end of the prayers:

Merciful Father,

All: **Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace

God will speak to his people, to those who turn to them in their hearts. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

There may be a **HYMN**

Preparation of the Table

As this bread was scattered and then gathered and made one, so may your Church be gathered into your kingdom.

All: **Glorify to you, O God, for ever.**

Wisdom has built her a house; she has mixed her wine;

she has laid her table.

All: **Glorify to you, O God, for ever.**

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All: **and also with you.**

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.**

The President continues until...

Choir: *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*

Blessed is he, O blessed is he, who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The President continues until...

Christ is the bread of life:

Choir: When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

The President continues...and ends:

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

All: **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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread,
to share in the body of Christ.

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

Agnus Dei

Choir: 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

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.

The President and people receive communion.

*There may be a **HYMN** or an **ANTHEM***

Prayers after Communion

The President says the Post-Communion Prayer. All respond:

All: **Amen.**

All: **Generous God, you have fed us at your heavenly table. Set us on fire with your Spirit that when Christ comes again we may shine like lights before his face, who with you and the Spirit lives for ever. Amen.**

Notices and Announcements

The Dismissal

The President says the Blessing, to which all respond:

All: **Amen.**

As we await our coming Saviour, go in love and peace to serve the Lord.

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

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