

Holy Communion during Advent

The Gathering

Music is played before the service, please use this as a space for quiet prayer.

When the bell is rung, please stand.



The president says

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

All **Amen.**

The president greets the people

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

All **and also with you.**

A welcome is offered and notices are given

Hymn

We listen to a hymn or say the words together

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Gracious Lord

We give you our will, as Mary gave.

We give you our worship, as the shepherds gave.

We give you our riches, as the wise men gave,

We give you our work, as Joseph gave.

We give you our lives, as you gave your life for us.

In Jesus' name. Amen

Prayer of Preparation

All **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

The president invites the people to confession,

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. *1Corinthians 4.5*

All **Almighty God,
long-suffering and of great goodness:
I confess to you, I confess with my whole heart
my neglect and forgetfulness of your commandments,
my wrong doing, thinking, and speaking;
the hurts I have done to others, and the good I have left undone.
O God, forgive me, for I have sinned against you;
and raise me to newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Kyrie eleison is said

Lord, have mercy upon us.	Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.	Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.	Lord, have mercy upon us.

The president says

May almighty God,
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,
bring you his pardon and peace, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray'. The prayer for the day is then said.

All **Amen.**

Reading

At the end:

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 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Reflection

The Creed

We stand

We proclaim the Church's faith in Jesus Christ.

All **We believe and declare that our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Son of God, is both divine and human.**

God, of the being of the Father,

the only Son from before time began;

human from the being of his mother, born in the world;

All **fully God and fully human;
human in both mind and body.**

As God he is equal to the Father,

as human he is less than the Father.

All **Although he is both divine and human
he is not two beings but one Christ.**

One, not by turning God into flesh,

but by taking humanity into God;

All **truly one, not by mixing humanity with Godhead,
but by being one person.**

For as mind and body form one human being

so the one Christ is both divine and human.

All **The Word became flesh and lived among us;
we have seen his glory,
the glory of the only Son from the Father,
full of grace and truth.**

from the Athanasian Creed

Prayers of intercession

The response to each section is

Lord, in your mercy
All **hear our prayer**
And at the end

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

We stand, the president introduces the peace:

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*

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We bow or wave to those both physically present and those online.

Preparation of the Altar

The altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.
Music is played while this is done. We are invited to pray quietly.

The president says

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All **All things come from you,**
and of your own do we give you.

We remain standing

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here. OR The Lord be with you.
All **His Spirit is with us.** OR **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.**

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh,
he fulfilled the plan you formed
before the foundation of the world
to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your 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 your glory,
for ever praising you and saying:

**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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

All **Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

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:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

We sit for prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Awaiting his coming in glory, 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated 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.**

*The president holds up the bread and says:
The Body of Christ, broken for you.*

All **Amen**

Giving of Communion

*Please remain in your place, standing or sitting, as you prefer.
The Host will be brought to you. Please sit once you have received.
If you would prefer a (silent) blessing please cross your hands over your
chest.
We maintain SILENCE throughout.
During the distribution music may be played.*

Prayer after Communion

We sit or kneel

Silence is kept.

The Post Communion prayer is said.

All **Amen.**

All **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 Sending Out

Hymn

We listen to a hymn or say the words together

We stand, as the president gives 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.

All **Amen.**

As we await our coming Saviour,
go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

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and then leave the building immediately, maintaining social distancing.*

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