

Advent 2 Communion Service



Good News!

The season of Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of our Lord both at Christmas and at the end of time bringing hope and light into the world.

Christ has brought us out of darkness
To live in his marvellous light.

The lighting of the Advent Ring on the second Sunday of Advent - PEACE

As we light the candles in our Advent Wreath we remember the preparations which God our Father made for the coming of his Son into the world.

On this second Sunday of Advent; we remember how God our Father spoke through the prophets of the Christ who was to come and bring PEACE.

Isaiah said, 'A child is born to us! A son is given to us! He will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace'.

Praise to you Lord.

As we light this candle, a voice that cries in the desert wind and the wilderness, calls us to return to you with all our hearts.

Open up a straight path into our lives and lead us in justice and mercy, and PEACE. Lord, make us one in the peace of Christ today and forever. Amen

**Hymn: Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like you his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praise him!
praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same as ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless;
Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praise him!
glorious in his faithfulness.**

We say sorry to God

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

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.**

**We have wounded your love
and marred your image in us.**

**We are sorry and ashamed, 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 lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

Absolution:

The Lord enrich *you* with his grace,
and nourish *you* with his blessing;
the Lord defend *you* in trouble and keep *you* from all evil;
the Lord accept *your* prayers, and cleanse *you* from *all sin*,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

The Collect

**O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and
with your great might succour us; that in running the race that
is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily
help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
Amen**

Reading Isaiah 40v1-11

At the end of the reading

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

Hymn

All heaven declares
the glory of the risen Lord.
Who can compare
With the beauty of the Lord?
For ever he will be
The lamb upon the throne.
I gladly bow the knee
And worship him alone.

I will proclaim
The glory of the risen Lord.
Who once was slain
To reconcile us all to God.
For ever you will be
The lamb upon the throne.
I gladly bow the knee
And worship you alone.

The Gospel – Mark 1v1-8

Alleluia, alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God . **Alleluia**
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end:

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

Sermon

The Creed

Let us affirm our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**We believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist.**

**We believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again.**

**We believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of
God and makes Christ known in the world.**

This is the faith of the Church. This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession led by Christina

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

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

**Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.**

***So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.***

**The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
Torn for you eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one.**

So we share

Eucharistic Prayer E

Blessed be God, by whose grace creation is renewed, by whose love heaven is opened, by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise
Blessed be God for ever.

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 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 *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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Christ is the bread of life:
When we eat this bread and drink this cup,

**we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with [N and] all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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.

**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

Invitations to communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you but only say the word,
and I shall be healed.**

We share communion.

Prayer after Communion

**Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**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 Holy Spirit lives for ever.
Amen.**

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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.**

Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling
Joy of Heaven to Earth come down
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling
All Thy faithful mercies crown
Jesus, Thou art all compassion
Pure, unbounded love Thou art
Visit us with Thy salvation
Enter every trembling heart

Come almighty to deliver
Let us all Thy grace receive
Suddenly return and never
Never more Thy temples leave
Thee we would be always blessing
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be:
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
'til in heav'n we take our place,
'til we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.



A minister says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.