

Advent



He is Coming

WELCOME

Welcome in the name of Christ,
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you.
and also with you.

HYMN

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts be 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.**

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.

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbour as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

May 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 eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

COLLECT/ READINGS/ SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us affirm our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived of 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.**

**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.**

INTERCESSIONS

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.

HYMN

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give thanks and praise.

The president thanks God for all he has done.

... 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.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he, blessed is he,

blessed is he who comes in the name,

He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest,

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

The president recounts the last supper.

... in remembrance of me:

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Every time we break this bread and drink this cup.

We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord,
whose nature is always to have mercy:
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
So to eat the flesh of your 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.

The president and the people receive communion.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

NOTICES/ HYMN

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

May God the Father, judge all-merciful
make us worthy of a place in his kingdom. **Amen**

May God the Son, coming among us in power,
reveal in our midst the promise of his glory. **Amen**

May God the Holy Spirit make us steadfast in faith,
joyful in hope and constant in love. **Amen**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the
Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

As we await our coming saviour,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.