

Eucharist for the First Sunday of Advent

1. Hills of the North, rejoice,
echoing songs arise,
hail with united voice
him who made earth and skies:
he comes in righteousness and love,
he brings salvation from above.
2. Isles of the Southern seas,
sing to the listening earth,
carry on every breeze
hope of a world's new birth:
in Christ shall all be made anew,
his word is sure, his promise true.
3. Lands of the East, arise,
he is your brightest morn,
greet him with joyous eyes,
praise shall his path adorn:
the God who ye have longed to know
in Christ draws near, and calls you now.
4. Shores of the utmost West,
lands of the setting sun,
welcome the heavenly guest
in whom the dawn has come:
he brings a never-ending light
who triumphed o'er our darkest night.

5. Shout, as you journey on,
songs be in every mouth,
lo, from the North they come,
From East and West and South:
in Jesus all shall find their rest,
in him the sons of earth be blest.

Lighting of the first advent candle

As light in our darkness,
As hope in our hearts.

All Come, Lord Jesus.

As the candle is lit we sing

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear:
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

The priest greets everyone

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

All Amen

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

The priest invites the people to call to mind their sins

Brothers and sisters, let us prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries of Christ's love by calling to mind our sins.

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of your kingdom:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness:
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

You will come in glory with salvation for your people:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

The priest assures the people of God's forgiveness

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All Amen

Collect

The priest introduces a period of silent prayer, after which the collect for the day is prayed.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen

The Liturgy of the Word

We hear the first scripture reading, read by Tessa.

A reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah (64.1-9)

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,

so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your
presence.

From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,

no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.

You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.

We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;

for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity for ever.

Now consider, we are all your people.

Reader This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Gospel reading

The priest sings

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

All Alleluia!

The priest introduces the gospel reading

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to St Mark (13.33-37)

All Glory to you, O Lord

‘Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you, O Christ

The Sermon is preached by Barnaby.

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God, Father,
Son and Holy Spirit:

**All We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

*The prayers of intercession are led by Tessa.
The following response is used throughout the prayers*

All Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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

Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The priest introduces the peace:

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:
'Peace I leave you, my peace I give to you.'
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your church,
and graciously grant us the peace and unity
of your kingdom. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All Amen.

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

Preparation of the Altar

As the altar is prepared with offerings of bread and wine we take a moment to remember many blessings God has given us.

If you plan to make a financial offering as part of your worship today using our online giving page, now is a good time to do it. Please follow the link in the video description

As the bread is placed on the Altar the priest says:

Blessed are you. Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth
and the work of human hands.
It will become for us the bread of life.

All Blessed be God for ever.

As the chalice is placed on the Altar the priest says:

Blessed are you. Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine
and the work of human hands.
It will become our spiritual drink.

All Blessed be God for ever.

The priest prays over the gifts on the altar

Father,
from all you give us
we present this bread and wine.
As we serve you now,
accept our offering
and sustain us with your promise of eternal life.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The 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

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:

**All Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts
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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.

The priest genuflects in adoration

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.

The priest genuflects in adoration

Great is the mystery of faith.
**All Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once
for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise
and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread
and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company
of the Blessed Virgin Mary the Mother of God,
St Peter, St Paul,
St Thomas of Canterbury ,
the blessed Apostles,
and all the Saints who have pleased you
throughout the ages,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All Amen

The Lord's prayer

Formed by divine teaching
and at our saviour's command,
with boldness we pray:

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

As the priest breaks the bread we use the following response:

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup
All we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**All O Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world
have mercy on us.**

**O Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world
have mercy on us.**

**O Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world
grant us your peace.**

The priest genuflects in adoration

Invitation to Communion

The priest invites the people to make their spiritual communion,

Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

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

Prayer of spiritual communion

As you look at the sacrament on the altar you might use these words to express your desire to receive Christ into your heart.

**All My dear Lord Jesus Christ,
I believe that you are present
in the most holy sacrament.
I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive you sacramentally,
come spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already with me,
and I unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.**

Post communion prayers

Father,
May our communion
teach us to love heaven.
May its promise and hope
guide our way on earth.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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.**

Final hymn

1. Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia!
God appears on earth to reign.
2. Every eye shall now behold him,
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at naught and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the Tree,
deeply wailing,
shall the true Messiah see.
3. Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture
gaze we on those glorious scars!
5. Yea, Amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the pow'r and glory,
claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia!
thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

Blessing and dismissal

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

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.

Go in the peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.