



Said Eucharist in Advent

Please stand as the president enters.

The Gathering

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

All **Amen.**

Priest The Lord be with you,

All **and also with you.**

Words of welcome may be said.

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

Priest 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.

A period of silence is kept.

All **Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry 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 grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Priest 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 life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Collect

Priest Let us pray.

The Collect is said, and all respond.

All **Amen.**

The Reading

All sit for the reading. At the end the reader concludes:

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

All Stand.

Priest The Lord be with you,
All and also with you.

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

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel is read, at the end the priest concludes.

Priest This the Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

After the sermon a period of silence is kept.

The Creed

Priest Let us stand to declare our faith in God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Stand.

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

Please sit or kneel for the prayers. The following response will be used:

Lord in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude.

Priest Merciful Father,

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

The Peace

Please stand for the peace.

Priest 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

All **and also with you.**

Priest Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace. The offering is collected and the table is prepared.

The Eucharist

Priest The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Priest Father, we give you thanks and praise...

All **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.

The congregation remains standing.

Priest We praise and bless you, loving Father...

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Priest Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day...

... all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Priest 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.

Breaking of the Bread

Priest 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

All Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

Priest 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.

Prayer of Humble Access

All 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.

All are invited to come forward to the rail, standing or kneeling as you prefer. If you normally receive the bread or wine in your own church, then please put your hands out to receive. If you would prefer to receive a blessing please cross your arms and let the priest know your name when he or she approaches.

Prayer After Communion

Priest Let us pray.

The prayer for the day is read, and all respond:

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 Blessing and Dismissal

Please stand.

Priest The Lord be with you,

All and also with you.

Priest 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.

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

The ministers and people depart.