



Advent



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During the season of Advent, we are called to seek the light of Christ, even in the midst of darkness. We are invited to face the darkness in our own lives and in the world around us.

The prophets assure us that the darkness will not overcome us. They call us to watch for the light. We are called to wait, to hope, to trust in promises made.

As we make this Advent journey in faith, we invite God's light to dispel the darkness. We ask for the grace to set down all those burdens that darken our hearts as we search for the light. We ask for the gift of attentiveness that we may truly see God's loving presence within and among us. And we ask for renewed faith that we might be light for others.

The Gathering and Greeting

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

All Amen.

Stand up and raise your heads,
because your redemption is drawing near.

The Lord of glory be with you.

All The Lord bless you.

The prayer of preparation

This prayer 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.**

The Advent Wreath

Candles on the Advent wreath are lit.

People of God: return!

You are called to be God's own.

From the mountains announce the good news.

God comes in justice and peace,

to all who follow his ways.

You are God's children.

All Lord, make us one in the peace of Christ
today and for ever.
Amen.

Penitence around the Advent Wreath

Heavenly Father,

you call us to prepare for the coming of your Son:

forgive us our unreadiness to receive him.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus,

you were proclaimed by John the Baptist:

help us also to prepare your way.

Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Holy Spirit,

you speak through the prophets:

make us attentive to hear your word.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Lead May God our Father forgive us our sins,
and bring us to the fellowship of his table
with his saints for ever.

All Amen.

Absolution

The Collect

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

One or two readings follow. At the end of each the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

The Gospel is introduced:

Lead Alleluia, alleluia.

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

All Alleluia.

At the end of the reading:
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you O Christ.

Sermon

We affirm our faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?
All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?
All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?
All We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.
All This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Prayer of Intercession

This response of another may be used
Lord, in your mercy
All hear our prayer.

¶ **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

You are invited to stand.

The Peace

May the God of peace make you completely holy,
ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
All And also with you.
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table

Lead As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth
into your kingdom.
All Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

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.

The president praises God for his mighty acts in these or other words:

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.
In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.
Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.
We join with them in heaven's song:

The people respond to the account of God's mighty acts:

**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.**

Father of all, we give you thanks
for every gift that comes from heaven.
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.
This is his story.

**All This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lead The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.
This is his story.

**All This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you all.
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.
This is our story.

**All This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.
This is our story.

**All This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.
May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

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

The Lord's Prayer

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 Bread

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

The Agnus Dei may be used as the bread is broken:

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

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

**All Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

Before communion is given to the people:

Jesus is the Lamb of God

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.

When given communion to which the reply is:

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

¶ **The Dismissal**

A hymn may be sung

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 peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ.

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