

Holy Communion - Sundays in Advent

The Gathering

The Greeting

The grace and peace of God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All and also with you.

*We begin with the lighting of the
Advent candle(s) and a prayer ending:*

weeks 1&2 "...and our salvation."

week3 "...King of the ages"

week 4 "...Saviour of all"

week 5 "...with gladness and praise"

All Blessed be God for ever.

Prayer of Preparation

**All Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay;
give new courage to your people
who trust in your love.
By your coming,
raise us to the joy of your kingdom,
where you live and reign
with the Father and the Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

Invitation to Confession

A voice cries out in the wilderness,
Make straight the way of the Lord.'
So let us listen,
and turn to the Lord in penitence and faith.

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 Kyrie Eleison may be sung

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon and
forgiveness of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the
grace and strength of the Holy Spirit

All Amen.

The Collect

The Liturgy of the Word

*Either one or two readings from Scripture precede the Gospel
reading. At the end of a reading the following may be said*

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

All Alleluia.

The reader announces The Gospel:

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

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.**

Prayers of Intercession

Leader: In joyful expectation of the coming of the Lord Jesus let us pray to the Father

These responses may be used

Father by your Spirit

All bring in your kingdom.

And at the end

Almighty God,

All hear our prayer,

and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy forever. Amen

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

[to maintain social distance we do not share the peace by shaking hands]

The table is prepared

and bread and wine placed upon it

Eucharistic Prayer B

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.

The president continues, ending

...you and saying:

**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 president continues, ending

...remembrance of me.

Christ is the bread of life

All When we eat this bread

and drink this cup

we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus

until you come in glory

The president continues, ending

...for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom,
as we pray in the words you gave us.

**All 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

The president breaks the consecrated bread

'I am the bread

which has come down from heaven'

says the Lord

All Give us this bread for ever.

'I am the vine, you are the branches.'

All May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.

Invitation

Christ is the bread

which has come down from heaven.

All Lord, give us this bread for ever.

Prayer after Communion

The Dismissal

The president may use a seasonal blessing or other suitable blessing

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

The people depart