



**SUNDAY 19 DECEMBER  
ALL TOGETHER SERVICE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.  
Let us recognize his presence with us.

*Silence is kept.*

As God's people we have gathered:  
**let us worship God together.**

O Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**WE SING      438 Make Way, Make Way**

**WE SAY SORRY**

Christ the light of the world has come  
to dispel the darkness of our hearts.  
In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

Christ came in humility to share our lives: Forgive our pride.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ came with good news for all people: Forgive our silence.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Christ came in love to a world of suffering:  
Forgive our self-centredness.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

## **WE RECEIVE GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

May the God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## **WE SAY THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY**

**Eternal God,**  
**as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,**  
**so we wait for his coming in glory;**  
**bring us through the birth pangs of this present age**  
**to see, with her, our great salvation**  
**in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

## **WE LIGHT THE FOURTH CANDLE OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

Jesus said, 'Anyone who does what my Father in heaven  
wants is my brother or sister or mother.'

**I am the servant of the Lord.**  
**Let it be to me according to his word.**

*The fourth candle is lit and this response is used*

Jesus is the light of the world.

**A light no darkness can ever put out.**

*We sing:*

Advent candles tell their story  
as we watch and pray,  
longing for the Day of Glory,  
'Come, Lord, soon,' we say.  
Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness  
changed for gladness,  
on that Day.

Mary's gift, beyond all telling,  
was to give Christ room.  
She gave God a human dwelling  
in a mother's womb.  
Who could guess the final story?  
- cross and glory;  
empty tomb!

## **WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD**

### **First Reading – Micah 5:2-5a**

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **WE SING      634 The Angel Gabriel**

### **GOSPEL READING – Luke 1:39-45**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## TALK

### 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?

**I 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

**I 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?

**I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

## PRAYERS

### WE SHARE 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  
**and also with you.**

**WE SING**      **195 The Servant King**

*We remain standing*

With this bread that we bring  
**we shall remember Jesus.**

With this wine that we bring  
**we shall remember Jesus.**

Bread for his body,  
Wine for his blood,  
Gifts from God to his table we bring.  
**We shall remember Jesus.**

## **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The Eucharistic prayer continues until:*

...And so we gladly thank you,  
with saints and angels praising you, and saying:

**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.**

*We sit or kneel as the Eucharistic Prayer continues until The Eucharistic Prayer ends with **Amen.***

*We keep a moment's silence*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

## GIVING OF COMMUNION

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.

## SONG DURING COMMUNION

**508 O Little Town of Bethlehem**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Heavenly Father,  
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of the promised saviour:  
fill us your servants with your grace,  
that in all things we may embrace your holy will  
and with her rejoice in your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**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

**FINAL HYMN**

**631 Tell out my soul**

## BLESSING

May God the Father,  
who loved the world so much that he sent his only Son  
to come among us in great humility,  
open your eyes to look for his coming again.  
**Amen.**

May God the Son  
give you grace to live in the light of his coming as redeemer  
and judge.  
**Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit  
free you from sin,  
make you holy,  
and bring you to eternal life.  
**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.**

*Please do stay for coffee after the service*

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