



**SUNDAY 28 NOVEMBER
ALL TOGETHER SERVICE FIRST 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

1 Light of the world
 You stepped down into darkness
 Opened my eyes let me see
 Beauty that made
 This heart adore You
 Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus So here I am to worship
 Here I am to bow down
 Here I am to say that You're my God
 And You're altogether lovely
 Altogether worthy
 Altogether wonderful to me

2 King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Bridge And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
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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

**Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen**

WE LIGHT THE FIRST CANDLE OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Jesus said, 'Keep awake,
for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.'
Amen.

Come soon, Lord Jesus!

The first 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.**

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

First Reading – Jeremiah 33: 14-16

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING – Luke 21:25-36

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 coning of our Lord Jesus Christ.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

WE SING

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Christ, be our light!...

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed.

Christ, be our light!...

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.

Make us your building, sheltering others,
Walls made of living stone.

Christ, be our light!...

Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come.

Christ, be our light!...

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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

Is the Father with us?
Yes, and amen!

Is Christ among us?
Yes, and amen!

Is the Spirit here?
Yes, and amen!

This is our God.
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We are his People.
We are redeemed.

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:

... Therefore with angels, archangels, and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever 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:

Almighty God, Owner of all things, We thank you for giving up your only Son to die on the cross for us who owe you everything. Pour your refreshing Spirit on us as we remember him in the way he commanded, through these gifts of your creation.

On the same night that he was betrayed he 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 for the remembrance of me."

Amen. His body was broken for us.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave 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 the remembrance of me."

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, heavenly Father, hear us as we celebrate this covenant with joy, and await the coming of our Brother, Jesus Christ. He died for the sins of the whole world, the perfect sacrifice, once and for all.

You accepted his offering by raising him from death, and granting him great honour at your right hand on high.

Amen. Jesus is Lord.

This is the feast of victory

The lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Hallelujah

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 -

*Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!*

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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

- 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!
- 4 Yea, Amen, let all adore thee,
 high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
 claim the kingdom for thine own:
 Alleluia!
 Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

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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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