



Advent 4 Holy Communion for online worship

The Gathering

In the Name of God,
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

Amen

In this Advent of expectation
draw us together in unity,
that our praise and worship
might echo in these walls
and also through our lives.

In this Advent of expectation
draw us together in mission,
that the hope within
might be resonance, rhythm,
and the melody of our lives.

In this Advent of expectation
draw us together in service,
that the path we follow
might lead us from a stable
to a glimpse of eternity.

Advent Candle Liturgy

We Say Sorry

Your kingdom is here and not yet,
hidden, yet ours for the seeking...

Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy

Your kingdom requires of us total commitment,
and gives us unlimited freedom...

Christ have mercy

Christ have mercy

Your kingdom turns our values upside down,
for your King rules through suffering love...

Lord have mercy

Lord Have mercy

We Hear That We Are Forgiven

May the God of love
bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins,
and assure us of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.¹

The Collect

The collect prayer for this week is said.

Reading

We hear a reading from Scripture.

At the end of the reading, the reader may say:

¹ Adapted from Ann Lewin Seasons of Grace Advent Eucharistic Prayer and Common Worship

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

We stand to say:

We say together in faith

Holy, holy, holy

is the Lord God almighty,

who was, and is, and is to come.

We believe in God the Father,

who created all things:

for by his will they were created

and have their being.

We believe in God the Son,

who was slain:

for with his blood,

he purchased us for God,

from every tribe and language,

from every people and nation.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:
the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'
Even so come, Lord Jesus!
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

At the end we say:
Merciful Father,
Accept these prayers
For the sake of your son,
Our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Peace

To crown all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.
God's Spirit is with us.

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.

It is always right to give you thanks,
God our Creator,
loving and faithful,
holy and strong.
You made us

and the whole universe,
and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us,
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.
He suffered on the cross;
he died to save us from our sins;
he rose in glory from the dead.

You send your Spirit
to bring new life to the world,
and clothe us with power from on high.
And so we join the angels
to celebrate and sing:

**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, on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
He took the bread, and thanked you.
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood,
the new promise of God's unfailing love.
Do this to remember me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,
and remember his death and resurrection,
send your Holy Spirit,
that we who share these gifts
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us
that we may love one another,
work for the healing of the earth,
and share the good news of Jesus,
as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

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

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

Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world,
Grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

We are a worshipping community gathering together; a physical barrier to receiving Communion is no barrier spiritually and so we join in this prayer of spiritual Communion.

My Jesus, I believe that Thou art present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love Thee above all things and I desire Thee in my soul. Since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though Thou wert already there, I embrace Thee and unite myself wholly to Thee; permit not that I should ever be separated from Thee. Amen. (St Alphonsus)

Prayer after Communion

God of new beginnings,
you draw near to us in word and sacrament
to strengthen and renew us;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit,
may your light so shine through us
that all may welcome your Son at his coming.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Emmanuel.
Amen.²

Notices

The Blessing

May God himself, the God of peace,
make you perfect and holy,
and keep you safe and blameless, in spirit, soul and body,
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ;
and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be among you this day and always.
Amen..

The Dismissal

Our Lord says, 'I am coming soon.'
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

May the Lord, when he comes,
find us watching and waiting.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
Amen.

² From <https://liturgy.co.nz/church-year/advent>