



Holy Communion for Advent

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We have now entered Advent. This is a season of expectation and preparation, as the Church prepares to celebrate the coming (*adventus*) of Christ in his incarnation but also looking ahead to his final advent at the end of time. The readings and liturgies not only direct us towards the nativity, but to more solemn themes. Advent is sometimes called a mini Lent!

This Booklet contains two orders of service. The priest will tell you which one to use.

Page 3: Common Worship Order Two (in modern language)

This structure is taken from the Book of Common Prayer, which was written by Thomas Cranmer in 1552 in the height of the Reformation. The order reflects the emphasis on justification by faith alone. We are saved by God, through Jesus and everything we do is a grateful response (this is why the Lord's Prayer and Gloria come after we have received Communion) Nothing we can do can make God love us any less, nothing we do can make Him love us any more. Order Two also has a reminder of the Commandments and the beautiful 'Comfortable Words'

Page 12: Common Worship Order One

This structure is seen as a more classical one, it follows the Catholic Mass and other early liturgies. It takes us on a journey; from the world into the presence of God in the gathering and confession, through the Word as we read the Bible and reflect on it, through the sacrament and then we are sent out into the world again to serve Jesus. It has a greater emphasis on our encounter with Jesus in the bread and the wine.

Thankfully the Anglican church is both Catholic and Reformed so there is beauty and power in each of these liturgies and we use both!

May God the Father, judge all-merciful,
make us worthy of a place in his kingdom.
Amen.

May God the Son, coming among us in power,
reveal in our midst the promise of his glory.
Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit make us steadfast in faith,
joyful in hope and constant in love.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

We receive Communion

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Prayer after Communion

We say together

**God our Father,
you fill the hungry with good things
and send the self-satisfied away empty.
In this eucharist you have filled us
with the word and the bread of life
of your Son Jesus Christ.
Make us hunger now for his coming
in the hearts and the homes of all.
Fill us with his spirit of service
and self-forgetting love,
that through us, he may become near to people.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen**

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Common Worship Order Two

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We Gather Together

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Candle Lighting Liturgy

The Summary of the Law

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:
The first commandment is this:
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'
There is no other commandment greater than these.
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.
Amen, Lord have mercy

The Collect

Let us pray

Bible Reading

Please sit for our Bible reading

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to....
Glorify to you, O Lord

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

Let us declare our faith together

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

Gospel Reading

Reflection

The Creed

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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.**

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.**

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receive the bread and wine, we are happy to pray for God's blessing
over you, either at the Communion station or in your seat.*

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.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.
When we turned away
you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.
**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.
**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.
**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

And now we give you thanks
because your Son our Lord was awaited by the prophets,
announced by an angel,
conceived by a virgin,
and proclaimed at last to men and women of every race.

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Prayers

Invitation to Confession

When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

We pray together

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

Absolution

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
who in his great mercy
has promised forgiveness of sins
to all those who with heartfelt repentance and true faith turn to him:
have mercy on you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and bring you to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Comfortable Words

Hear the words of comfort our Saviour Christ says to all who turn to him:
Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
Matthew 11.28

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life
John 3:16

with power from on high.

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

Prayers of Intercession

At the end of the prayers

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace

Please stand if comfortable.

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.
The altar is prepared*

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.
His 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.

The Collect

Bible Reading

Please sit for our Bible reading

At the end the reader may say
This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Hear what Saint Paul says:
This saying is true, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1.15*

Hear what Saint John says:
If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins.
1 John 2:1-2

Gospel Reading

We stand, if comfortable, for the Gospel reading

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

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

At the end of the reading
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Praise to you, O Christ.

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The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you

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Reflection

It is indeed right,
it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God.

The Creed

We stand together to declare our faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us

And now we give you thanks
because you sent him to redeem us from sin and death
and to make us inheritors of everlasting life;
that when he shall come again in power and great triumph
to judge the world,
we may with joy behold his appearing,
and in confidence may stand before him.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,

we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever 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.**

The Prayer of Consecration

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
who, in your tender mercy, gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus
Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made
there by his one oblation of himself once offered a full, perfect and
sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole
world; he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray,
and grant that we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and
this wine,
according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy
institution, in remembrance of his death and passion,
may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
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 in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup;
and when he had given 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 remembrance of me.

**we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

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who forgives all who truly repent,
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pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
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Amen

The Gloria

*As free and forgiven people we stand to give praise to God using the
Peruvian Gloria*

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.
To Him be glory forever.
To Him be glory forever.
Alleluia, amen. **Alleluia, amen. Alleluia amen, Alleluia**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus....

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The Gathering

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Welcome and Introduction

Candle Lighting Liturgy

Prayer of Preparation

A voice cries out:

"Prepare for God's arrival!

Make the road straight and smooth, a highway fit for our God.

Fill in the valleys, level off the hills.

Smooth out the ruts, and clear out the rocks.

For our God is coming!

Let's worship together.

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.

silence

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Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

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hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

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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 ...

Gloria

Amen

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

Our Lord says, 'I am coming soon.'

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

May the Lord, when he comes,
find us watching and waiting.

Amen.

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
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