

Hymn

¶ The Gathering

The president may say



In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Greeting

The president greets the people

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you

All **and also with you.**

The Advent Wreath is Lit

Invitation to confession

Prayers of Penitence

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.

All 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.

The president says

May the Father of all mercies
cleans you from your sins
and restore you in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy

The Collect

The President introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us Pray' or a more specific bidding.

The Collect is said.

All Amen

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

At the end of each the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm

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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.

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

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.

The Nicene Creed

All 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.
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 of Intercession

A minister may say:

Watchful at all times, Let us pray for strength to stand with confidence before our Maker and Redeemer.

The prayers usually include these concerns and may follow this sequence:

- ¶ The Church of Christ
- ¶ Creation, human society, the Sovereign and those in authority
- ¶ The local community
- ¶ Those who suffer
- ¶ The communion of saints

These responses may be used

Maranatha

All Amen. Come Lord Jesus

(or)

Lord, in your mercy

All Hear our prayer

And at the end this may be said

Merciful Father,

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

¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

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
All **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace. (Usually a handshake)

Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Hymn

The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented.

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth
into your kingdom.

All **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

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.

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,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

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 *singing*:

**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.]**

(We sit or kneel)

Accept our praises, heavenly
Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we
follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the
power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his 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 gave you
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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died:**

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and
drink these holy gifts
In the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your
Spirit, inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and
heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of ever
lasting praise:

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name.
thy Kingdom come.
thy will be done
on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

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

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

**All 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

*The president says the
invitation to 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.

**All Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us**

**with the precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom.
Amen.**

*The people receive communion
Authorised words of distribution are used.*

A Hymn or anthem may be sung

Prayer after Communion

A Post Communion prayer is said

Followed by

**All Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

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The Dismissal

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 of God Almighty,
The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
Be among you and remain with you always.
All Amen.

A minister says

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

The ministers and people depart.