

## Holy Communion for

### Advent.

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

### *Prayer of Preparation*

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### *Prayers of Penitence*

The summary of the Law is this.  
Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind, and with all your strength.  
On this hangs all the Law and the Prophets

*Response:*

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

*Invitation to confession:*

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 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.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon *you*, pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins, confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness, and keep *you* in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### The Collect

### The Gospel reading

*At the end the reader says:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### *Sermon*

### *The Nicene Creed*

**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*

*These responses may be used*

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

*And at the end*

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

### *The Peace*

This Advent may you know the peace of the Lord deep within your hearts and lives

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

### **Preparation of the Table**

### **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 president praises God for his mighty acts and all respond*

**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.**

*The president recalls the Last  
Supper, and one of these four  
acclamations may be used*

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:  
**Dying you destroyed our  
death, rising you restored  
our life: Lord Jesus, come  
in glory.**

Christ is the bread of life:  
**When we eat this bread  
and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death,  
Lord Jesus,  
until you come in glory.**

Jesus Christ is Lord:  
**Lord, by your cross and  
Resurrection you have set  
us free. You are the  
Saviour of the world.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues*

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**

*The president breaks the  
consecrated bread.*

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

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the  
world, have mercy on us.**

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**Lamb of God, you take away  
the sin of the world, grant us  
peace. Giving of Communion**

Draw near with faith.  
Receive the body of our Lord  
Jesus Christ which he gave for  
you. Eat in remembrance that he  
died for you, and feed on him in  
your hearts by faith with  
thanksgiving.

**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.**

*On receiving the bread each one  
should reply Amen.*

*After Communion the President  
will say the post-communion  
prayer.*

**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.**

*The Dismissal.*

*The Blessing.*

Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God**