

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

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 will all your strength. The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these.
Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
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The minister says the 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 Liturgy of the Word

Readings

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine

The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented. The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it. The president takes the bread and wine.

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty. For everything in heaven and earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you. Amen.

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.**

The Prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which all respond boldly
Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours 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

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.

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

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

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 Liturgy of the Sacrament.

The Peace

*A suitable sentence will be used to
introduce the peace*

The peace of the Lord be always with
you

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of
peace.

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

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have mercy on us.**

**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,
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.

**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 and wine 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 peace to love and serve the
Lord..
In the name of Christ. Amen.