

*The Eucharist in*

# *Advent*



*at St Mary's,  
Newton with Flowery Field*

*Advent and Lent are linked as seasons of reflection and confession. Both are about preparation for the revelation of God, but the emphasis of Lent is living faithfully while the emphasis at Advent is on waiting for God, being ready when he comes.*

*Because it is a season of quiet reflection the church is kept plain.*

*The moment for celebration and joyful song is to come.*

*For now, we wait, expectant, prayerful,  
looking for the light to come into the world.*

## **The Gathering**

### **HYMN**

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

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

*There may follow a few words of introduction and welcome*

## **The Confession**

*we say sorry for the things we have done wrong*

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

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness  
and cleanse me from my sin.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Make me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Cast me not away from your presence  
and take not your holy spirit from me.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*The President proclaims God's forgiveness*

May the God of all healing and forgiveness  
draw you to himself,  
and cleanse you from all your sins  
that you may behold the glory of his Son,  
the Word made flesh,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **The Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

*We pray together the prayer on our Pew sheet as we light our  
Advent candle*

**HYMN**

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

*After the Collect (the special prayer for the week) we sit to hear the word of God read from the Bible.*

**At the end the reader may say:**

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **HYMN**

*We remain standing for the Gospel reading*

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 Creed**

*We stand and 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,  
who comes to us in tongues of fire and calls us to follow,  
who comes to us in silence and offers us hope,  
who strengthens us to build God's kingdom here and now.**

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty,  
who was, and is, and is to come.  
Even so come, Lord Jesus! Amen.**

### **Prayers of intercession:**

*This or another response may be used:*

Lord hear us  
**Lord Mercifully hear us**

*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

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and 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.

## HYMN

### Eucharistic Prayer F

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

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.**

You are worthy of our thanks and praise Lord God of truth, for by the breath of your mouth you have spoken your Word, and all things have come into being.

You fashioned us in your image and placed us  
in the garden of your delight. Though we chose  
the path of rebellion you would not abandon your own.

Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace.  
You gave your people the Law and taught us by your prophets  
to look for your reign of justice and peace.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth  
We echo the songs of your angels in heaven,  
evermore praising you and singing:

**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.**

Lord God, you are the most holy one,  
enthroned in splendour and light,  
Yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ  
you reveal the power of your love  
made perfect in human weakness.  
**Amen. Lord we believe!**

Embracing our humanity,  
Jesus showed us the way of salvation;  
loving us to the end he gave himself to death for us;  
dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin,  
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.  
**Amen. Lord we believe!**

On the night you gave up your Son for us all  
he 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.

**Amen. Lord we believe!**

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.

**Amen. Lord we believe!**

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the  
cross,  
we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,  
we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high  
and we long for his coming in glory.

**Amen. Come Lord Jesus!**

As we recall the one perfect sacrifice of our redemption,  
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation  
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

**Amen. Come Holy Spirit!**



Look with favour on your people  
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.  
Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free  
and fill your church with power from on high.

**Amen. Come Holy Spirit!**

Gather your people from the ends of the earth  
to feast with all your saints at the table in your kingdom  
where the new creation is brought to perfection  
in Jesus Christ our Lord:  
by whom and with whom and in whom  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
all honour and glory be yours almighty Father  
for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom  
in the words our Saviour taught us

**Our Father, which art in heaven,  
hallowed by 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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of 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.**

**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.**

## **The Giving of Communion**

*The president and people receive communion.*

*If you would prefer to receive a blessing, just come forward with everyone else.*

*If you're not able to come to the altar rail, please tell one of the sides-people.*

*During Communion hymns may be sung or music played*

## **Prayer after Communion**

## **Notices**

## **HYMN**

## The Blessing

*We are sent out into the world to live lives to God's glory*

Our Lord says, I am coming soon.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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

**Amen.**

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, the Father and the Son and  
the Holy Spirit be with you and those whom you love this day  
and always

**Amen**

## The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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He will come, will come,  
will come like crying in the night,  
like blood, like breaking,  
as the earth writhes  
to toss him free.

He will come like **child**.

Rowan Williams: *Advent Calendar*