



St James
Hampton Hill

Common Worship
Holy Communion
Advent Season



Structure

The people and the priest

- ✠ greet each other in the Lord's name
- ✠ mark the season of Advent by lighting a candle
- ✠ confess their sins and are assured of God's forgiveness
- ✠ keep silence and pray a Collect
- ✠ proclaim and respond to the word of God
- ✠ pray for the Church and the world
- ✠ exchange the Peace
- ✠ prepare the table
- ✠ pray the Eucharistic Prayer
- ✠ break the bread
- ✠ receive communion
- ✠ depart with God's blessing

¶ *The Gathering*

Words of welcome

The Greeting

The president greets the people

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

All Amen

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

All and also with you.

Hymn

The Lighting of the Advent Candles

The deacon says

Advent 1 – the Advent hope

Jesus said, 'Keep awake,
for you do not know
on what day your Lord is coming.'

All Amen. Come soon, Lord Jesus!

The first candle is lit and this response is used

Jesus is the light of the world.

All A light no darkness can ever put out.

Advent 2 – the Prophets

Jesus said, 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets: I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them.'

All **Amen. Come soon, Lord Jesus!**

The second candle is lit and this response is used

Jesus is the light of the world.

All **A light no darkness can ever put out.**

Advent 3 – John the Baptist

Jesus said, 'No one more important than John the Baptist has ever been born; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.'

All **Amen. Come soon, Lord Jesus!**

The third candle is lit and this response is used

Jesus is the light of the world.

All **A light no darkness can ever put out.**

Advent 4 – Mary

Jesus said, 'Anyone who does what my Father in heaven wants is my brother or sister or mother.'

All **I am the servant of the Lord. Let it be to me according to his word.**

The fourth candle is lit and this response is used

Jesus is the light of the world.

All **A light no darkness can ever put out.**

Prayers of Penitence

The deacon reads 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.

All Amen. Lord, have mercy.

The deacon uses these or other suitable words

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. *cf 1 Cor 4:5*

or

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.
cf John 1.23

or

'The axe is laid at the root of the trees; every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down.'
But confident in God's mercy we confess our sins.

cf Matthew 3.10

All **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,**
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
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 grant that we may serve you
in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.

The president says

The Lord forgive you your sin,
unite you in the love
 which took Christ to the cross,
and bring you in the Spirit
 to his wedding feast in heaven.

All **Amen**

The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer

Let us pray

Silence is kept

The Collect is said, and all respond

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

At the end of the Scripture readings

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

Gospel Reading

When the Gospel is announced the deacon 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.**

Sermon

The Creed

The deacon says

Let us stand to declare our faith in God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit

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

These responses may be used

All Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

And at the end

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

¶ *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

The Peace

The president introduces 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.

God will speak peace to his people,
to those who turn to him in their hearts.

May the God of peace make you completely holy,
ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessed is the King
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

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

The deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Hymn

Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine

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

The gifts of the people are gathered and presented.

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All **All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

The president takes the bread and wine.

Look upon us in mercy and not in judgement
draw us from hatred to love:
make the frailty of our praise
a dwelling place for your glory.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

All The Lord be with you
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.**

From the First Sunday of Advent until 16 December

It is indeed right and good to give you
 thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
For when he humbled himself
 to come among us in human flesh,
he fulfilled the plan you formed
 before the foundation of the world
to open for us the way of salvation.
Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,
we now watch for the day
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.
And so we join our voices
 with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
to proclaim your glory,
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.**

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From 17 December until Christmas Eve

It is indeed right and good
to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
He is the one foretold by all the prophets,
whom the Virgin Mother
bore with love beyond all telling.
John the Baptist was his herald
and made him known when at last he came.
In his love Christ fills us with joy
as we prepare to celebrate his birth,
so that when he comes again
he may find us watching in prayer,
our hearts filled with wonder and praise.
And so, with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your glory,
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

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.**

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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ
your Son our Lord.

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 everlasting praise:

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

Silence is kept

The Lord's Prayer

Awaiting his coming in glory,
let us pray with confidence
as our Saviour has taught us:

All **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,
for ever and 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, have mercy on us.**

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

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

The president and people receive communion.

Please come forward, as invited, to receive communion. If you are a visitor, and have been baptised, you are very welcome to take communion with us here. If you do not receive communion then we invite you to come forward for a blessing.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

The president leads the Post Communion Prayer

All **Almighty God,**
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood
of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you
our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.

Notices may be read.

Hymn

The Dismissal

The president prays

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.**

or

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, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

The deacon says

As we await our coming Saviour,
go in the peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

The ministers and people depart.

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