

## Liturgy for Parish Mass on Advent Sunday – 29<sup>th</sup> November

### **The Gathering**

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

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

### **WELCOME**

#### ***Collect of Purity***

**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.**

#### **Advent Wreath – light the first candle**

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors:  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith  
and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment.  
May we be obedient to your call  
and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ,  
a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;  
for you are our light and our salvation.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

#### **Prayers of Penitence at the Advent Wreath**

Heavenly Father,  
you have created a universe of light:  
forgive us when we return to darkness.

Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus,  
you are the light of the world:  
cleanse and heal our blinded sight.

Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Holy Spirit,  
you give us light in our hearts:  
renew us in faith and love.

Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

### ***Absolution***

Almighty God,  
who in Jesus Christ has given us  
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,  
forgive *you your* sins,  
open *your* eyes to God's truth,  
strengthen *you* to do God's will  
and give *you* the joy of his kingdom,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### ***The Collect***

*Let us pray*

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

### ***Readings from Holy Scripture***

First Reading

Psalm

Second Reading

***Gradual Hymn***

Gospel Reading

***Sermon***

***The 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.**

*Intercessions*

**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.  
**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We sing our next hymn*

**Preparation of the Table**

As this bread was scattered  
and then gathered and made one,  
so may your Church be gathered into your kingdom.  
**Glory to you, O God, for ever.**

Wisdom has built her a house;  
she has mixed her wine; she has set her table.  
**Glory to you, O God, for ever.**

**The Eucharistic Prayer**

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**

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 *saying*:

**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, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the + body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
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  
**Christ has died  
Christ is risen  
Christ will come again**

And so Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.  
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,

we bring before you the bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Mark, the Holy Innocents  
and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through 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.**

*Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us*

**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.**

*The president breaks the bread*

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God,  
have mercy upon us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
have mercy upon us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world**

**give us your peace.**

***Giving of Communion***

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world,  
blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

***Prayer after Communion***

Almighty and eternal God,  
you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:  
hold us firm in this faith,  
that we may know you in all your ways  
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,  
who are three Persons yet one God,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Blessing**

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

*The President pronounces God's blessing.*

May God the Father, judge all-merciful,  
make us worthy of a place in his kingdom.

**Amen.**

May God the Son, coming among us in power,  
reveal in our midst the promise of his glory.

**Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit make us steadfast in faith,  
joyful in hope and constant in love.

**Amen.**

And the blessing ...

**The Dismissal**

Our Mass is ended and our service to God continues.

As we await our coming Saviour,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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