



St John the Divine
Eucharist Service
Advent Season 2020

WELCOME

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Welcome



THE ADVENT WREATH

Candle lighting prayer

...

Blessed be God for ever.

Scripture sentence

Let us pray.

**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.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Introduction to confession

Let us open our hearts and prepare for his coming,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you
in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution

Collect

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Reading/s

May your word live in us
And bear much fruit to your glory.

Gospel reading

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ ...
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

...

This is the Gospel of the Lord,
praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Response:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who taught us to 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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE GREETING OF 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.

The collection and the bread and wine on the altar are offered to God:

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

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

... 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.**

... Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

... in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body,

for we all share in the one bread.

Prayer of humble access:

**We do not presume
to come to your table, merciful Lord,
trusting on our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather
up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he in us. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

(Please come forward to receive the consecrated bread only - or a blessing - queuing up behind each other on the carpet marks, and keeping your distance from others.

It is suggested that just before receiving the sacrament you slip your mask down, make your communion, reposition your mask, and then return to your seat.)

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Post-communion prayer

Father,
**we offer ourselves to you
as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

Blessing

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

In the name of Christ. Amen.



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NOTICES

Services and opening up

The restrictions have eased to the point whereby we can now welcome the usual number of parishioners attending each regular service - with no bookings required.

Masks, attendance registers, and sanitisation are still required. And no congregational singing, and no refreshments after the service, yet.

Future live-streamed services?

Now that congregations will be present in person for our Sunday 10am services, we are adjusting to how these might be live-streamed as well. This might take a couple of weeks to address - but the intention is to continue with a form of live-streaming, one way or another.