

### Extended Preface from Advent Sunday to 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 *saying*:

### Extended Preface from 17 December to 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:

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# Gathering

*Silence is kept.*

*The Deacon may say a Sentence.*

Priest: In the name ✠ of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **and also with you.**

*Words of welcome or introduction may be said.*

## Prayers of Penitence

*These or other suitable words are used:*

Priest: When the Lord comes,  
he will bring to light things now hidden in darkness,  
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.

In the light of Christ we confess our sins  
in penitence and faith.

*There is a time of silence before these or similar words are used:*

Priest: Lord, Jesus, you came to gather the nations  
into the peace of your kingdom.  
Lord, have mercy.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: Lord Jesus, you come in word and sacrament  
to strengthen us in the way of holiness.  
Christ, have mercy.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Priest: Lord Jesus, you will come in glory  
with healing and salvation for your people.  
Lord, have mercy.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Eye hath not seen, ear hath not heard,  
Nor heart conceived that rest,  
With them our good things long deferred,  
With Jesus Christ our Best.

We weep because the night is long,  
We laugh for day shall rise,  
We sing a slow contented song  
And knock at Paradise.  
Weeping we hold Him fast, Who wept  
For us, we hold Him fast;  
And will not let Him go except  
He bless us first or last.

Weeping we hold Him fast to-night;  
We will not let Him go  
Till daybreak smite our wearied sight  
And summer smite the snow:  
Then figs shall bud, and dove with dove  
Shall coo the livelong day;  
Then He shall say, 'Arise, My love,  
My fair one, come away.'

Christina Rossetti



This Advent moon shines cold and clear,  
These Advent nights are long;  
Our lamps have burned year after year  
And still their flame is strong.  
'Watchman, what of the night?' we cry,  
Heart-sick with hope deferred:  
'No speaking signs are in the sky,'  
Is still the watchman's word.

The Porter watches at the gate,  
The servants watch within;  
The watch is long betimes and late,  
The prize is slow to win.  
'Watchman, what of the night?' But still  
His answer sounds the same:  
'No daybreak tops the utmost hill,  
Nor pale our lamps of flame.'

One to another hear them speak  
The patient virgins wise:  
'Surely He is not far to seek'—  
'All night we watch and rise.'  
'The days are evil looking back,  
The coming days are dim;  
Yet count we not His promise slack,  
But watch and wait for Him.'

One with another, soul with soul,  
They kindle fire from fire:  
'Friends watch us who have touched the goal.'  
'They urge us, come up higher.'  
'With them shall rest our waysore feet,  
With them is built our home,  
With Christ.'—'They sweet, but He most sweet,  
Sweeter than honeycomb.'

There no more parting, no more pain,  
The distant ones brought near,  
The lost so long are found again,  
Long lost but longer dear:

Priest: Almighty God,  
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.

People: **Amen.**

## The Collect of the Day

Priest: . . . one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

*Non-biblical readings may sometimes be used.*

### The Old Testament Reading

*Silence follows, or these words may be used:*

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### The New Testament Reading

*Silence follows, or these words may be used:*

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### The Gospel Acclamation

Deacon: Alleluia, alleluia . . .

People: **Alleluia.**

### The Gospel Reading

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: **and also with you.**

Deacon: Hear the Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to \_\_\_\_ .

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the Gospel reading:*

Deacon: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## The Sermon

### The Creed

People: **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;  
and 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.**

## The Dismissal

### The Blessing

Priest: The Lord be with you.  
People: **and also with you.**

*These or other words may be used:*

Priest: 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.

People: **Amen.**

Deacon: Our Lord says, 'I am coming soon.'  
People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Deacon: May the Lord, when he comes,  
find us watching and waiting.  
**Amen.**



Priest: Every time we eat this bread  
and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.**

*These words may be repeated as necessary:*

People: **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.**

*We say together*

## **The Spiritual Communion**

Father of all,  
We thank you for the gift of the holy body and precious blood  
of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Since at this time we cannot receive him in the holy sacrament,  
may he come spiritually into our hearts.  
May the body of my Lord Jesus Christ which was broken for us,  
keep our bodies and souls in eternal life.  
May the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which was shed for us,  
keep our bodies and souls in eternal life  
And may we feed on him whom we have received in our hearts,  
by faith with thanksgiving. Amen.)

## **After Communion**

*The Priest says the Prayer after Communion, to which the People respond:*

**Amen.**

**We look for the ✠ resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **The Prayers of Intercession**

# **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

## **The Peace**

*These or other suitable words are said:*

Priest: 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.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*Priest and People share the Peace.*

## **The Preparation of the Altar**

Priest: As the grain once scattered in the fields  
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside  
are now reunited on this altar in bread and wine,  
so, Lord, may your whole Church  
soon be gathered together  
from the corners of the earth  
into your kingdom.

People: **Amen.**

## **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **and also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The priest uses some words praising God here (see back page)*

People: **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!**

Priest: We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

Deacon: Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

People: **Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:**

**Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Priest: Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.  
Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with Our Lady [*N and*] all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.  
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

*Please kneel or sit.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Silence is kept.*

Priest: As we look for the coming of the Kingdom, so we pray.

People: **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 priest breaks the consecrated bread.*