

*An order for the
Holy Eucharist*
for All-Age
Worship for
Advent



the parish of
St George the Martyr
Shirley

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We Gather

We stand at the entry of the choir and clergy for the Gathering Hymn.
(All hymns and additional material can be found on the separate sheet.)

The Advent Candle Ceremony



Each Sunday an additional candle is lit on the Advent Ring using a short ceremony to be found on the pew sheet or a separate folded sheet.

The service resumes from this point.

The Greeting

The president greets the people.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Informal words of welcome.

Opening Prayer

**Loving God, you want the whole world to welcome Jesus.
Help us to prepare for his coming by changing our lives for the better.
We make this prayer to you through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

We ask for God's forgiveness

The deacon says:

The season of Advent reminds us that when the Lord comes, he will bring to light things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

Silence for Reflection

**Gracious God,
we confess that we have not loved you with all our heart.
We have not cared for others as ourselves.
In your great mercy,
forgive our sins and help us
to lead a new life in your service. Amen.**

We receive God's forgiveness

The president uses these or similar words

May the God of love and power forgive you
and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We listen to God's Word

The Collect Prayer for this week

The president reads the appropriate prayer for the week.

We sit to listen to the readings.

(see separate sheet)

The Reading(s)

At the end of each reading

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand to hear the Gospel.

*We sing the **Gospel Hymn** during which we turn to face the gospel reader.*

Gospel

*In our watching and our waiting.
Come Lord Jesus.*



In our hopes and in our fears.

Come Lord Jesus.

In our homes and in our world.

Come Lord Jesus.

Come lord Jesus, bless us and surprise us
as we prepare to welcome you
into our hearts and lives this Christmas.

Amen

Gospeller Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ...

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel reading.

Gospeller This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit to listen to a talk.

Affirmation of Faith

Deacon We say together in faith

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit
who strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen**



We sit or kneel to pray.

The Prayers of the People

In joyful expectation of his coming, we pray to Jesus,
saying, Maranatha. Come, Lord Jesus.

*We are invited to respond to each prayer offered in
these, or similar, words:*

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.



We come to be fed

We stand as the president introduces the peace with these or similar words.

The Peace

The promised coming of Christ brings hope, joy, love and peace.

(or)

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.

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We share a handshake with those around us saying 'Peace be with you'.

The Hymn of the Gifts is sung.

(see separate sheet)

Preparation of the Table

The bread and wine for communion are brought to the altar.

President: With this bread that we bring

All we remember Jesus.

With this wine that we bring

All we remember Jesus.

Bread for his body, wine for his blood,
gifts from God to his table we bring.

All We remember Jesus. Amen.

The Prayer of 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

Young person: Why is it right to give thanks and praise?

Listen, and we will hear.

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:



**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.**

We thank you, loving Father,
because, when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

Young person Why do we share this bread and wine?
Listen, and we will hear.

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.



As you feed us with these gifts,
send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Young person: How do we follow Jesus Christ?
Listen, and we will hear.

Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day
when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with Blessed Mary, St George, [N] and all your saints
we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit,
today and for ever. Amen.

We kneel to say the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray..

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we 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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**



Breaking of 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.**

Lamb of God

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith
and receive this sacrament of love,
and let it rekindle in your heart
the blessing of peace.

All are welcome at the altar.

Please come forward to the altar rail as directed.

If you wish to receive the blessed bread please offer your cupped hands to receive it. Likewise, if you wish to receive the blessed wine please guide the cup and take a sip of wine.

If for any reason you feel unable to receive the blessed bread and wine, please do still come forward to receive a sign of God's blessing – simply bow your head and keep your hands lowered.

Hymns sung during communion can be found on the separate sheet.

Please respect each other's need for silence during this time.

Prayers after Communion

The president reads the After Communion Prayer for the week.

(See separate sheet)

The After-Communion Prayer

**Lord Jesus, we thank you for sending us your messengers,
for giving us one another,
and for the gift of Communion
to strengthen us as we continue to wait for you. Amen.**

The notices and any banns of marriage are read.

We are sent out into the World

We stand as the president dismisses and blesses the people using these or similar words.

The Blessing

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.

The Dismissal

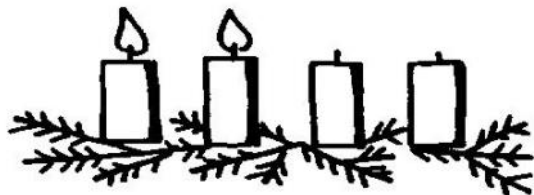
Deacon: Are you ready to go out into the world to share God's love?

All: We are!

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen

The Final Hymn is sung as the choir and clergy leave. (see separate sheet)



At Advent we should try
the key to our heart's door.
It may have gathered rust.
If so, this is the time to oil it,
in order that the heart's door
may open more easily
when the Lord Jesus wants to enter it
at Christmas time!



*Please come and meet each other
and enjoy a chat over a cup of
fairtrade tea or coffee after the
service*