

PARISH OF ESHER  
Christ Church, Esher with St George's, West End

# The Eucharist in Advent



*'Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign.  
Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son,  
and shall name him Immanuel.'*

Isaiah 7.14

## The Gathering

*The president says:*

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

**Amen.**

## The Greeting

*Words of welcome or introduction may be said.  
The Advent Wreath may be lit and a prayer said.  
A hymn is sung.*

## Prayers of Penitence

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.

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations  
into the peace of your kingdom:  
*Kyrie Eleison.*

You come in word and sacrament  
to strengthen us in holiness:  
*Christe Eleison.*

You will come in glory  
with salvation for your people:  
*Kyrie Eleison.*

May the God of love  
bring you back to himself,  
forgive you your sins,  
and assure you of his eternal love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## The Collect

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding.*

*The Collect is said, and all respond  
Amen.*

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Readings

*Either one or two readings from Scripture precede the Gospel reading*

*At the end of each the reader may say:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Reading

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end.*

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Sermon

*After the Sermon an anthem may be sung, or a piece of music played.*

## The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God.

**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.**

## Prayers of Intercession

*The president introduces the prayers.*

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,  
let us pray to the Father.

*One of these responses may be used:*

Lord, in your mercy              or              Lord, hear us.  
**hear our prayer.**                                      **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*And at the end:*

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.*

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

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

## The Offertory

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## Preparation of the Table

*The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed on it,  
while a hymn is sung or a piece of music is played.*

*The following prayer is used:*

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

**Amen.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

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.**

*Sundays in Advent until 16 Dec*

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:

*From 17 Dec 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 his Mother Mary 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:

**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 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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

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 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.

**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

We join our prayers together in the words of the Lord's Prayer:

**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

*The minister breaks the consecrated 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.**

*The Agnus Dei may be used as the bread is broken:*

**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.  
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.

*In line with Church of England guidance I invite those who wish to make an act of Spiritual Communion this morning to pray:*

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
for all the benefits you have given me,  
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.  
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.  
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,  
may I know you more clearly,  
love you more dearly,  
and follow you more nearly, day by day.  
Amen.

*During the distribution, music may be sung or played.*

### **Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept.*  
*The post communion prayer is said.*  
*Then all say together:*

**We thank you, Lord,  
that you have fed us in this sacrament,  
united us with Christ,  
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet  
prepared for all peoples.**  
Amen.

## **The Dismissal**

*Notices may be given at this point.  
A hymn is sung.*

## **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.

**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

**In the name of Christ.**

**Amen.**

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