

HOLY COMMUNION

THE INTRODUCTION

Processional: *The Plainsong Proper Introit for the day is sung by the cantor alone as the Sanctuary Party processes.*

Introit Advent Prose 501 (RORATE CAELI, *New English Hymnal*)

Sung by the cantor.

Drop down ye heavens from above,
And let the skies pour down righteousness.
We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing,
and we all do fade as a leaf:
and our iniquities, like the wind,
have taken us away:
thou hast hid thy face from us:
and hast consumèd us,
because of our iniquities.

Drop down ye heavens from above,
And let the skies pour down righteousness.

Introit Hymn 5 (MERTON, *New English Hymnal*)

Sung by all.

At the Advent Wreath

Priest:

The second Advent candle denotes peace,
not merely the cessation of conflict,
not the absence of suffering,
not the loss of struggle,
but the saving peace of God in the midst of everything.

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People:

It is time to set the flame to this kind of peace.

Priest:

Why light a candle that will burn out?

People:

The message of this candle cannot be quenched.

It speaks of peace - no war can halt,

Peace - no heartache can sever,

Peace - no suffering can erase.

It represents the Advent Peace of the promised Messiah, before whom all nations shall bow.

Candle Lighters:

In faith, we light this candle of peace.

Priest:

You see a candle of peace burning. What then is your response?

People:

God does not give peace as the world gives.

God's peace passes understanding.

God's peace exists in the midst of turmoil.

God's peace forgets what it forgives and lives to serve.

Our peace is in God, who first loved us.

The Priest standing and the people kneeling.

OUR Father which art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy Name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive them that trespass against us.

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And lead us not into temptation;
But deliver us from evil. Amen

The Collect said by all

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then the Priest shall rehearse our Lord's Summary of the Law.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

Hear, O Israel, The Lord our God is One Lord: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first commandment, And the second is like, namely this: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

The priest and people say in response

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Then shall be sung by all

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

Then shall be said the Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you
And with thy spirit.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: give us grace to heed their warning and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming

of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

**The Old Testament Reading is taken from the Book of the Prophet
Isaiah, Chapter 40, beginning to read from the 1st verse**

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Gradual Psalm, Psalm 126

Sung by the choir

1. When the Lord turned again the captivity of Sion :
then were we like unto them that dream.
2. Then was our mouth filled with laughter : and our tongue with joy.

3. Then said they among the heathen :
The Lord hath done great things for them.
4. Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already :
whereof we rejoice.
5. Turn our captivity, O Lord : as the rivers in the south.
6. They that sow in tears : shall reap in joy.
7. He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth good seed :
shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.

The Epistle is taken from St Paul's Epistle to the Philippians,
Chapter 1, beginning at the 3rd verse

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight 10 to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Here ends the Epistle.

Sequence Hymn 3ii (*CROSS OF JESUS, New English Hymnal*)

Sung by all, standing.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke,
Chapter 3, beginning at the 1st verse

Glory be to thee, O Lord

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.' "

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to thee, O Christ

The Creed shall be said by all:

**I BELIEVE in one God,
the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And of all things visible and invisible:
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only begotten Son of God,
Begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
Very God of very God,
Begotten, not made,
Being of one substance with the Father,
By whom all things were made:
Who for us men, and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost
of the Virgin Mary,
And was made man,
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered and was buried,
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
And ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory
to judge both the quick and the dead:
Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost,
The Lord and giver of life,
Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together
is worshipped and glorified,
Who spake by the Prophets.**

**And I believe one Catholick and Apostolick Church.
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the resurrection of the dead,
And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Sermon

THE OFFERTORY

Then shall the Priest return to the Lord's Table, and begin the Offertory, saying one or more of the Sentences following, as he thinketh most convenient in his discretion.

LET your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

*Offertory: The Plainsong Proper Offertory for the day is sung by the cantor alone. This is followed by other music sung by the cantor alone, or the organ will play.
And when there is a Communion, the Priest shall then place upon the Holy Table so much Bread and Wine, as he shall think sufficient.*

Offertory Hymn 16 (*WACHET AUF, New English Hymnal*)

Sung by all.

THE INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant here in earth.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations and to receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; Beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant, that all they that do confess thy holy Name, may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live, in unity, and godly love.

We beseech thee also to save and defend all Christian Kings, Princes, and Governors; and specially thy Servant Elizabeth our Queen; that under her we may be godly and quietly governed: And grant unto her whole Council, and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and indifferently minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and Curates, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; and specially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom: Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen**

THE PREPARATION

Then shall the Priest say to them that come to receive the Holy Communion.

YE that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

Then shall this general Confession be made in the name of all those that are minded to receive the Holy Communion, by the Priest or one of the Ministers; both he and all the people kneeling humbly upon their knees.

ALMIGHTY God,

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Maker of all things, Judge of all men;

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,

Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed,

By thought, word, and deed,

Against thy Divine Majesty,

Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent,

And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;

The remembrance of them is grievous unto us;

the burden of them in intolerable.

Have mercy upon us,

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,

Forgive us all that is past;

And grant that we may ever hereafter

Serve and please thee in newness of life,

To the honour and glory of thy Name;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall the Priest stand up, and turning himself to the people, pronounce this Absolution.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; ✕ pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall the Priest say,

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

Come unto me all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *St Matt. xi.28.*

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the endthat all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *St John iii. 16.*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy i. 15.*

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins. *1 St John ii.*

All stand

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

Then shall the Priest turn to the Lord's Table, and say,

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father Almighty, Everlasting God.

And now we give you thanks because he was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

THEREFORE with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Then shall be sung the Sanctus and Benedictus

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory:**

Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.

℣ Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

All kneel. Then shall the Priest, at the Lord's Table, say with all them that shall receive the Communion this Prayer following:

**WE do not presume to come to this thy Table,
O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,
but in thy manifold and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy so much as to gather up
the crumbs under thy Table.**

**But thou art the same Lord,
whose property is always to have mercy:
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,**

**and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.
Amen.**

When the Priest, standing at the Holy Table, hath so ordered the Bread and Wine, that he may with the more readiness and decency break the Bread before the people, and take the Cup into his hands, he shall say the Prayer of Consecration, as followeth.

THE CONSECRATION

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again;

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood: who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake 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.

Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. Amen.

Then may follow:

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And with thy spirit.

Then shall be sung the Agnus Dei

**O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world:
grant us thy peace.**

THE COMMUNION OF THE PRIEST AND PEOPLE

Then shall the Priest first receive the Communion in both kinds himself, and then proceed to deliver the same to the Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, in like manner, (if any be present,) and after that to the people also in order, into their hands.

The following is said by the Priest:

Behold the Lamb of God:
behold Him that takest away the sins of the world.

Then all shall say:

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

Come, take this holy sacrament in faith with thanksgiving in your hearts.

And, when he delivereth the Bread to any one, he shall say,

THE Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life.

Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith with thanksgiving.

And the Minister that delivereth the Cup to any one shall say,

THE Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life.

Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.

Then shall the Priest say:

As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us we are bold to say:

Then all shall say:

**OUR Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that 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.**

Then shall the Priest give thanks to God in the name of all them that have communicated, turning him first to the people, and saying,

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we most humbly beseech thee , O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast

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prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.
Amen.

Then the Priest (or Bishop if he be present) shall let them depart with this Blessing.

Christ the Sun of righteousness shine upon you 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 Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

Recessional Hymn 15 (*ST STEPHEN, New English Hymnal*)

Sung by all.

The Recessional, Organ alone