



The Eucharist during Advent



Welcome to St Peter's

St Peter's church is part of the Inclusive Church movement and we welcome you today wherever you come from. We hope you will be comfortable and open to God's presence in you and the world during your time with us.

We would be grateful if you could check your mobile is switched off before the service begins.

The Covid-safe procedures will be explained at the start of every service. If you have any questions please speak to a member of our team.

All places in the service where we need to sit, kneel or stand are listed in this service sheet which is designed for you to follow. We join in the words in bold type.

The Gathering

After the Covid notices have been given we stand for the beginning of the service.

The Greeting

Maranatha! The Lord is coming!
Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

Words of welcome may be said.

The Advent Wreath

The Candles for each week of Advent are lit.

Advent 1, The mothers and fathers of our faith

Advent 2, The Prophets

Advent 3, John the Baptist

Advent 4, Mary, Theotokos

We pray on each week's theme. At the end of the prayer this response is used:

Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus

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We kneel.

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.

The choir sing the Kyrie Eleison "Lord have mercy" as we make our own silent confession.

The priest pronounces God's absolution:

Almighty God who forgives all who truly repent, 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. **Amen.**

The Collect prayer for the day is said and all respond Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading

The first reading of the day is read.

At the end

Hear the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

The O Antiphons

As we prepare to hear the Gospel we hear excerpts from The Great O Antiphons – some of the oldest liturgy of the Christian Church.

Gospel Reading

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

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

The Sermon

Please sit when invited to do so.

The Creed

Let us stand and declare our faith in God. *Please stand.*

The Creed is led by The Deacon:

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,
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.

With the Father and the Son

he is worshipped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy,

catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism

for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

We kneel for the prayers if able.

Prayers of Intercession

This response is used:

Maranatha. Come, Lord Jesus :

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

At the end we pray:

Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay; give new courage to your people, who trust in your love. By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom on earth as in heaven, where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Offertory

We are unable to pass a collection plate at present, but please make a donation to the church on the plate by the south door or at the pedestal in the west porch as you leave today. Thank you for all you give.

Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

As this bread was scattered and then gathered and made one, so may your Church be gathered into your kingdom.

Glory to you, O God, for ever.

Wisdom has built her a house; she has mixed her wine; she has set her table. **Glory to you, O God, for ever.**

Please stand.

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

The choir sing the Sanctus & Benedictus

We remember the Last Supper.

Great is the mystery of faith

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

The prayer continues and at the end we all respond boldly

Amen.

Silence is kept & we kneel to pray if able.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour taught us:

**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 forever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup.

We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Agnus Dei

The choir sing the Agnus Dei.

Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

*Please come forward when invited by our stewards to
receive bread and wine or a blessing.*

Prayer after Communion

*The President says the Post Communion prayer. At the end
we join in the Amen*

Then we 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

Further community notices may be given.

We are invited to stand.

Acclamation

With love and compassion, **come, Lord Jesus.**
With judgement and mercy, **come, Lord Jesus.**
In power and glory, **come, Lord Jesus.**
In wisdom and truth, **come, Lord Jesus.**

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy, and keep you safe and blameless, in spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Maranatha! The Lord is coming!

Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

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

Acknowledgements

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