

## Come, Lord Jesus:

## **Holy Communion in Advent**

¶ A Service of the Word with a Celebration of Holy Communion for use in Advent;

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- ¶ A fully worked out sample, suitable for local reproduction (note that it does *not* include all the words required by the president).

#### Advent ring

A position is suggested for the lighting of appropriate candles on the Advent ring (if there is one). Other possible positions for this would be:

- ¶ after the sermon;
- ¶ before the peace;
- ¶ before the dismissal.

There are several different patterns of 'meanings' suggested for the four or five candles of the ring. Care needs to be taken that the congregation understands what the candles are signifying.

If words are said and a song sung, care is needed to maintain a sense of event. A suggested pattern is:

- ¶ Congregation stands;
- ¶ Words are said (either words of explanation, or a sentence of Scripture, or a versicle and response);
- ¶ Candle is lit;
- ¶ Song is sung.

Where the Collect follows, the congregation remain standing in silence before the president prays the Collect.

#### Intercessions

The response printed is F72 from the intercessions ('We pray for the coming of God's kingdom'), but any form of intercessions could be used
with the same response.
Eucharistic Prayer

## Come, Lord Jesus

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We say together the words printed in bold.

The Gathering

### The Greeting

The Lord be with you

#### All and also with you.

One of these sentences may be used

Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem,

for the Lord has comforted his people.

Isaiah 52.9

Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors, and

the king of glory shall come in.

Psalm 24.7

Watch at all times, praying for the strength to stand with confidence

before the Son of Man.

Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing
near.
Luke 21.28
Our Lord says 'Surely I come quickly.' Even so; come, Lord Jesus.
Revelation 22.20
Prayer of Preparation
All Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.
Prayers of Penitence
Christ the Light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.
All Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.

In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.
The president declares God's forgiveness.
Advent Ring
If there is an Advent ring, candles on it may be lit at this point.
The Collect
The Liturgy of the Word
Reading(s)
After each reading
This is the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.
This, or another psalm or scriptural song, may be used
Psalm 130

We have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

Let your ears be open to hear my voice.	
All My hope is in God's word.	
If you recorded all our sins	
who could come before you?	
All My hope is in God's word.	
There is forgiveness with you:	
therefore you shall be feared.	
All My hope is in God's word.	
My soul is longing for the Lord,	
more than those who watch for daybreak.	
All My hope is in God's word.	
O Israel, wait for the Lord,	
for with the Lord there is mercy.	
All My hope is in God's word.	
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.	
All My hope is in God's word.	
Gospel Reading	
When the Gospel is announced the reader says	
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to <i>N</i> .	

Out of the depths I have called to you, Lord.

and at the end
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, O Christ.
Affirmation of Faith
This, or a creed or other authorized Affirmation of Faith is used
We say together in faith
All Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.
We believe in God the Father, who created all things:
All for by his will they were created
and have their being.
We believe in God the Son,
who was slain:
All for with his blood,
he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language,
from every people and nation.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit:
All the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'
Even so come I ord Jesus!

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Prayers of Intercession
This response is used
We pray for the coming of God's kingdom, saying:
Father, by your Spirit
All bring in your kingdom.
The prayers conclude
Lord of the Church
All hear our prayer,
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever.
Amen.
The Lord's Prayer
The Lord's Prayer may be said here or after the Eucharistic Prayer
Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom
in the words our Saviour taught us.
All 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.

Amen.

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.
The Liturgy of the Sacrament
The Peace
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
All and also with you.
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.
All may exchange a sign of peace.
If the Service of the Word is to end here, the Dismissal takes place here.
Preparation of the Table

Forgive us our sins

This prayer may be used
Blessed be God,
who feeds the hungry,
who raises the poor,
who fills our praise.
All Blessed be God for ever.
The Eucharistic Prayer
The Lord be with you.
All And also with you.
(or)
The Lord is here.
All His Spirit is with us.
Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All It is right to give thanks and praise.
The president praises God for his mighty acts, ending
All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Hosanna in the highest.
[Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.]
The president recalls the Last Supper.
This acclamation may be used
Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
All Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.
The Prayer ends
All Amen.
(or)
All Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.
The Lord's Prayer is said here if not already used.
Breaking of the Bread
Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
All we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

**Giving of Communion** The president invites the people to receive communion. Prayer after Communion Silence is kept. One or both of these prayers may be said Loving Father, your Son Jesus Christ has come to us in word and Spirit, in bread and cup. Make us holy and bring us to perfection, when we stand before him as he comes to judge the living and the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord. All Amen. All Generous God, you have fed us at your heavenly table. Set us on fire with your Spirit that when Christ comes again we may shine like lights before his face; who with you and the Spirit lives for ever.

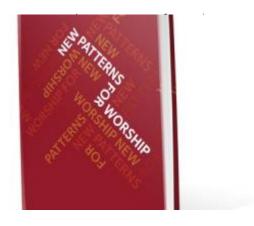
The Agnus Dei ('Lamb of God') may be said or sung.

The Dismissal
These words may be said
Our Lord says, I am coming soon.
All Amen. Come Lord Jesus.
May the Lord, when he comes, find us watching and waiting.
All Amen.
The president may use this seasonal blessing
May God himself, the God of peace,
make you perfect and holy;
and keep you all safe and blameless, in spirit, soul and body,
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
And the blessing
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All In the name of Christ. Amen.
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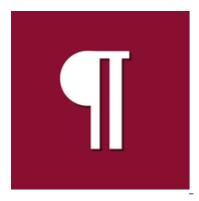
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