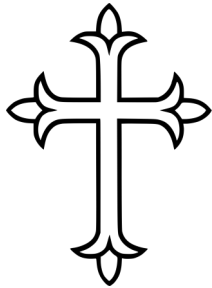




THE PARISH OF PANGBOURNE WITH TIDMARSH AND SULHAM
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Service of Holy Communion for Advent

Prayers at the Advent Wreath.

Each candle on the Advent wreath represents one who received or proclaimed the message of the coming Messiah. They also have come to represent the virtues of hope, peace, joy and love.

Advent 1: The candle of the patriarchs, for hope.

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith
And to journey in the **hope** of your promised fulfilment.
May we be obedient to your call
and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ,
a lamp to your feet and a light to your path;
For you are our light and salvation. **Amen.**

Advent 2: The candle of the prophets, for peace.

Lord Jesus, light of the world
the prophets said you would bring **peace**,
and save your people in trouble.
Give peace in our hearts this Christmas
And show all the world God's love. **Amen.**

(Please turn to the inside back cover for Advent 3 and 4, and the Advent Collect.)

The Gathering

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

All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Hymn

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.

The Greeting

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’

The second is this: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’

There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

When the Lord comes,


he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.

Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

All **Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

Prayer of Preparation

The following may be used

<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>	(or)	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>	
All <i>Lord, have mercy.</i>		<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>	
		<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>	
<i>Christ, have mercy.</i>		<i>Christ, have mercy.</i>	
All <i>Christ, have mercy.</i>		<i>Christ, have mercy.</i>	
		<i>Christ, have mercy.</i>	
<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>		<i>Christ, have mercy.</i>	
All <i>Lord, have mercy.</i>		<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>	
		<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>	
		<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>	

The president says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins,
to all those who with heartfelt repentance and true faith turn
to him:
have mercy on you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and bring you to everlasting life,
though Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Collect is said and all respond

All **Amen.**

The Collect

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.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

Gospel Reading

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

All **Alleluia**

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**



At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, O Christ.**



Sermon

The Creed

All 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 the 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who 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.

Prayers of Intercession

*The prayers usually include these concerns
And may follow this sequence:*

- ◆ *The Church of Christ*
- ◆ *Creation, human society, the Sovereign
and those in authority*
- ◆ *The local community*
- ◆ *Those who suffer*
- ◆ *The communion of saints*

This response may be used

Lord, in your mercy
All **hear our prayer.**

And at the end

Merciful Father,
All **accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

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 handshake as a sign of peace using the words
"Peace be with you" or a similar greeting.*

Preparation of the Table

Hymn

*The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented.
The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.
One or more of the prayers at the preparation of the table may be said.
The President takes the bread and wine.*

God of life, Saviour of the poor,
Receive [with this money] our
Gratitude for your goodness,
Penitence for our pride
And dedication to your service
In Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen

*(Anyone who is a communicant in their own church is welcome to receive
Communion here.*

*If you are not a communicant, you are welcome to come and receive a blessing.
To assist the priest, do not raise your hands.)*

The Peace

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you (or) The Lord is here
All And also with you 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.

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.

(Advent Sunday to 16 Dec)

(17th Dec until Christmas Eve)

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 will
come again in glory.

He is the one foretold by all
the prophets, whom the
Virgin Mother 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.

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:

All **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.**



Father of all, we give you thanks
for every gift that comes from heaven.
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty
clean.

This is his story
All **This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed
He came to table with his friends
To celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story
All **This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you all.
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins
Do this is remembrance of me.

This is his story
All **This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.
This is his story



All **This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**


Send your spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food
Offer ourselves to live for you
And be welcomes at your feast in heaven
Where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,** 
hallowed by thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who 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

(or)

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

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.
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

The consecrated bread is broken

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
All **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

*The *Angus Dei* may be used*

All **Lamb of God,** 
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.

(or)

All ***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

The invitation to communion is given

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.

Prayer before the distribution

**All We do not presume
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have
mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your 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 is us. Amen.**

The president and people receive communion

*Authorized words of distribution are used and the communicant replies
Amen.*

Prayers after Communion

Silence is kept.

The president may say a suitable prayer

**All Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ,
through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

The Dismissal

Hymn

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.

All Amen.

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.

Prayers at the Advent Wreath (continued).

Advent 3: The candle of John the Baptist, for joy.

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true: to you be praise and glory forever. Your prophet John the Baptist was witness to the truth as a burning and shining light.

May we your servants **rejoice** in his light, and be so led to witness to him, who is the Lord of our coming kingdom, Jesus our Saviour and King of the ages. **Amen.**

Advent 4: The candle of the Virgin Mary, for love.

God our Father, the angel Gabriel told the Virgin Mary that she was to be the mother of your Son. Though Mary was afraid, she responded to your call with joy.

Help us, whom you call to serve you, to share like her in your great work of bringing to our world your **love** and healing. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world. **Amen.**

The Collect for Advent

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty, to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**