

St John the Evangelist
East Dulwich

Advent



The Advent Prose

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

Advent 1

*Be not wroth very sore, O Lord,
neither remember iniquity for ever:
thy holy cities are a wilderness, Sion is
a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation:
our holy and our beautiful house,
where our fathers praised thee.*

Advent 2

*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 consumed us,
because of our iniquities.*

Advent 3

*Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord,
and my servant whom I have chosen;
that ye may know me and believe me:
I, even I, am the Lord,
and beside me there is no Saviour:
and there is none that can deliver
out of my hand.*

Advent 4

*Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people,
my salvation shall not tarry:
I have blotted out as a thick cloud
thy transgressions:
Fear not, for I will save thee:
for I am the Lord thy God,
the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer.*

Advent Wreath Prayer

Advent 1

*Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
You call us 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 our feet and a light to our path;
for you are our light and our salvation.
Blessed be God for ever.*

Advent 2

*Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true: to you
be praise and glory for ever. Of old you spoke by the
mouth of your prophets, but in our days you speak
through your Son, whom you have appointed the heir
of all things. Grant us, your people, to walk in his light,
that we may be found ready and watching when he
comes again in glory and judgement; for you are our
light and our salvation.
Blessed be God for ever.*

Advent 3

*Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
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 so be led to witness to him who
is the Lord of our coming kingdom, Jesus our Saviour
and King of the ages.
Blessed be God for ever.*

Advent 4

*Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, merciful and gentle: to
you be praise and glory for ever. Your light has shone in
our darkened world through the child-bearing of
blessed Mary; grant that we who have seen your glory
may daily be renewed in your image and prepared like
her for the coming of your Son, who is the Lord and
Saviour of all.
Blessed be God for ever.*

Welcome to our Advent Service

Prayer of Preparation

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.**

Processional Hymn *please stand*

Greeting

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

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Look towards the east, O Jerusalem
and see the glory that is coming from God.

Introduction

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Prayers of Penitence

Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near.

Let the wicked abandon their ways
and the unrighteous their thoughts.

Turn back to the Lord, who will have mercy;
to our God who will richly pardon.

After a period of reflection

Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
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.**

Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

The priest declares God's forgiveness

*We respond with. **Amen.***

The Collect

Old Testament Reading *please be seated*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

New Testament Reading

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading *please stand*

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the light of the world says the Lord.
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness
but will have the light of life. **Alleluia.**

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

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

Sermon *please be seated*

The Nicene Creed *please stand*

**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,
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 *please be seated*

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

The Peace *please stand*

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
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

Offertory Prayer

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
**All things come from you
and of your own do we give you.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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 president gives thanks for God's creation

**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.**

The president recalls the Last Supper

Praise to you, Lord Jesus.

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

*At the end of the prayer please respond **Amen.***

The Lord's Prayer *please be seated*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be 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.**

Breaking of the 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.**

Agnus Dei

While ministers receive we sing

**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.**

Giving of Communion

Behold, the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world,
blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

**Lord, you stand at the door and knock.
You wait for me and only I can let you in.
I believe and trust in you and ask you now
to fill me with your presence.
Feed me with your body and unite me in your blood,
that I may be your blessing to a world in need. Amen.**

Communion Anthem

Post Communion Prayer

**O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Notices

Post Communion Hymn *please stand*

Blessing and Dismissal

Now is the time to wake out of sleep,
for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.

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.**

As we await our coming Saviour,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

The Angelus *words on separate sheet*