

## An Order for Common Worship for Advent

**Welcome**

**Candle lighting**

**Poem: Light of the world**

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you

**All: and also with you.**

**Hymn: Hills of the north rejoice**

**Invitation to confession**

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.

**Confession.**

**All: 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.**

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.

**All: Amen.**

**Song : Christ be our light**

Collect for the fourth Sunday of Advent

Readings: Luke 1.46-55, Luke 1.26-38

Talk

Let us declare our faith in God

Do you believe and trust in God the Father  
Source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?  
I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
Who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?  
I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?  
I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Song : The Virgin Mary had a baby boy**

Our prayers of Intercession  
Dedication of our offerings

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.**

**Hymn: Christ be our light**

Eucharistic Prayer- The bread and wine is blessed

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 Him thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;  
In love you made us for yourself

When we turned away you did not reject us,  
But came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children,  
And welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life  
That we might live in Him and He in us.  
**He opened his arms of love upon the cross,**

**And made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night He was betrayed, at supper with his friends,  
He took bread, and gave thanks;  
He broke it and gave it to them, saying :  
Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you;  
Do this in remembrance of me.  
**Father, we do this in remembrance of him,  
His body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
He gave you thanks and said:  
Drink this, all of you.  
This is my blood, of the New Covenant  
Which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;  
Do this in remembrance of me.  
**Father, we do this in remembrance of Him;  
His blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death, and celebrate his rising in glory,  
Send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine  
May be to us the body and blood of your dear Son,  
**As we eat and drink these holy gifts,  
Make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole church throughout the world,  
We offer this sacrifice of praise  
And lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer

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 for ever.  
Amen.

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

All: Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.

We share the bread and wine

Thanksgiving Prayer

All: 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.

Hymn: Long ago, prophets knew

## **Blessing**

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 ...

**Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: In the name of Christ, Amen.**