

**ALL SAINTS  
WEST DULWICH**

**The Order for the Celebration of  
THE EUCHARIST**



**ADVENT**

# STRUCTURE

The people and the priest

- greet each other in the Lord's name
- confess their sins
- are assured of God's forgiveness
- keep silence and pray a Collect
- proclaim and respond to the word of God
- pray for the Church and the world
- exchange the Peace
- prepare the altar
- pray the Eucharistic Prayer
- break the bread
- receive Holy Communion
- depart with God's blessing

# Prayers of Preparation before the Eucharist

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.

Father in heaven,  
who sent your Son to redeem the world  
and will send him again to be our judge:  
give us grace so to imitate him  
in the humility and purity of his first coming  
that, when he comes again,  
we may be ready to greet him  
with joyful love and firm faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Psalms for meditation**

I love you, O Lord, my strength.  
The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer,  
my God, my rock in whom I take refuge,  
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.  
*Psalm 18.1-2*

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?  
*Psalm 27.1*

Create in me a clean heart, O God  
and put a new and right spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
and do not take your holy spirit from me. *Psalm 51.10-11.*

# ORDER OF SERVICE

*A minister may call the people to worship with an appropriate sentence of scripture, and a time of prayer and silence*

*A prayer from page 3 may be said*

*Please stand*

*An introit and a processional hymn may be sung*

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

## The Greeting

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

## Prayers of Penitence

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.

1 Corinthians 4.5

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry  
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 grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

## Kyrie Eleison

Lord, you are gracious and compassionate:

**Kyrie eleison ...**

You are loving to all  
and your mercy is over all your creation:

**Christe eleison ...**

Your faithful servants bless your name  
and speak of the glory of your kingdom:

**Kyrie eleison ...**

## 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

*Please sit*

## Readings

*At the end of each lesson the reader says*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

*A psalm or gradual hymn may be sung*

## The Holy Gospel

Alleluia...

**Alleluia...**

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

*cf Isaiah 40.3-5*

**Alleluia...**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

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

*At the end*

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit*

**Homily**

*After a period of silent reflection, please stand*

## **The Creed**

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

**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 human.**

**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.**

*Please kneel or sit*

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*The prayers may conclude with*

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

*Please stand*

## **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.

Luke 1.78f

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*An offertory hymn may be sung*

## Preparation of the Altar Taking of the Bread and Wine

*One or both these prayers may be used*

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.**

Pray my brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be  
acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and  
glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy  
church.**

### 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.**

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

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 our Lord will come again in glory.**

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*:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died: Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of the Blessèd Virgin Mary,  
the Mother of God, and all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please kneel or sit*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.**

## **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**

**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.  
Blessèd 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.**

*An anthem and a communion hymn may be sung*

*Baptised and communicant members of other Christian churches  
are welcome to receive Holy Communion;  
and all are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing*

## Prayer after Communion

*The post communion prayer is said, followed by*

**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.**

## Brief Notices

*Please stand*

## Blessing and Dismissal

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.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

*A recessional hymn may be sung; the ministers and people depart*

The four Sundays of Advent (from the Latin *Adventus*, 'coming') are a time of preparation for both Christmas and the Second Coming of Christ at the Last Day.

Keeping company with the Old Testament prophets, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, and with John the Baptist, we anticipate the coming of our Saviour and Judge.

Eucharistic Prayer B with extended preface for the First Sunday of Advent until 16 December.

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