

**ALL SAINTS
WEST DULWICH**

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



ADVENT – O Sapientia

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Prayers of Preparation before the Eucharist

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to 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 the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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.

O Sapientia (meaning 'O Wisdom') is the name given for the week before Christmas in the Book of Common Prayer, being the first of the great 'O's, concluding with O Emmanuel on Christmas Eve.

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

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

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations
into the peace of your kingdom:

Kyrie eleison . . .

You come in word and sacrament
to strengthen us in holiness:

Christe eleison . . .

You will come in glory
with salvation for your people:

Kyrie eleison . . .

Absolution

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;
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 gradual hymn may be sung



The Holy Gospel

Alleluia...

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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

These or other prayers are offered

In joyful expectation of his coming to our aid
we pray to Jesus.

Come to your Church as Lord and judge.
We pray for...

Help us to live in the light of your coming
and give us a longing for your kingdom.

Maranatha:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to your world as King of the nations.

We pray for...

Before you rulers will stand in silence.

Maranatha:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

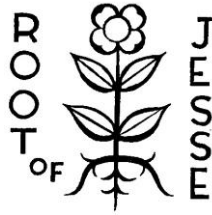
Come to the suffering as Saviour and comforter.

We pray for...

Break into our lives,
where we struggle with sickness and distress,
and set us free to serve you for ever.

Maranatha:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.



Come to us as shepherd and guardian of our souls.
We remember...

Give us with all the faithful departed
a share in your victory over evil and death.

Maranatha:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come from heaven, Lord Jesus, with power and great glory.

Lift us up to meet you,
that with the Blessed Virgin Mary,
her faithful spouse Joseph,
and all your saints and angels
we may live and reign with you in your new creation.

Maranatha:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Silence is kept

Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay;
give new courage to your people, who trust in your love.
By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom
on earth as in heaven,
where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. **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

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.

**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,
our hearts filled with wonder and praise.**

And so, with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your glory, and join in their unending hymn of praise:

**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.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

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.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

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 Blessed 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

Acclamation

With love and compassion,
come, Lord Jesus.

With judgement and mercy,
come, Lord Jesus.

In power and glory,
come, Lord Jesus.

In wisdom and truth,
come, Lord Jesus.

The Dismissal Gospel

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark.
Glorify to you, O Lord.

Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying,
'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent,
and believe in the good news.'

Mark 1.14,15

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

Blessing and Dismissal

May God the Father, judge all-merciful,
make us worthy of a place in his kingdom. **Amen.**

May God the Son, coming among us in power,
reveal in our midst the promise of his glory. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit make us steadfast in faith,
joyful in hope and constant in love. **Amen.**

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 the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

A recessional hymn may be sung

The ministers and people depart



The Advent Antiphons

The seven Great 'O' Antiphons were sung in the medieval English church on the seven days preceding Christmas Eve. Addressed to God, they call for God to come as teacher and deliverer, with a tapestry of scriptural titles and pictures describing God's saving work in Christ. They are familiar today in the hymn 'O come, O come, Emmanuel', in which the 'Emmanuel' verse is the seventh verse, not the first.

O Sapientia

cf Ecclesiasticus 24.3; Wisdom 8.1

O Wisdom, coming forth from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from one end to the other mightily, and sweetly ordering all things: Come and teach us the way of prudence.

O Adonai

cf Exodus 3.2; 24.12

O Adonai, and leader of the House of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and gave him the law on Sinai: Come and redeem us with an outstretched arm.

O Radix Jesse

cf Isaiah 11.10; 45.14; 52.15; Romans 15.12

O Root of Jesse, standing as a sign among the peoples; before you kings will shut their mouths, to you the nations will make their prayer: Come and deliver us, and delay no longer.

O Clavis David

cf Isaiah 22.22; 42.7

O Key of David and sceptre of the House of Israel; you open and no one can shut; you shut and no one can open: Come and lead the prisoners from the prison house, those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

O Oriens

cf Malachi 4.2

O Morning Star, splendour of light eternal and sun of righteousness: Come and enlighten those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

O Rex Gentium

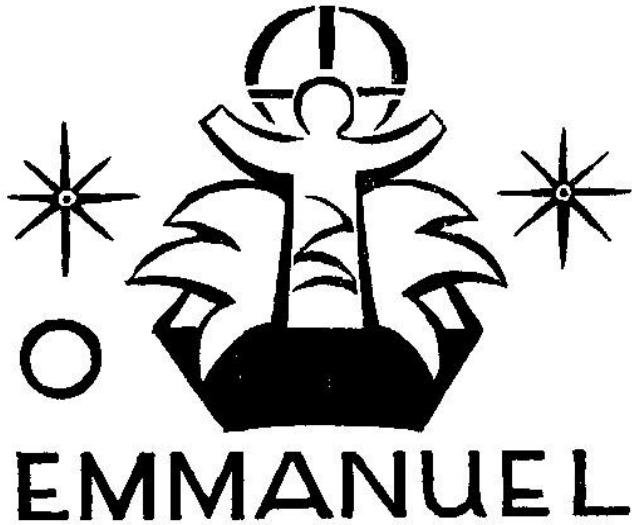
cf Isaiah 28.16; Ephesians 2.14

O King of the nations, and their desire, the cornerstone making both one: Come and save the human race, which you fashioned from clay.

O Emmanuel

cf Isaiah 7.14

O Emmanuel, our King and our lawgiver, the hope of the nations and their Saviour: Come and save us, O Lord our God. Eucharistic Prayer B with extended preface for 17 December until Christmas Eve.



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