

And at the end:

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

We sit or kneel.

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.**

As the bread is broken:

**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.**

All are welcome at Christ's table.

Please follow the direction of the stewards to come and receive communion.

If you'd prefer to receive a blessing, please hold this card as a sign to the priest.

The Post Communion prayer is said, and we ask God to send us out to be His people in the world.

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We stand for the Blessing, to which we respond  
**Amen.**

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

Please take this sheet home with you.



Welcome to Christ Church for this Eucharist. We keep a time of stillness to reflect, and to offer our lives afresh to God.



We stand:

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



As the Advent Candle is lit, a prayer is said, to which we respond:

**Blessed be God for ever.**

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.**

We sit or kneel.

We are invited to confess our failings, mistakes and sins to God, either:

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.**

*Or with the responses:*

...Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy**  
...Christ, have mercy. **Christ have mercy**  
...Lord, have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

*Words of forgiveness and hope, to which we  
respond: **Amen.***

*We continue in prayer, with the **Collect**  
(the Prayer for the week)*

*We sit to listen to readings from the Bible,  
which end with the response:*

...This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*The response to the Psalm is on the pew sheet.*

*When the Gospel is announced, we stand:*  
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
according to (name).  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*And at the end:*

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

*We sit for a time of reflection.*

*We may stand to declare our faith,  
saying the Apostles Creed:*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*We sit or kneel to pray for ourselves, our church,  
our parish and our world, including the response:*

...Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

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

*We stand to share the Peace.*

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

*The table is prepared. We remain standing:*

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.**

*God's wonderful deeds are praised...*

**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.**

*We give thanks and remember the Last Supper.*

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died: Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

*(or)*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

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