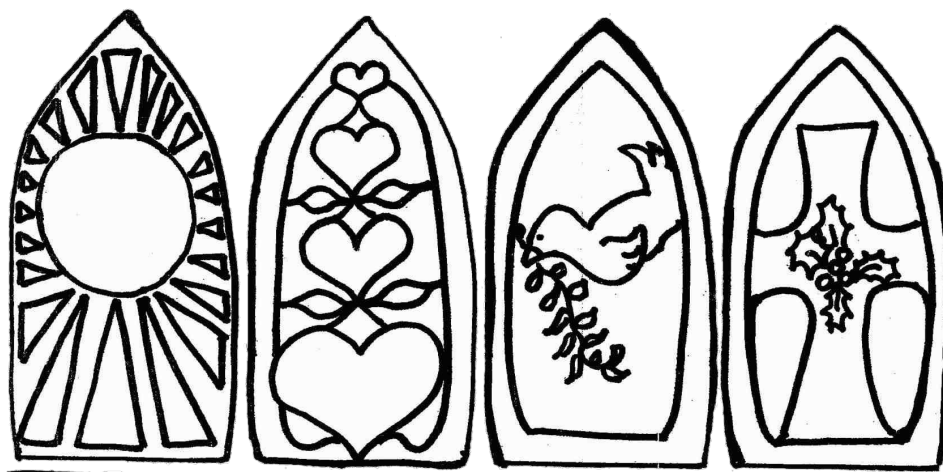




St. Oswald's, Norbury

Eucharist during Advent 2020



Hope

Peace

Joy

Love

The Gathering

A hymn may be sung by the choir

The president may say

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

All **Amen.**



The Greeting

The president greets the people

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Words of welcome or introduction are said.

Prayer of Preparation

All **Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleans 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.**

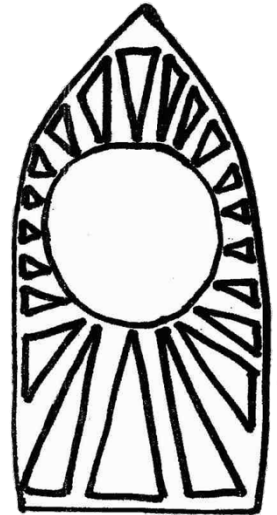
The service continues with the liturgy of the Advent wreath during which we light Advent candles, reflect on the theme of the day, make prayers of penitence and respond to Absolution by hearing or saying verses of the Advent candle song.

Liturgy of the Advent Wreath: First Sunday of Advent

The first candle is for the whole people of God.
It is the candle of Hope.

Prayer

God of Abraham and Sarah,
and all the patriarchs of old,
you are our Father too.
Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of David.
Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth
to make our hearts ready for your Holy Spirit
to make his home among us.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the light who is coming into the world.



Prayers of penitence

Heavenly Father, you have created a universe of light:
forgive us when we return to darkness.
Lord have mercy **Lord have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world:
cleanse and heal our blinded sight.
Christ have mercy **Christ have mercy.**

Holy Spirit, you give us light in our hearts:
renew us in faith and love.
Lord have mercy **Lord have mercy.**

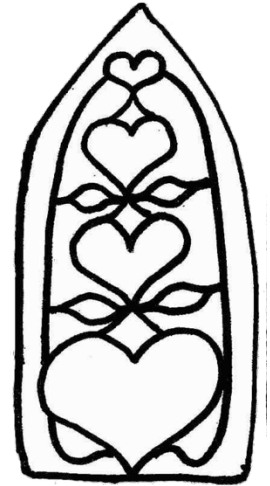
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Liturgy of the Advent Wreath: Second Sunday of Advent

The second candle is for the Prophets.
It is the candle of Peace.

Prayer

God our Father,
you spoke to the prophets of old
of a Saviour who would bring peace.
You helped them to spread the joyful message
of his coming kingdom.
Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his birth,
to share with those around us
the good news of your power and love.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the light who is coming into the world.



Prayers of penitence

Heavenly Father, you call us to repent of our sins:
soften our proud and stubborn hearts.
Lord have mercy **Lord have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you declared the forgiveness of God:
teach us to forgive one another.
Christ have mercy **Christ have mercy.**

Holy Spirit, you search our hearts and show us the truth:
direct us in your way of righteousness.
Lord have mercy **Lord have mercy.**

*We hear words of absolution then the **first two** verses of the **Advent Candle Song.***
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Liturgy of the Advent Wreath: Third Sunday of Advent

The third candle is for the John the Baptist.
It is the candle of Love.

Prayer

God our Father,
you gave to Zechariah and Elizabeth
in their old age a son called John.
He grew up strong in spirit,
prepared the people for the coming of the Lord,
and baptized them in the Jordan to wash away their sins.
Help us, who have been baptized into Christ,
to be ready to welcome him into our hearts,
and to grow strong in faith by the power of the Spirit.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the light who is coming into the world.



Prayers of penitence

Heavenly Father, you call us to prepare for the coming of your Son:
forgive us our unreadiness to receive him.

Lord have mercy **Lord have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you were proclaimed by John the Baptist:
help us also to prepare your way.

Christ have mercy **Christ have mercy.**

Holy Spirit, you speak through the prophets:
make us attentive to hear your word.

Lord have mercy **Lord have mercy.**

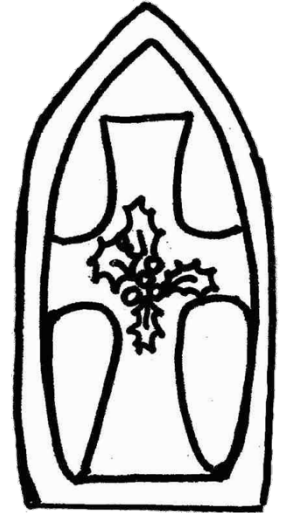
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Liturgy of the Advent Wreath: Fourth Sunday of Advent

The fourth candle is for Mary.
It is the candle of Joy.

Prayer

God our Father,
the angel Gabriel told the Virgin Mary
that she was to be the mother of your Son.
Though Mary was afraid,
she responded to your call with joy.
Help us, whom you call to serve you,
to share like her in your great work
of bringing to our world your love and healing.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the light who is coming into the world.



Prayers of penitence

Heavenly Father, you exalted the humble and meek:
give us humble and contrite hearts.
Lord have mercy **Lord have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you grew towards birth in the Virgin's womb:
be planted also in our hearts and lives.
Christ have mercy **Christ have mercy.**

Holy Spirit, you overshadowed Mary,
that she might become the God-bearer:
fill us with your heavenly gifts.
Lord have mercy **Lord have mercy.**

*We hear words of absolution then the **first four** verses of the **Advent Candle Song.***
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The Advent Candle Song

1. Advent candles tell their story
as we watch and pray,
longing for the Day of Glory,
'Come, Lord, soon,' we say.
Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness
changed for gladness on that Day.

2. Prophet voices loudly crying,
making pathways clear;
glimpsing glory, self-denying,
calling all to hear.
Through their message, challenged, shaken;
hearts awaken: God is near!

3. John the Baptist, by his preaching
and by water poured,
brought to those who heard his teaching
news of hope restored:
'Keep your vision strong and steady,
and be ready for the Lord.'

4. Mary's gift, beyond all telling,
was to give Christ room.
She gave God a human dwelling
in a mother's womb.
Who could guess the final story?
Cross and glory; empty tomb!

5. Advent candles tell their story
on this Christmas Day.
Those who waited for God's glory:
they prepared the way.
Christ is with us: loving, giving,
in us living, here today!



The Collect

After a short time of silence the Collect prayer of the day is said.

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

At the end the reader may say

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



A hymn may be sung by the choir

Gospel Reading

The reader makes the acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

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

The gospel is read

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

Sermon

The Creed *(We declare our faith)*

**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

We pray for the Church, the world, for others and for ourselves.

This response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy

All: **hear our prayer.**

The intercessions usually end with

Merciful Father,

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



The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The president introduces the Peace, ending with ...

The peace of the Lord be always with you

We respond **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace.

A Hymn may be sung by the choir as the table is prepared

Taking of the Bread and Wine

The president takes the bread and wine saying this or another prayer

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth into your kingdom. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

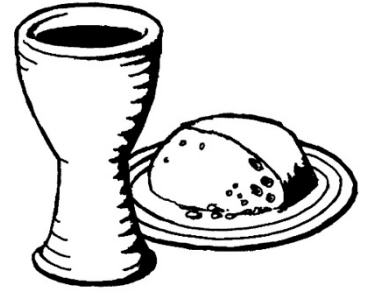
All: **His Spirit is with us.**

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 thanks and praise.**



A seasonal preface or the following may be used

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

We sing **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.**

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 [N 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.

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.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

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.**



Giving of Communion

The president says the invitation to communion

Jesus is 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**

The president receives communion and says words of distribution to the congregation. Those who intend to receive respond by saying 'Amen'

As the congregation waits to receive they say together

**Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us
through the precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.**

A hymn may be sung as communion is distributed.

As the congregation in church receives communion, those at home may say this prayer for Spiritual Communion

O Lord Jesus Christ,
since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I pray that you would come spiritually to my soul.
Come Lord Jesus,
come and cleanse me, heal me, strengthen me,
and unite me to yourself,
now and for evermore. **Amen**

Prayer after Communion

The president says a Post Communion Prayer

We pray together

**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.
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.**

The Dismissal

The parish notices are shared

A Hymn may be sung

Blessing

Dismissal

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

The ministers and people depart.

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