

The Parish Church of
St. John the Baptist, Wakefield

Holy Communion in Advent

SONG

The Lord of glory be with you.
And also with you.

**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.**

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Please sit.

A voice cries out in the wilderness,
'Make straight the way of the Lord.'
So let us listen, and turn to the Lord in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept

God, through Jesus
will judge the secret thoughts of all:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,'
will enter the kingdom of God
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Let everyone who has an ear
listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw you to himself,
and cleanse you from all your sins
that you may behold the glory of his Son,
the Word made flesh,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

THE COLLECT

We remain standing. The president introduces a period of silent prayer and then says the special prayer for today. At the end we say **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST BIBLE READING

Please sit. At the end the reader says:
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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THE GOSPEL READING *Please remain standing.*

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

At the end the reader says:
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Please sit. The sermon may be followed by a period of silent reflection.

THE CREED *Please stand*

**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.

THE PRAYERS

Please sit for the prayers of intercession. This or another response may be used

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

The prayers may end with this response:

Merciful Father,

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

THE PEACE

Please stand.

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
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The congregation shares the Peace.

SONG *during which the collection is taken*

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER *Please remain standing.*

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

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.

The president praises God for his mighty acts. Then 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.

The president then recalls the Last Supper Jesus had with his friends. This acclamation is said

Great is the mystery of faith

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The prayer continues. At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer we say or sing:

Blessing and honour and glory and power

be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

OR we say **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please sit.

Awaiting his coming in glory, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

We sing

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup:

We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

LAMB OF GOD *We sing*

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

This prayer may be said

**We do not presume
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.
Amen.**

The president and people receive communion.

*If you are not receiving communion, you are invited to come forward to
receive a prayer of blessing during communion.*

SONGS will be sung during communion

AFTER COMMUNION

Please remain seated. The Post Communion prayer is said, then

**Generous God,
you have fed us at your heavenly table.
Set us on fire with your Spirit
that when Christ comes again
we may shine like lights before his face,
who with you and the Spirit lives for ever.
Amen.**

NOTICES

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The Sending Out

THE BLESSING & 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 peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.