

St Oswald's
Methley
with Mickletown



Advent Holy Communion

A very warm welcome to everyone joining us at St Oswald's today.
You might like to use the time before the service starts to gather your thoughts,
ready for worship, or perhaps to pray quietly.

Please feel free to light a candle in the Waterton Chapel at the front of church,
as a sign of your prayers or in memory of a loved one, either before or after
the service.

Holy Communion during Advent

The Gathering

Hymn

Please stand.

Greeting

Please remain standing.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you

All and also with you.

All Loving God, we have come to worship you.
Help us to pray to you in faith,
to sing your praise with gratitude,
and to listen to your word with eagerness;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Lighting the Advent Candles

*Each Sunday during Advent we light another candle in our Advent Wreath.
Afterwards we say a prayer together:*

First Sunday of Advent:

All Lord Jesus, light of the world,
born in David's city of Bethlehem,
born like him to be a king:
be born in our hearts at Christmas,
be King of our lives today.
Amen.

Second Sunday of Advent:

All Lord Jesus, light of the world,
the prophets said you would bring peace
and save your people in trouble.
Give peace in our hearts at Christmas
and show all the world God's love.
Amen.

Third Sunday of Advent:

All Lord Jesus, light of the world,
John told the people to prepare,
for you were very near.
As Christmas grows closer day by day,
help us to be ready to welcome you now.
Amen.

Fourth Sunday of Advent:

All Lord Jesus, light of the world,
blessed is Gabriel, who brought good news;
blessed is Mary, your mother and ours.
Bless your Church preparing for Christmas;
and bless us your children, who long for your coming.
Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

Please sit or kneel.

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.

cf 1 Corinthians 4.5

Silence for reflection.

All Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive *us our* sins
and make *us* holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy

The Collect

The minister reads the prayer for the day and we respond:

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Bible Readings

Please be seated.

At the end of each reading the reader may say:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A Psalm may be said.

Hymn

Please stand.

The Gospel Reading

Please remain standing.

When the reading is announced, the reader says:

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

And at the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Please be seated.

The sermon may be followed by a time of silent reflection.

The Creed

Please stand.

Let us declare our faith in God:

**All 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 sakes 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

Please sit or kneel.

This or another response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy
All Hear our prayer.

At the end:

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

During Advent, these prayers of intercession may be used:

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:

All Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to your world as King of the nations.
We pray for ...
Before you rulers will stand in silence.
Maranatha:

All 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:

All 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:

All Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come from heaven, Lord Jesus, with power and great glory.
Lift us up to meet you,
that with St Oswald, St Margaret and all your saints and angels
we may live and reign with you in your new creation.
Maranatha:

All 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.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand.

God will speak peace to his people,
to those who turn to him in their hearts.

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

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

We exchange the peace by turning to one another and saying:

"Peace be with you."

Hymn

Please remain standing.

Preparation of the Table

Please remain standing.

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.

All Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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.

From the First Sunday of Advent until 16 December

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 saying:

From 17 December until Christmas Eve

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:

All 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.

Please be seated.

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Christ is the bread of life:

**All When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

Lord of all life,
help us to work together
for that day when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with St Oswald, St Margaret and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
O loving Father, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Please sit or kneel.

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.**

Or:

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:
**All 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.

The Breaking of the 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.

As the bread is broken we say or sing, either:

All Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

or:

All 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.

The Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

The following may be said:

All 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
with 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.

*Everyone who is used to receiving Communion in a church of any
denomination is welcome to receive Communion with us.*

*If you do not or would prefer not to receive Communion, you are warmly
invited to come to the altar rail for a blessing.*

Please bring this booklet with you if you would like a blessing.

During Communion some music may be played or hymns may be sung.

Prayer after Communion

Please sit or kneel.

The Post-Communion prayer of the day is said by the minister, then all say:

All **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.

Methley Parish Prayer

All **Spirit of God,**
move among us here in Methley;
make us one in heart and mind,
make us one in love.
Humble, caring, selfless, sharing;
Spirit of God, fill our lives
with your purpose and love.
Amen.

The Dismissal

Notices

Hymn

Please stand.

The Blessing

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 amongst you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*We hope you've enjoyed your time with us this morning.
We warmly invite you to join us for refreshments served after the
service.*

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Methley Parish Prayer

All Spirit of God,

move among us here in Methley

with your faithful people

We thank you for the many ways in which you are with us

in our lives and in our church

Spirit of God, fill our lives

with your purpose and love

Amen

The Dismissal

Notice

My dear

Peace and