



**TRINITY**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Service of  
**HOLY COMMUNION**  
RITE II  
**ADVENT**

from the  
Book of Common Prayer  
of the Episcopal Church

**Please do not remove from church**

Welcome to this service  
of Holy Communion  
we are glad you have joined us!

**This is the Lord's church and the Lord's table,  
and all are welcome here.**

When it comes time to receive the bread and wine of Holy Communion all who wish to share in the fellowship of Christ are warmly invited to follow others up to the rail where you may stand or kneel. For those unable to come to the rail, let one of the welcomers know and communion will be brought to you.

Hold out your hands and you will be given bread and wine.

Receiving communion 'in one kind', that is receiving only the bread, is full communion. If for any reason you do not want to receive from the common cup please let the chalice administrator know by crossing your hands across your chest or shaking your head.

If you would like to receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine please indicate by holding your service book in your hands or by keeping your hands lowered.

Children may receive either bread and wine, the bread alone, or a blessing as parents or guardians decide. Please indicate to the Celebrant (the priest) your wishes.

If you require a gluten free wafer please let the Celebrant know and one will be give to you.

Liturgy: The Book of Common Prayer of the Episcopal Church, 1979  
Enriching our Worship, Church Publishing Inc., New York, 1997  
and Common Worship, The Church of England, 2005 (Nicene Creed)  
Music: The Hymnal 1982, according to the use of the Episcopal Church

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**

Blessed are you Holy and Living One.

**You come to your people and set them free. Amen.**

Let us pray.

Holy Wisdom, in your loving kindness you created and restored us when we were lost: inspire us with your truth, that we may love you with our whole minds and run to you with open hearts, through Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

O come, O come, Emmanuel  
And with your captive children dwell  
Give comfort to all exiles here,  
until the Lord of Life appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to us as Love to dwell.

O come, O come, Incarnate Word,  
Your voice the Hebrew prophets heard;  
They saw that one day war will cease,  
And all creation be at peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to us as Love to dwell.

**THE COLLECT**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

*The Celebrant prays the collect of the day ending with:*

**Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

*Sitting*

*The lessons can be found in your weekly bulletin.*

*One or two Lessons are read, the Reader first saying:*

A Reading (Lesson) from \_\_\_\_\_

*After each Reading the Reader may say:*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

*A Psalm, hymn, or anthem may follow each Reading.*

## SEQUENCE HYMN

*Rising in Body and/or Spirit*

## THE GOSPEL LESSONS

*The Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying:*

The Holy Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to \_\_\_\_\_

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*After the Gospel the Reader says:*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON

**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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from 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 worshiped 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 OF THE PEOPLE

Watchful at all times, let us pray for strength to stand with confidence before our Maker and Redeemer.

That God may bring in his kingdom with justice and mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

That God may establish among the nations his sceptre of righteousness, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

That we may seek Christ in the Scriptures and recognize him in the breaking of the bread, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

That God may bind up the brokenhearted, restore the sick and raise up all who have fallen, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

That the light of God's coming may dawn on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

That, with all the saints in light, we may shine forth as lights for the world, [*prayers for those who died may be added*] let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have asked for our prayers, particularly for .... let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray to the mercy and protection of our heavenly Father.

*The people may add their own prayers silently or aloud.*

## CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence is kept.*

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

## THE PEACE

*Rising in Body and/or Spirit*

*This or another introductory verse may be read.*

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.**

## NEWS OF OUR SHARED LIFE

*Sitting*

## OFFERTORY HYMN

*Rising in Body and/or Spirit*

*After the Offertory Hymn, as the offering is received we sing:*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
In heaven above and earth below;  
One God three persons we adore;  
to God be praise for ever more.**

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

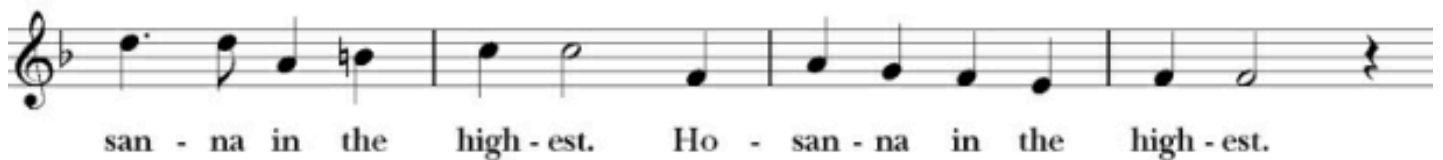
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:





*The people standing, kneeling or sitting, the Celebrant continues:*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,  
**We remember his death,**  
**We proclaim his resurrection,**  
**We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage

of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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,  
and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread and we sing:*

Four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff has lyrics underneath. The first staff: 'Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.' The second staff: 'Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.' The third staff: 'Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:' The fourth staff: 'give us your peace, give us your peace.' The music consists of chords and simple melodic lines.

*The Celebrant continues:*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*Bread, Wine and Blessings are shared among the people.*

*After communion:*

*Rising in Body and/or Spirit*

Let us pray.

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life  
and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim  
your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life  
of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*This or another blessing is given*

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from  
before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and  
the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

*Rising in Body and/or Spirit*

As we await our coming Saviour, go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**



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