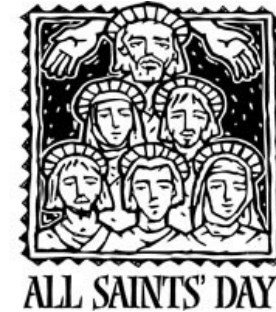


# Holy Communion

## All Saints to Advent 2021



### Gathering

Whether in joyful expectation  
or filled with uncertainty,  
however you come, enter this place to find peace.

Whether with thanksgiving in your heart  
or carrying great burdens,  
however you come, enter this place to be renewed in faith.

Come as you are, join with God's people,  
in faith, in doubt, in strength, in weakness  
in need, with much to give.

Find here the peace you need and the faith you seek.

The Lord is here..

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

*The OPENING HYMN*

Gathering Prayer

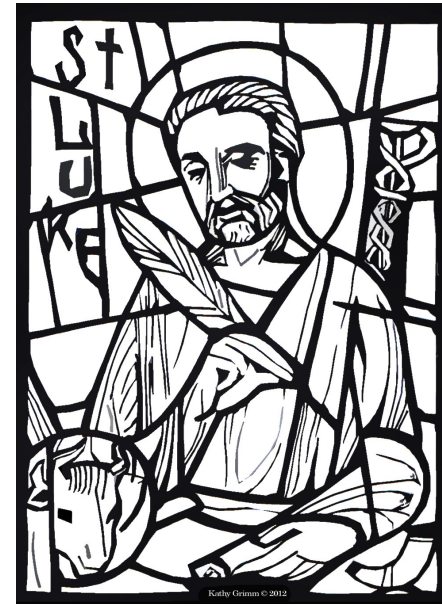
*All* **Almighty God, your Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your presence.  
Give us new hearts and constant wills  
to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Penitence

Our Lord Jesus Christ said, The first commandment is this:  
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.  
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'  
The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'  
There is no other commandment greater than these.  
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.  
*All* **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses,  
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,  
looking to Jesus in penitence and faith. *[Hebrews 12: 1]*

*All* **Lord God, we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrong-doing  
and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.** *[Psalm 51]*



Prayer after Communion [This, OR as set for the week]

**All God the source of all holiness  
and giver of all good things:  
may we who have shared at this table  
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth  
be welcomed with all your saints  
to the heavenly feast  
on the day of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

May God give to you and to all those you love  
his comfort and his peace, his light and his joy  
in this world and the next.

And may the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon us and remain with us, now and always. **Amen.**

*NOTICES may be given*

*The final HYMN may be sung*

Dismissal

Following God's saints in the ways of holiness,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins,  
and restore us in his image to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Song of the Holy City [Revelation 21: 1-5a]

I saw a new heaven and a new earth,  
for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away  
and the sea was no more.

**All And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem,  
coming down out of heaven from God,  
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.**

And I heard a great voice from the throne saying,  
'Behold, the dwelling of God is among mortals.

**All 'He will dwell with them and they shall be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them.**

'He will wipe every tear from their eyes,  
and death shall be no more.

**All 'Neither shall there be mourning,  
nor crying, nor pain any more,  
for the former things have passed away.'**

And the One who sat upon the throne said,  
'Behold, I make all things new.'

**All To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honour and glory and might,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Collect for the week



### 1st Reading

*At the end:* This is the word of the Lord

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**



*A HYMN may be sung*

### Gospel Reading

*Reader:* Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to...

*All:* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end:* This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All:* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### SERMON

#### Nicene Creed

**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.**

### The Lord's Prayer

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven, 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 and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for 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.**

### Invitation to Communion

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, 'Alleluia!' The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.

*All* **Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

### Receiving Communion

May the body and blood of Christ keep us in eternal life.

*All* **Amen.**

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.

*All*    **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 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.

*All*    **Amen.**

**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.**

Intercessions

*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.**



### The Peace

We are fellow citizens with the saints in the household of God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who came and preached peace to those who were far off,  
and peace to those who were near.

[Ephesians 2: 19, 17]

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

*A HYMN may be sung as the table is prepared for Holy Communion  
The gifts of the people may be brought forward.*

### Thanksgiving for the Gifts

Generous God, creator, redeemer, sustainer,  
at your table we present this money,  
symbol of the work you have given us to do;  
use it, use us, in your service in the world,  
to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

### The Communion Prayer [Eucharistic Prayer B]

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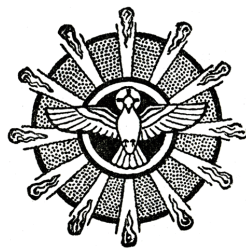
Lift up your hearts.

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



And now we give you thanks,  
most gracious God,  
surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses  
and glorified in the assembly of your saints.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
We, your holy Church, acclaim you.

In communion with angels and archangels,  
and with all who served you on earth  
and worship you now in heaven,  
we raise our voice to proclaim your glory,  
for ever praising you and saying:

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.**

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.

