

Prayer after Communion [*This, OR the prayer for the week*]

*All* **O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

May 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 may the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*NOTICES etc*

*The final HYMN*

Dismissal

As we await our coming Saviour,  
let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Parish of Tettenhall Wood  
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## Holy Communion for Advent

[2021]



Call to Worship

Prepare the way of the Lord.

*All* **Make a path for our God in the desert.**

Every valley shall be exalted;

*All* **Every mountain and hill be laid low.**

The crooked places shall become straight:

*All* **Rough places shall become a plain.**

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed.

*All* **All people shall see it together.**

*Opening HYMN*

Lighting the Advent Candles

*As the candles are lit, the prayer for each week is read:*

Advent 1

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors:  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith  
and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment.  
May we be obedient to your call  
and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ,  
a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;  
for you are our light and our salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Advent 2

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true:  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets,  
but in our days you speak through your Son,  
whom you have appointed the heir of all things.  
Grant us, your people, to walk in his light,  
that we may be found ready and watching  
when he comes again in glory and judgement;  
for you are our light and our salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**



The Breaking of the Bread

Every time we eat this bread  
and drink this cup

**All we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.**

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God):

**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 Invitation to Communion

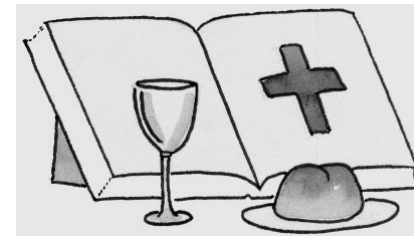
Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

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

Receiving Communion

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

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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 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. **Amen.**

#### The Lord's Prayer

Awaiting his coming in glory, 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.**

#### Advent 3

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true:  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
Your prophet John the Baptist was witness to the truth  
as a burning and shining light.  
May we your servants rejoice in his light,  
and so be led to witness to him  
who is the Lord of our coming kingdom,  
Jesus our Saviour and King of the ages.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

#### Advent 4

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, merciful and gentle:  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
Your light has shone in our darkened world  
through the child-bearing of blessed Mary;  
grant that we who have seen your glory  
may daily be renewed in your image  
and prepared like her for the coming of your Son,  
who is the Lord and Saviour of all.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**



*If there is a Junior Church in operation, after a prayer,  
children may leave at this point*

### Confession

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]*

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love,  
and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed,  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light.  
Amen.**

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

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.**

THE COMMUNION PRAYER [Eucharistic Prayer E]

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.**

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:

*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.**

Canticle 'A Song of the Wilderness'

[Isaiah 35: 1, 2b-4a, 4c-6, 10]

The wilderness and the dry land shall rejoice,  
the desert shall blossom and burst into song.

*All* **They shall see the glory of the Lord,  
the majesty of our God.**

Strengthen the weary hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.

*All* **Say to the anxious, 'Be strong. Fear not.  
Your God is coming with judgment,  
coming with judgment to save you.'**

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

*All* **Then shall the lame leap like a hart,  
and the tongue of the dumb sing for joy.**

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert.

*All* **The ransomed of the Lord shall return with singing,  
with everlasting joy upon their heads.**

Joy and gladness shall be theirs,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

*All* **Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for the Week

Ist 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

Affirmation of Faith [Revelation 4.8,11; 5.9; 22.17, 20]

We say together in faith:

*All* **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.**

We believe in God the Father, who created all things:

*All* **for by his will they were created and have their being.**

We believe in God the Son, who was slain:

*All* **for with his blood, he purchased us for God, from every tribe and language, from every people and nation.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:

*All* **the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!' Even so, come, Lord Jesus! 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

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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 Communion*

Thanksgiving for the Gifts

*- all that God gives us and that we can give back to him for service in and through his church*

Yours Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty. For everything in heaven and earth is yours.

*All* **All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.**