



*Living out faith in our community  
through prayer, reflection and action*

# **Celebrating Communion**

in the

## **Season of Advent**

(Scottish Liturgy 1982)

*Advent,*  
*when we look toward the coming of Christ,*  
*expressing the universal human longing*  
*for the coming of God:*  
***that good news might be proclaimed to the poor,***  
***that the broken-hearted might be healed,***  
***that the captives might be set free.***

*In that longing and desire for God's kingdom,*  
*we are called to wait and watch, in expectant hope ...*

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**Diocese of Edinburgh**

## THE PREPARATION: *we open ourselves to God*

### Advent Chant

On God alone I wait silently;  
God my deliverer, God my strong tower.

*quietly*

On God... a - lone... I wait si - lent - ly; \_\_\_\_\_  
God my... de - liv - er - er, God... my strong tower.

### Welcome

Grace and peace to you from God our Creator  
and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### The Lighting of the Advent Candles

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 fulfillment.  
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.

**Risen Christ, Light of the world,  
Shine in our lives  
And shine among us now**

### Opening Hymn

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here,

until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou rod of Jesse, free  
thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell thy people save,  
and give them victory o'er the grave.  
Rejoice ! Rejoice ! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou dayspring, come and cheer,  
Our spirits by thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice ! Rejoice ! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou key of David, come  
and open wide our heav'nly home ;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery.  
Rejoice ! Rejoice ! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,  
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,  
in ancient times didst give the law  
in cloud and majesty and awe.  
Rejoice ! Rejoice ! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

### *Collect for Purity*

**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.**

### Confession & Absolution

In Advent, we long for your coming,  
for light to overwhelm the powers of darkness,  
for your hidden glory to be revealed.  
And yet, we confess the ways in which we prefer to remain in darkness than to  
open ourselves to the light.

*Sung* **Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison**

The image shows a musical score for a Kyrie eleison. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son." The first system covers the first two phrases. The second system covers the third phrase, "Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.", with a long note on "lei" and a final note on "son." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with some harmonic support.

*Music* Ukrainian traditional chant

*(Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy)*

We long for our desires to be shaped by the needs of your kingdom,  
by the justice and mercy that makes us all whole.  
And yet, we confess the ways in which our desires  
are shaped by the false gods of status and comfort.

*Sung* **Kyrie eleison, ...**

We long for everything to be made right now,  
for our hurts to be mended and our wounds healed.  
And yet, we confess our reluctance to wait on your cleansing, healing word that  
reveals our complicity in all that ails us.

*Sung* **Kyrie eleison, ...**

God, who is both power and love,  
forgive us and free us from our sins,  
heal and strengthen us by the Holy Spirit,  
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Collect: a prayer that collects our silent prayers together Advent Sunday*

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD:** *we listen and respond to God*

**Old Testament Reading:** Jeremiah 33.14-16 **Read by Bob Allen**

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

**Psalm 25, 1-10 led by Bob Allen**

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>**O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

<sup>6</sup>**Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

<sup>7</sup>Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

<sup>8</sup>**Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

<sup>9</sup>He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

**<sup>10</sup>All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

**New Testament Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13 Read by Bob Allen

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

### **Gradual Hymn**

1. Hark! A herald voice is calling:  
'Christ is nigh' it seems to say;  
'cast away the dreams of darkness,  
O ye children of the day!'
2. Startled at the solemn warning,  
let the earth-bound soul arise;  
Christ, her sun, all sloth dispelling,  
shines upon the morning skies.
3. Lo! The Lamb, so long expected,  
comes with pardon down from heaven;  
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,  
one and all to be forgiven.
4. So when next he comes with glory,  
wrapping all the earth in fear,  
may he then as our defender  
on the clouds of heaven appear.
5. Honour, glory, virtue, merit,  
to the Father and the Son,

with the co-eternal Spirit,  
while unending ages run.

**Gospel: Gospel:** Luke 21 : 25-36 read by Patrick Languille

“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. ”Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

*At end:* Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

*Reflection: John Vincent*

*Alternative Affirmation of Faith*

Among the poor,  
among the proud,  
among the persecuted,  
among the privileged,  
Christ is coming,  
**He is coming to make all things new.**

In the private house,  
in the market place,  
in the wedding feast,

in the judgement hall,  
Christ is coming,  
**He is coming to make all things new.**

With a gentle touch,  
with an angry word,  
with a clear conscience,  
with burning love,  
Christ is coming,  
**He is coming to make all things new.**

That the kingdom might come,  
that the world might believe,  
that the powerful might stumble,  
that the humble might be raised.  
Christ is coming,  
**He is coming to make all things new.**

Within us, without us,  
among us, before us,  
in this place, in every place,  
for this time, for all time,  
Christ is coming,  
**He is coming to make all things new.**

*Intercessions led by Stuart Campbell*

*Peace*

We meet in Christ's name  
**Let us share his peace**

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

*Offertory Hymn*

Wake, O wake! with tidings thrilling  
The watchmen all the air are filling,  
Arise, Jerusalem, arise!  
Midnight strikes! no more delaying,  
"The hour has come!" we hear them saying,

Where are ye all, ye maidens wise?  
The Bridegroom comes in sight,  
Raise high your torches bright!  
Alleluya! The wedding song swells loud and strong:  
Go forth and join the festal throng!

Sion hears the watchmen shouting,  
Her heart leaps up with joy undoubting,  
She stands and waits with eager eyes;  
See her Friend from Heaven descending,  
Adorned with truth and grace unending!  
Her light burns clear, her star doth rise.  
Now come, Thou precious Crown,  
Lord Jesu, God's own Son!  
Hosanna! Let us prepare to follow there,  
Where in Thy supper we may share.

Every soul in Thee rejoices,  
From earthly and from angelic voices  
Be glory given to Thee alone!  
Now the gates of pearl receive us,  
Thy presence never more shall leave us,  
We stand with angels round Thy throne.  
Earth cannot give below  
The bliss Thou dost bestow.  
Alleluia! Grant us to raise to length of days,  
The triumph-chorus of Thy praise.

### **Offering**

Let us present our offerings to the Lord.  
**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory,  
the splendour, and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.  
All things come from you, and of your own we give you.**

*We Celebrate Communion*

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

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.**

Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker.  
Out of nothing, you called all worlds to be,  
and still you draw the universe to its fulfilment.  
Dawn and evening celebrate your glory  
till time shall be no more.

In Christ your Son,  
the life of heaven and earth were joined,  
sealing the promise of a new creation,  
given, yet still to come.

Taught by your Spirit,  
we who bear your threefold likeness  
look for the City of Peace  
in whose light we are transfigured  
and the earth transformed.

As children of your redeeming purpose  
who await the coming of your Son,  
we offer you our praise  
with angels and archangels  
and the whole company of heaven,  
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

**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.**

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father.  
In Jesus you showed us yourself.  
Our hope is built on him, the first, the last, the living one.  
Obedient, even to accepting death,  
he opened the gate of glory  
and calls us now to share the life of heaven.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,  
alight with the vision of a feast  
that heralded a kingdom yet to come,  
at supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks.  
He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:  
'Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you.'  
After supper, he took the cup,  
he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying:  
'Drink this, all of you.  
This is my Blood of the new covenant;

it is poured out for you, and for all,  
that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

**We now obey your Son's command.  
We recall his blessed passion and death,  
his glorious resurrection and ascension;  
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.  
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts  
and with them ourselves,  
a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Hear us, most merciful Father,  
and send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon this bread and this wine,  
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,  
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,  
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love  
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

**Help us, who are baptised  
into the fellowship of Christ's Body,  
to live and work to your praise and glory;  
may we grow together in unity and love  
until at last, in your new creation,  
we enter into our heritage,  
in the company of the Virgin Mary,  
the apostles and prophets, Martin  
and of all our brothers and sisters  
living and departed.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages,  
world without end. **Amen.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

The living bread is broken for the life of the world.  
**Lord, unite us in this sign.**

## Lord's Prayer (sung to a Russian chant)

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come,  
Your will be done, on earth as in heaven Give us to-day our dai - ly bread  
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin a-against us Do not bring us to the  
time of trial  
but deliver us from e - vil For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours, now and for ev-er A - men

## Invitation and the Sharing of Communion

*Communion is shared around the altar. All are warmly invited to receive bread and wine. Alternatively, if you wish to receive a blessing, please indicate this by carrying this booklet.*

*We give thanks and are sent out*

## Sentence

Give thanks to our gracious God,  
**whose mercy endures for ever.**

## Prayers after Communion

God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord. Amen

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

*One of the following is said:*

- (a) **Father, we have broken the bread which is Christ's body,  
we have tasted the wine of his new life.  
We thank you for these gifts  
by which we are made one in him  
and drawn into that new creation which is your will for all;  
through him who died for us and rose again,  
your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**
- (b) **Father, your steadfast purpose  
is the completion of all things in your Son.  
May we who have received the pledges of the kingdom,  
live by faith, walk in hope and be renewed in love,  
until the world reflects your glory and you are all in all;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Notices**

### **Final Hymn**

Lo! He comes with clouds descending,  
Once for mortal sinners slain;  
Thousand thousand saints attending,  
Swell the triumph of His train:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold Him  
Robed in dreadful majesty;  
We who set at naught and sold Him,  
Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,  
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing  
Shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of His passion  
Still His dazzling body bears;  
Cause of endless exultation  
To His ransomed worshippers;  
With what rapture, with what rapture  
with what rapture  
Gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, Amen! Let all adore Thee,  
High on Thine eternal throne;

Savior, take the power and glory,  
Claim the kingdom for Thine own;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

### **Blessing**

Christ 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

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

### **Organ Voluntary**

*Do join us for tea or coffee at the back of the church after our service.  
All are welcome.*

### **Notices**

#### **Ecumenical Advent Services of Reflection**

An Ecumenical Advent Service of Reflection will be run each Wednesday in Advent beginning at 19.30.

01 December: Hope. St Michael's Church

08 December: Waiting. St Martin's Church

15 December: Joy. GDS

22 December: Love. Polwarth Church.

#### **Black Bun**

As we gradually return to normal, I am happy to make Black Bun for those who want a piece. The price this year will be £6 due to increased costs. The money will go to Links/St Columba's Hospice.

Peter

#### **Christmas bake sale**

Normally we would hold a bake sale for secma ( links ) and st Columba's hospice but have decided not to again this year. If you would like to make a donation towards this please pay directly into st Martin's bank account and mark it secma. I can take your donation if you prefer. I am also taking orders for blackbun and tablet. Please see me if you would like to order these.

Liz

#### **A pause on the Threshold of Advent**

A Quiet Afternoon for Advent will be held at St Salvador's Church, Saughton Mains Street, Stenhouse on Saturday 4th December from 1.30pm to 4.30pm. It will be led by Susan Mansfield and the cost is £10, or whatever you can afford.  
To book go to [info@heartinpilgrimage.org.uk](mailto:info@heartinpilgrimage.org.uk)

After a very difficult time for charities during the pandemic, we are delighted to be back selling **Christmas cards** on their behalf. Cards for Good Causes is selling charity Christmas cards on behalf of many local and national charities. We are based at St John's church on Princes Street, and our opening hours are 10:00 to 16:00 Monday to Saturday, apart from service times. We will be here till 18 December.

**December January Newsletter.**

Pease could I have articles for the next Newsletter, sent to Felicity,  
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