



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

# Celebrating Communion

## Season of Advent

(Scottish Liturgy 1982)



Advent Sunday  
1st December 2024

Scottish Episcopal Church  
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**

(The prayer for the priest as she lights the Advent Candle is)

God our Father,  
You spoke to the prophets of old  
Of a saviour who would bring peace.  
You helped them to spread the joyful message  
Of his coming kingdom.  
Help us as we prepare to celebrate his birth,  
To share with those around us  
The good news and power of your love.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ,  
The light who is coming into the world.

*After the Advent prayer, we say together*

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world,**

**Born in David's city of Bethlehem,  
Born like him to be a king:  
Be born on our hearts this Christmastide,  
Be king of our lives today.**

## **Opening Hymn**

**Hon 307**

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending,  
once for our salvation slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending  
swell the triumph of his train:  
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!  
Christ appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him,  
robed in dreadful majesty;  
those who set at nought 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 worshipers;  
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.

## 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 treble and bass staff. 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 shows the first two phrases. The second system shows the third phrase, with a long note on 'son.' in the treble staff and a long note on 'son.' in the bass staff, indicating a sustained or held note.

*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 Advent Sunday**

Stir up your power, Lord, and come:  
that with you as our protector,  
we may be rescued from our sins;  
and with you as our deliverer,  
may be set free;  
for you live and reign with God the Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit.  
one God, world without end. Amen.

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

### **Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 33: 14-16 read by Penny 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: 1-9 led by Penny 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.

## **New Testament Reading 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13 read by Penny 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**

### **Hon 98**

Come, thou long expected Jesus,  
Born to set thy people free;

From our fears and sins release us,  
Let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,  
Born a child and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone:  
By thine all-sufficient merit,  
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

### **Gospel Luke 21: 25-36 read by Bob Allen**

“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**

**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**

### **Peace**

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

## **THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

### **Offertory Hymn**

#### **Hon 566**

Ye servants of the Lord,  
Each in his office wait,  
Observant of His heavenly Word,  
And watchful at His gate.

Let all your lamps be bright,  
And trim the golden flame,  
Gird up your loins, as in His sight,  
For awful is His Name.

Watch: 'tis your Lord's command,  
And while we speak He's near;  
Mark the first signal of His hand,  
And ready all appear.

O happy servant he,  
In such a posture found!  
Who share their Saviour's triumph day,  
with joy and honour crowned.

Christ shall the banquet spread  
With His own royal hand,

And raise that faithful servant's head  
Amid the angelic band.

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.**

### **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**

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 daily bread

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us Do not bring us to the time of trial

but deliver us from evil For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever Amen

## 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.*

### Sentence

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

### Post Communion Prayer.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to 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 the living and the dead, we may rise to life immortal; through him who lives and

reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

*One of the following is said:*

**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.**

**Junior Church Presentation** (*if meeting*)

**Notices**

**Final Hymn**

**Hon 425**

Praise the Lord Ye heavens adore him  
Praise him angels in the height  
Sun and moon, rejoice before him  
Praise him, all ye stars of light  
Praise the Lord for he hath spoken  
Worlds his mighty voice obeyed  
Laws which never shall be broken  
For their guidance he hath made  
Praise the Lord for he is glorious  
Never shall his promise fail  
God hath made his saints victorious  
Sin and death shall not prevail

Praise the God of our salvation  
Hosts on high, his power proclaim  
Heaven and earth, and all creation  
Laud and magnify his Name

Worship, honour, glory, blessing,  
Lord, we offer to thy name,  
young and old, thy praise expressing,  
join their Saviour to proclaim.  
As the saints in heav'n adore thee,  
We would bow before thy throne;  
As thine angels serve before thee,  
So on earth thy will be done.

## THE SENDING OUT

### **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**

Please my I have articles for the **December 2024 Newsletter** by today.  
Please send to felicitymurdanaigum@hotmail.co.uk

**Canon 35 Application.** Details in the porch. Any comments on the proposal to be sent to Felicity Murdanaigum.

**Saturday 07 December 1000.** Advent Reflection. A time together for prayer and reflection, based on themes around The Wise Men. This week 'Stars'. It will also be streamed online via our services link.