

ADVENT

Sunday, December 14, 2025



Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy

Processional Hymn - CP 363 *'My Soul Proclaims Your Glory, Lord'*

Gathering of the Community

The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **And also with you.**

The Collect Prayer

God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Readings

Isaiah 35: 1-10; Hymn: CP 155 *"From East to West, from Shore to Shore"*;
James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

The Gospel

Gospel Acclamation - Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to...

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel is read.

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Homily

Anthem - when appointed

Affirmation of Faith (from Common Worship, cf Philippians 2)

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God,
But made himself nothing.**

Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness.

**He humbled himself and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.**

**Therefore God has raised him on high, and given him the name above every
name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice
proclaim Jesus Christ is Lord, to the Glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

Let us make our confession to the God who loves us and longs for our wholeness and Healing.

Silence is kept

**God of the prophets and those who wait,
forgive us when we close our eyes to your vision
when we stop our ears to your promise
when we fail to trust and hope in you.**

**Heal our weakness when we give up on ourselves,
on one another, and on you.**

**Free us from hopeless living,
that we may joyfully love and serve others in your holy name. Amen**

Absolution

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn - CP 106 *'There's a Voice in the Wilderness'*

Prayer over the Gifts

**God of hope, renew in us the joy of your salvation and make us a living sacrifice
to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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 our thanks and praise.**

O Lord, Creator of All, powerful and loving...

And so we lift our voices with the company of saints and heavenly hosts as we sing,

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Holy God, the Beginning and the End, our Salvation and our Hope...

Remembering, therefore,

His life, death and resurrection, we await his coming again in righteousness and peace.

Send your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine we share: strengthen our faith, increase our hope, and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.

Through Christ all glory and honour are yours, Loving God, with the Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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. Save us from the time of trial, 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 the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

The gifts of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

Jesus Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy, have mercy on us.

Bread of Life and Saving Cup, you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy, have mercy on us.

Loving Saviour, Prince of Peace, you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy, and grant us your peace.

Communion

Everyone is welcome to receive communion. Gluten-free wafers are available, please let the priest know. If you prefer to not receive the wine, a slight nod in front of the chalice lets us know. If you'd prefer a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

Communion Hymn - CP 113 *'Come, O Lord, and Set Us Free'*

Prayer after Communion

Merciful God, may this eucharist free us from our sins, fill us with unending joy, and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Announcements

Closing Hymn - CP 98 *'Hark the Glad Sound! The Saviour Comes'*

Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God**