



# **A Service of Holy Communion for all ages for Advent 2**

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# ***Gathering together in God's name***



A rustic wooden sign with the word 'WELCOME' painted in black, serif capital letters. The sign is white and mounted on a weathered wooden plank. To the left of the sign, a small bouquet of purple flowers is tied with a piece of brown twine. The flowers are arranged in a cluster, with some buds and some fully open. The background is a wooden surface with a vertical grain.

**WELCOME**

# ***Greeting***

Grace mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Loving God, we have come to worship you.

**Help us to pray to you in faith,  
to sing your praise with gratitude,  
and to listen to your word with eagerness;  
through Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

# ***Lighting of the Advent Wreath***

...you are God's children.

**Lord, make us one  
in the love of Christ  
today and for ever.**

**Amen.**



**On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh.  
Awake and harken, for he brings  
glad tidings of the King of kings!**



**Then cleansed be every life from sin:  
make straight the way for God within,  
and let us all our hearts prepare  
for Christ to come and enter there.**



**Stretch forth your hand, our health  
restore,**

**and make us rise to fall no more.**

**O let your face upon us shine**

**and fill the world with love divine.**



**All praise to you, eternal Son,  
whose advent has our freedom won,  
whom with the Father we adore,  
and Holy Spirit, evermore.**



# ***Confession***

*After introductory words...*

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations  
into the peace of your kingdom:

Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

You come in word and sacrament  
to strengthen us in holiness:

Christ, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

You will come in glory  
with salvation for your people:

Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

***Absolution***





# ***Collect***

John the Baptist; Altar of Saint Catherine with  
closed wings, 1465  
Stadtkirche St. Johannes und St. Martin  
(Schwabach, Germany)



# ***Listening to God's word together***



# *First reading*

Isaiah 11.1-2, 6-9  
*(Good News Translation)*

*At the end...*

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**



**Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.**

**Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take  
heart!**

*[Repeated chant]*



***Gospel: Matthew 3.1-12 , Good News Bible***

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew:

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end...*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

***Sermon by Revd Evelyn Sweerts***



# *Responding to God's word together*



# ***The Apostles' Creed***

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary ...**

**... suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand  
of the Father,  
and he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

# ***The Prayers of the People***



**Who's on our hearts? What's on our minds?**



# *Invited to God's table together*



# ***The Peace***

*Greet someone and say: The peace of the Lord be always with you.*

**And also with you!**



**Bread is blessed and broken,  
Wine is blessed and poured:  
Take this and remember  
Christ the Lord.**



**Share the food of heaven**

**Earth cannot afford.**

**Here is grace in essence –**

**Christ the Lord.**



**Know yourself forgiven,  
Find yourself restored,  
Meet a friend forever –  
Christ the Lord.**



**God has kept his promise**

**Sealed by sign and word:**

**Here for those who want him –**

**Christ the Lord.**



# ***Thanksgiving Prayer***

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.**

*The minister recounts God's mighty deeds and generous gifts...*

...As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth, we echo the song of the angels in heaven, evermore praising you and saying:

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

Lord God, you are the most holy one, enthroned in splendour and light, yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ you reveal the power of your love made perfect in our human weakness.

**Amen. Lord, we believe.**

Embracing our humanity, Jesus showed us the way of salvation; loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us; dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin, that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

**Amen. Lord, we believe.**

On the night he gave up himself for us all  
he 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.

**Amen. Lord, we believe.**

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.

**Amen. Lord, we believe.**

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross, we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb, we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high and we long for his coming in glory.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption, Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; form us into the likeness of Christ and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Look with favour on your people and in your mercy  
hear the cry of our hearts. Bless the earth, heal the sick,  
let the oppressed go free and fill your Church with  
power from on high.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast with all your saints at the table in your kingdom, where the new creation is brought to perfection in 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.

**Amen.**

# ***The Lord's Prayer***

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour  
has taught us .....

*Feel free to pray in your  
natural language of prayer*



# ***Breaking of the Bread***

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

# ***Invitation to Communion***

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.

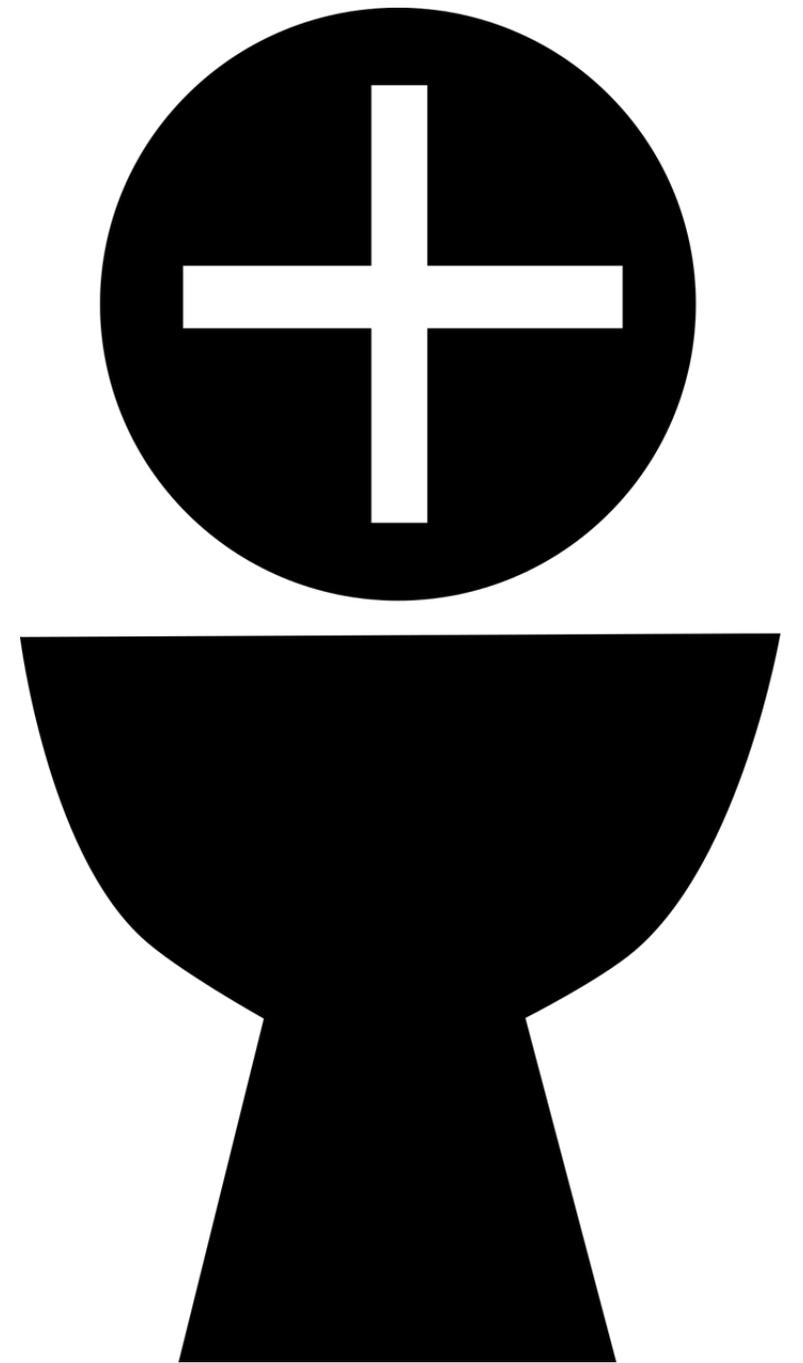
**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

# ***Invitation to Communion***

Come forward to take Holy Communion or receive a blessing

Please point to the chalice if you would like to receive wine by intinction.

**Please hold your hand flat.**





# *Prayer after Communion*

With love and compassion,  
**come, Lord Jesus.**

With judgement and mercy,  
**come, Lord Jesus.**

In power and glory,  
**come, Lord Jesus.**

In wisdom and truth,  
**come, Lord Jesus.**



# ***Going to serve God in the world together***



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**Thanks be to God for his saints of each past  
generation,**

**One with us still in one body, one great  
congregation;**

**With them proclaim**

**Jesus forever the same,**

**Author of life and salvation.**



**Thanks be to God for his blessings which  
daily surround us;**

**Glory to Christ, the Redeemer who sought  
us and found us,**

**Who from the grave  
rose, the Almighty, to save,**

**Breaking the fetters that bound us.**



**Thanks be to God for the years that are yet  
in his keeping,**

**Trusting each day to the care of a Father  
unsleeping,**

**On to the end**

**Christ our companion and friend,  
Joy at the last for our weeping.**



**Thanks be to God who has called us and  
daily defends us,  
Who with the Son and the Spirit unchanging  
befriends us;  
Now in that name,  
Jesus forever the same,  
Forth to his service he sends us.**





***Blessing***

*Dismissal*



As we await our coming Saviour,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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