

Sung Eucharist in the season of Advent



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Cathedral
sacred space, common ground

Welcome to Truro Cathedral and to this Eucharist. In it we recall the last meal of Christ with his friends in the Upper Room, and we recognise him in the breaking of the bread. Although our faith is grounded in history, this service is not a nostalgic looking back to the events of the past: it is a celebration that, in the Eucharist Christ is truly present to us now, and a promise of the glory that will be ours when the whole universe is made complete in him.

The season of Advent is a time of watching and waiting, both for the coming of Jesus as a baby at Christmas, and also for his coming in power and judgement at the close of the age. The mood is one of expectant longing for the coming of Christ's kingdom, as the acclamation at the heart of the Eucharistic Prayer reminds us: 'Lord Jesus, come in glory'.

Please note that communion will be administered both at the High Altar and at a Nave Station or at the Nave Altar when it is in use. Gluten free hosts are available. Please indicate to the priest if you require a gluten free wafer as you come to receive communion.

All who usually receive Holy Communion in their own church are warmly invited to do so today. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please bow your head as a signal to the minister.

Please note that intinction (dipping the wafer in the wine) is not permitted at Truro Cathedral.

Please feel free to sit or kneel at any point in the service.

Please join in with the responses in bold type.

The Gathering

*Please remain seated while the choir sings the Advent Prose and stand to sing the **Opening Hymn.***

The president says

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The president greets the people

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

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The Advent Candle Ceremony

The president introduces the Advent Candle Ceremony

We have this Advent Ring to remind us of the coming of Jesus, the Light of the world.

On the First Sunday of Advent *The first candle is lit and the president says*

We light this candle to remind us of God's people who in every age watch for his coming:

God of Abraham and Sarah,
and all the patriarchs of old,
you are our Father too.
Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of David.
Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth
to make our hearts ready for your Holy Spirit
to make his home among us.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the Light who is coming into the world. **Amen.**

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world,
born in David's city of Bethlehem,
born like him to be a king:
Be born in our hearts this Christmastide,
be king of our lives today.
Amen.**

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On the Second Sunday of Advent

The second candle is lit and the president says

We light this candle to remind us of God's great promise first told by the prophets of old:

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 of your power and love.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the Light who is coming into the world. **Amen.**

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world,
the prophets said you would bring peace
and save your people in trouble.
Give peace in our hearts this Christmastide
and show all the world God's love.
Amen.**

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On the Third Sunday of Advent *The third candle is lit and the president says*

We light this candle to remind us of John the Baptist who told the people to get ready for their King:

God our Father,
you gave to Zechariah and Elizabeth in their old age
a son called John.
He grew up strong in spirit,
prepared the people for the coming of the Lord,
and baptized them in the Jordan to wash away their sins.
Help us, who have been baptized into Christ,
to be ready to welcome him into our hearts,
and to grow strong in faith by the power of the Spirit.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the Light who is coming into the world. **Amen.**

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world,
John told the people to prepare,
for you were very near.
As Christmas grows closer day by day,
help us to be ready to welcome you now.
Amen.**

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On the Fourth Sunday of Advent *The fourth candle is lit and the president says*

We light this candle to remind us of Mother Mary who told God she would obey:

God our Father,
the angel Gabriel told the Virgin Mary
that she was to be the mother of your Son.
Though Mary was afraid,
she responded to your call with joy.
Help us, whom you call to serve you,
to share like her in your great work
of bringing to our world your love and healing.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the Light who is coming into the world. **Amen.**

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world,
blessed is Gabriel who brought good news;
blessed is Mary your mother and ours.
Bless your Church preparing for Christmas;
and bless us your children who long for your coming.
Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

The deacon invites all to confess their sins using these words

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. In that light, let us confess our sins.

**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 within 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.**

The president says

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

Amen.

The choir sings the Kyrie Eleison

Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The Collect

The president says the Collect, the special prayer for the day.

All respond **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit

First Reading

At the end the reader says

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

Psalm or Canticle

The words of the congregational response can be found on the weekly service sheet.

Second Reading

At the end the reader says

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

Please stand for the Gospel

Gospel Reading

All turn to face the Book of the Gospels as it passes them in the procession. The following or another suitable acclamation heralds the Gospel reading.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The deacon says

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end the deacon says

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

*All remain **standing** while the Gospel procession returns.*

Sermon

*The preacher says an opening invocation or prayer, and then please **sit***

We stand to affirm our faith.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Please kneel or sit

The intercessor introduces the prayers of intercession with these words

Watchful at all times, let us pray for strength to stand with confidence before our Maker and Redeemer.

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy	or	Lord, hear us.
hear our prayer.		Lord, graciously hear us.

At the end of the prayers silence may be kept and the intercessor may say the following collect

Almighty God, as your blessed Son Jesus Christ first came to seek and save the lost; so may he come again to find in us the completion of his redeeming work; for he is now alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please **stand***

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The president introduces the Peace using these words

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

The deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

The Offertory Hymn is sung during which the altar is prepared and the gifts of the people are gathered and presented. The president then says these words

Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life
and the bread of heaven.

Amen.

Please remain standing

The Eucharistic Prayer E

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 thanks and praise.

The president praises God for his mighty acts in these or other suitable words. (From the First Sunday of Advent until 16 December)

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 singing:

(from 17 December until Christmas Eve)

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
He is the one foretold by all the prophets,
whom the Virgin Mother bore with love beyond all telling.
John the Baptist was his herald
and made him known when at last he came.
In his love Christ fills us with joy
as we prepare to celebrate his birth,
so that when he comes again he may find us watching in prayer,
our hearts filled with wonder and praise.
And so we gladly thank you,
with saints and angels praising you, and *singing*:

Choir

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra
gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

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

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

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

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.

The deacon says

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary and 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.

Please remain standing

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom in the words our Saviour taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Giving of Communion

The president says the following or another appropriate invitation

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

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

Please sit. Please follow the direction of the Lay Assistants during the distribution of communion. At the distribution the minister says

The Body of Christ. and The Blood of Christ.

*The communicant replies each time **Amen**, and then receives.*

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis
peccata mundi:
miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei,
qui tollis
peccata mundi:
miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei,
qui tollis
peccata mundi:
dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the
world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the
world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the
world,
grant us peace.

Anthem

After Communion

When all have received communion, the President says

Let us pray

Please stand

The president says the Post Communion prayer.

The following prayer is then said.

**We thank you, Lord,
that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
prepared for all peoples.
Amen.**

Hymn

The president says

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

Amen.

The deacon says

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

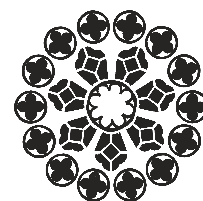
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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Please remain standing as the choir and clergy depart.

Please do not take this order of service away.

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