



# Wychwood Benefice

Advent  
Holy Communion

## Processional Hymn

## Greeting

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

## Notices

### Lighting of the Advent Candle: Prophets

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.

## **Prayer of Preparation**

**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.**

## **Prayer of Penitence**

A voice cries out in the wilderness,  
'Make straight the way of the Lord.' So let us listen,  
and turn to the Lord in penitence and faith.

Turn to us again, O God our Saviour,  
and let your anger cease from us:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Show us your compassion,  
O Lord, and grant us your salvation:  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Your salvation is near for those that fear you,  
that glory may dwell in our land:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your

sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Collect**

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Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

## **Gospel**

## **Sermon**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*which may end*

**Merciful Father, accept these prayers,  
for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen**

## **The Peace**

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.**

## Offertory Hymn

### The Eucharistic Prayer

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement; draw us from hatred to love; make the frailty of our praise a dwelling place for your glory. Amen.

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.**

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. And now we give you thanks because your Son our Lord was awaited by the prophets, announced by an angel, conceived by a virgin, and proclaimed at last to all men and women. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

**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.**

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father, who,  
in your tender mercy, gave your only Son our Saviour

Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the whole world; he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;

Who in the same night that he was betrayed, 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.

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.

Christ is the bread of life:

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.**

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father, in remembrance of the precious death and passion, the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension of your dear

Son Jesus Christ, we offer you, through him,  
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.  
Grant that by his merits and death,  
and through faith in his blood,  
we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins  
and all other benefits of his passion.  
Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins,  
to offer you any sacrifice, yet we pray that you will accept  
this the duty and service that we owe.  
Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences,  
and fill us all who share in this holy communion with your  
grace and heavenly blessing; through 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**

As our Saviour 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 today our daily bread. Forgive us our  
sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us  
not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the  
kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and  
for ever. Amen.**

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.**

### **Giving of Communion**

**We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

### **Agnus Dei**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

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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.**

## **Prayer after Communion**

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

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 ...

## **Dismissal**

As we await our coming Saviour,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**