



## ADVENT

Advent derives from the Latin *adventus* meaning ‘arrival’ or ‘approach’. For thousands of years the world waited for the coming of the Messiah to redeem and to save the human race, restoring mankind’s relationship to God.

We, too, experience this same longing for the coming of Christ. Spiritually, we long for the coming of Christ into our hearts as the Holy Spirit draws us into ever deepening relationship with Him; we also long for Christ in his Second Coming, when He will return physically to earth—as He promised—to restore all things to Himself.

*It is a season of:*

Hopeful longing,  
Joyful expectation,  
Prayerful penance, and  
Spiritual preparation.

*It looks to:*

Salvation history of the past,  
Our present redemption being accomplished.  
the future coming of Christ.

Advent connects us spiritually with God’s whole plan of redemption through Jesus Christ.

Advent begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and ends on December 24th. Christmas begins December 25<sup>th</sup> at 1<sup>st</sup> Vespers (Evening Prayer) and continues until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

Advent is our liturgically built-in time of spiritual preparation for Christmas. If you want to get the most out of the Christmas season and fill up your soul with love for Christ, the best way to do that is to “let every heart prepare Him room” —and celebrating Advent is the Church’s way to do it!

### SILENCE BEFORE MASS!

To emphasise this longing and waiting, please keep **ABSOLUTE SILENCE** in church when the Church Bell rings **at 5 minutes** before the service

## THE ENTRANCE & BLESSING OF ADVENT WREATH

We Stand as the bell rings, we sing the *LITANY OF ADVENT*. Please join in the sections marked *ALL*.

Cantor: All:  
Word of jus - tice, Al - le - lu - ia.  
Cantor: All:  
Come to dwell here. Ma - ra - na - tha!

### *BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH*

Blessed are you ...  
..... for you are our light and our salvation.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

### *HYMN*

**H**ark! a herald voice is sounding.  
"Christ is nigh," it seems to say;  
"Cast away the works of darkness,  
O ye children of the day."

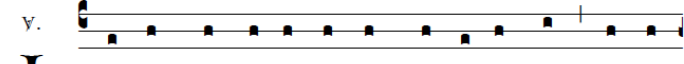
2. Wakened by the solemn warning,  
let the earth-bound soul arise;  
Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling,  
shines upon the morning skies.

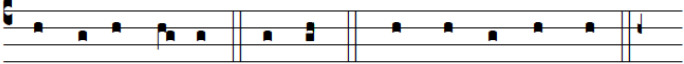
3. Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,  
comes with pardon down from heaven;  
let us all, with tears of sorrow,  
pray that we may be forgiven;


4. that when next he comes with glory,  
and the world is wrapped in fear,  
with his mercy he may shield us,  
and with words of love draw near

5. Honour, glory, might, and blessing  
to the Father and the Son,  
with the everlasting Spirit,  
while eternal ages run. Amen.

GREETING

v. 

**I**N the name of the Fa-ther, and of the Son, and of  


the Ho-ly Spir- it. R. A-men. v. The Lord be with you.  


R. And with your spir- it.

PENITENTIAL RITE

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

*A brief pause for silence follows. Then all recite together*

**I** confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

*The Priest then pronounces the words of Absolution.*

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
Forgive us our sins,  
And bring us to everlasting life.

**Amen.**

KYRIE

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

*Mass of Our Lady of Peace*

*Dom Alan Rees OSB*

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### THE COLLECT

**G**rant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,  
 the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ  
 with righteous deeds at his coming,  
 so that, gathered at his right hand,  
 they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom.  
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

SIT

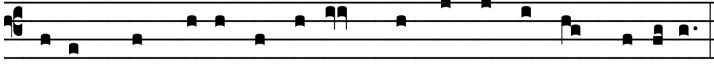
#### First reading

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Refrain in honor of Blessed Augustine Webster (†1535)



Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

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Second reading

The Word of the Lord

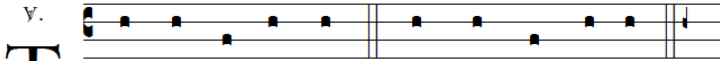
Thanks be to God.

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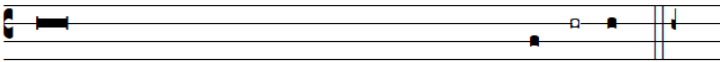


Al-le-lú-ia, al-le-lú-ia, al-le-lú-ia.

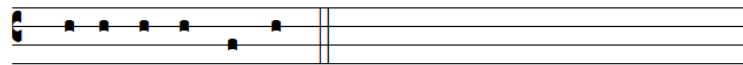
THE HOLY GOSPEL



**T** He Lord be with you. R. And with your spir- it.

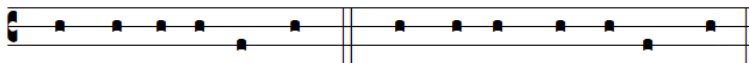


V. A reading from the holy Gospel according to N.



R. Glo-ry to you, O Lord.

At the end the reader sings or says:



V. The Gos-pel of the Lord. R. Praise to you, Lord Je- sus Christ.

THE HOMILY  
*SIT*

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH  
*STAND*

**W**e believe in God the Father, who created all things:  
**for by his will they were created  
and have their being.**

We believe in God the Son, who was slain:  
**for with his blood,  
he purchased us for God,  
from every tribe and language,  
from every people and nation.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:  
**the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'  
Even so come, Lord Jesus! Amen.**

THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Maranatha!                      *OR*      *Lord, hear us*  
*Come, Lord Jesus*                      *Lord, graciously hear us.*

AT THE PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR

We *SIT* as we listen to:

*Master Tallis' testament - Herbert Howells*

We *STAND* when the Thurifer approaches to honour us with incense.

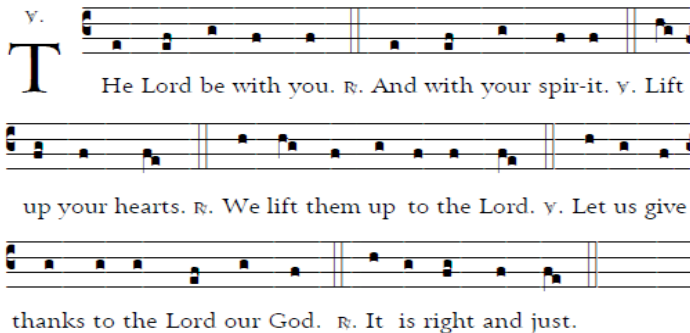
Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

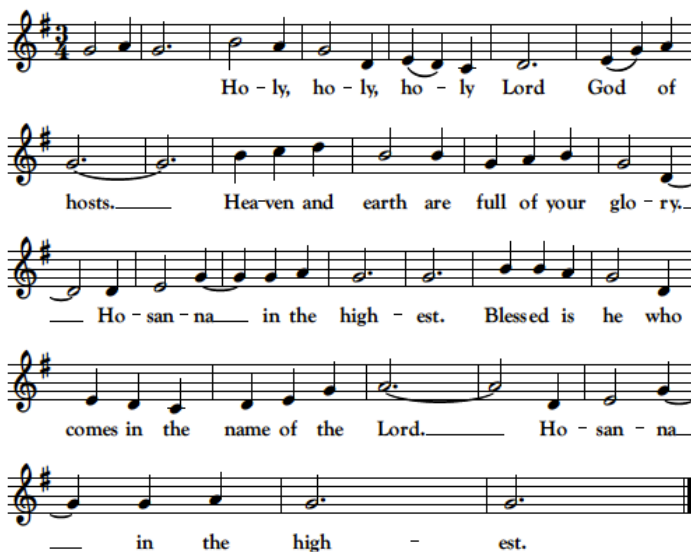
PREFACE DIALOGUE

v.

**T** He Lord be with you. R. And with your spir-it. v. Lift  
up your hearts. R. We lift them up to the Lord. v. Let us give  
thanks to the Lord our God. R. It is right and just.



*The celebrant continues with the Eucharistic prayer until we sing:*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of  
hosts.\_\_\_\_\_ Heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ho - san - na\_\_\_\_\_ in the high - est. Blessed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord.\_\_\_\_\_ Ho - san - na  
\_\_\_\_\_ in the high - est.

*We all KNEEL as the Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.  
After the Lord's words are said over the bread and the cup we use the following  
response:*



**N**ow we proclaim your death, O Lord,  
Professing your great Rising up,  
O longed for one, Messiah, King,  
Maranatha, Lord Jesus, come.

At the end of prayer we all sing:  
**Amen.**

## COMMUNION RITE

### *THE LORD'S PRAYER STAND*

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

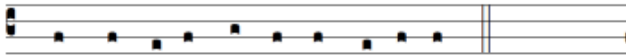
**Our Father, Who art in heaven  
Hallowed be Thy Name;  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

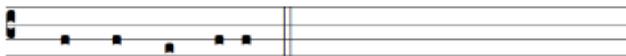
**For the Kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours  
Now and for ever.**

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your apostles: peace I leave you, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will, who live and reign for ever and ever.

**Amen.**



∇. The peace of the Lord be with you always.



℞. And with your spirit.

*Then, if appropriate, the Deacon, or the Priest, adds:*



∇. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.



## AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of  
God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have  
mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: grant us peace.

## COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

*When offered the Host or when given a blessing the response is:*

**Amen.**

*All baptised Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion if it your usual practice or the practice of your church. If not, you may like to receive a blessing. Please come to the altar holding this booklet to indicate that you would like a blessing.*

*DURING HOLY COMMUNION*

**T**he advent of our God  
with eager prayers we greet,  
and singing haste upon his road  
his glorious gift to meet.

2. The everlasting Son  
scorns not a Virgin's womb;  
that we from bondage may be won  
he bears a bondsman's doom.

3. Daughter of Zion, rise  
to meet thy lowly King,  
let not thy stubborn heart despise  
the peace he deigns to bring.

4. In clouds of awful light,  
as judge he comes again,  
his scattered people to unite  
with them in heaven to reign.

5. Let evil flee away  
ere that dread hour shall dawn,  
let this old Adam day by day  
God's image still put on.

6. Praise to the Incarnate Son,  
who comes to set us free,  
with God the Father, ever One,  
to all eternity.

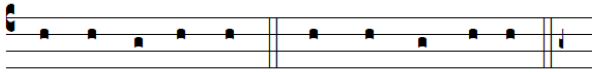
*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION*  
*STAND*

*Please SIT as the Banns of Marriage and notices are given.*



## THE CONCLUDING RITES

### BLESSING

Y. 

**T** He Lord be with you. R. And with your spir- it.

**M**ay the almighty and merciful God,  
by whose grace you have placed your faith  
in the First Coming of his Only Begotten Son  
and yearn for his coming again  
sanctify you by the radiance of Christ's Advent  
and enrich you with his blessing.

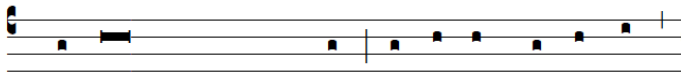
**Amen.**

**A**s you run the race of this present life,  
may he make you firm in faith,  
joyful in hope and active in charity.

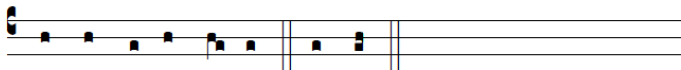
**Amen.**

**S**o that, rejoicing now with devotion  
at the Redeemer's coming in the flesh,  
you may be endowed with the rich reward of eternal life  
when he comes again in majesty.

**Amen.**



Y. May almighty God bless you, the Fa-ther, and the Son, ✠



and the Ho-ly Spir- it. R. A-men.

y.

**G** O and announce the Gos-pel of the Lord. R. Thanks  
be to God.

The image shows two staves of musical notation. The top staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The bottom staff is mostly empty, with a few notes at the beginning. The lyrics are printed below the staves.

*FINAL HYMN*

**Y**e 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!  
 He shall his Lord with rapture see,  
 and be with honor crowned.

Christ shall the banquet spread  
 with his own royal hand,  
 and raise that favored servant's head  
 amid the angelic band.

In this Advent of expectation  
draw us together in unity,  
that our praise and worship  
might echo in these walls  
and also through our lives.

In this Advent of expectation  
draw us together in mission,  
that the hope within  
might be the song we sing,  
and the melody of our lives.

In this Advent of expectation  
draw us together in service,  
that the path we follow  
might lead us from a stable  
to a glimpse of eternity.



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