

# EAST+LEIGH PARISH

## A Liturgy for Online & In-Person Services During Advent

### *A Service Remembering The Lord's Supper*

#### Greeting & Preparation

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

All **and also with you**

#### *A song or hymn may be sung*

All **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.**

#### *The Lighting of the Advent Candle(s)*

Leader We light this first candle to remember the prophets who announced the coming of  
the Messiah

All **Amen. Lord give us ears to hear the prophets' call and eyes to see the fulfilment of all  
their hopes in Jesus Christ.**

#### Confession & The Peace

Leader God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ  
to save us from our sins,  
to be our advocate in heaven,  
and to bring us to eternal life.  
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
and to live in love and peace with all.

All **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,**

through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry  
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 grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.

Leader      May the peace of the Lord be with you and your whole household.  
All          And also with you.

## The Word of God

*A passage of Scripture is read, after which we say:*

Reader      This is the Word of the Lord.  
All          Thanks be to God.

*A short talk may be shared*

*The Apostles' Creed is said*

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.

## Prayers & Collect

Leader      Having died for our sins and being raised in glory,

Jesus ascended to His Father's side.  
Knowing that He is interceding for us;  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**All** Hear our prayer.

*and at the end*

Leader Jesus Christ, Lord over all things,  
ascended far above the heavens and filling the universe,  
**All** in your mercy, hear us,  
accept our prayers, and be with us always.  
Amen.

*A collect is prayed*

1st Sunday of Advent  
**Almighty God,**  
purify our hearts and minds,  
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as  
judge and saviour  
we may be ready to receive him,  
who is our Lord and our God.

2nd Sunday of Advent  
**Almighty God,**  
purify our hearts and minds,  
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as  
judge and saviour  
we may be ready to receive him,  
who is our Lord and our God.

3rd Sunday of Advent  
God for whom we watch and wait,  
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:  
give us courage to speak the truth,  
to hunger for justice,  
and to suffer for the cause of right,  
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

4th Sunday of Advent  
**Eternal God,**  
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,  
so we wait for his coming in glory;  
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age  
to see, with her, our great salvation  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Leader As our risen Saviour taught us, so we pray:  
**All** 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.

*A hymn or song may be sung*

## Thanksgiving

Leader Our Lord Jesus told us that whenever two or three meet in his name,  
he would be with them.  
Whether we are at home alone or with many others,  
the Lord is here amongst us as we gather in his name.

**All His Spirit is with us.**

Leader Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Leader 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 your Son our Lord.

**All To you be praise and glory for ever.**

Leader Through him you have sent upon us  
your holy and life-giving Spirit,  
and made us a people for your own possession.  
Therefore, with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

**All 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.

Leader On the same night that he was betrayed,  
Jesus was sharing the Passover Supper with his friends.  
He took that 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.

All **Jesus, you are the Passover Lamb.**  
You died, once for all;  
You who are righteous suffered for us who are unrighteous  
that we might be brought to God;  
by being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

Leader Great is the mystery of faith  
All **Christ has died:**  
**Christ is risen:**  
**Christ will come again.**

All **Jesus, Lamb of God,**  
**have mercy on us.**  
**Jesus, bearer of our sins,**  
**have mercy on us.**  
**Jesus, redeemer of the world,**  
**grant us peace.**

Leader We look forward to the day that we will feast with Him in Heaven, and pray:  
All **We do not presume**  
**to come to 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.**

*We pause for a time of personal reflection*

Leader        As we watch and wait for the return of Jesus,  
                  may His Holy Spirit in us cause us to  
                  see Christ more clearly

**All            Amen**

Leader        love him more dearly

**All            Amen**

Leader        follow him more nearly

**All            Amen. Lord Jesus, we watch and wait for your return.**

*A hymn or song may be sung, and church news may be shared*

### **Blessing & Commission**

Leader        The peace of God,  
                  which passes all understanding,  
                  keep your hearts and minds  
                  in the knowledge and love of God,  
                  and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
                  and the blessing of God almighty,  
                  the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
                  be among you and remain with you always.

**All            Amen.**

Leader        Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

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