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THE PARISH EUCHARIST  
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## OPENING HYMN

*Please STAND*

Christ us surely coming, bringing his reward,  
Omega and Alpha, First and Last and Lord;  
root and stem of David, brilliant Morning Star –  
Meet your Judge and Saviour, nations near and far;  
meet your Judge and Saviour, nations near and far.

See the holy city! There they enter in,  
all by Christ made holy, washed from every sin;  
thirsty ones, desiring all he loves to give:  
Come for living water, freely drink and live;  
come for living water, freely drink and live.

Grace be with God's people! Praise his holy name –  
Father, Son and Spirit, evermore the same!  
Hear the certain promise from the eternal home:  
“Surely I come quickly!” – Come, Lord Jesus, come.  
“Surely I come quickly!” – Come, Lord Jesus, come.

*From Revelation 22, Christopher Idle  
Tune: Land of hope and glory*

In the name of the ✠ Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Grace and peace be with you  
**And keep you in the love of Christ.**

*The Priest may give an introduction to the Eucharist and the Advent Wreath is lit*

Jesus Christ is the Light of the world:  
**A light no darkness can put out.**

*The first candle on the Advent Wreath is lit*

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.**

**WE THINK ABOUT OUR LIVES AND THE THINGS WE GET WRONG  
AND ASK THE LORD'S FORGIVENESS**

*A short Silence is kept*

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into your kingdom of peace.  
Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness.  
Christ, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you will come in glory to judge the living and the dead.  
Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God have mercy on you,  
✠ forgive you and set you free from sin,  
and keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**THE COLLECT**

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please SIT*

## ROMANS 13. 11-14

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

For the word of the Lord  
**thanks be to God.**

## HYMN

*Please STAND*

The advent of our King  
our prayers must now employ,  
and we must hymns of welcome sing  
in strains of holy joy.

The everlasting Son  
incarnate deigns to be;  
himself a servant's form puts on,  
to set his servants free.

Daughter of Sion, rise  
to meet thy lowly King;  
nor let thy faithless heart despise  
the peace he comes to bring.

## MATTHEW 24. 36-44

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus spoke to his disciples: "about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of

the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

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

As judge, on clouds of light,  
he soon will come again,  
and his true members all unite  
with him in heaven to reign.

All glory to the Son,  
who comes to set us free,  
with Father, Spirit, ever One,  
through all eternity.

*Charles Coffin 1676-1749*  
*tr. John Chandler 1806-1876*  
*Tune: Franconia*

## THE SERMON

*Please SIT*

## AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Please STAND*

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## WE PRAY

*Please SIT*

*This response is used*  
Lord, in your mercy:  
**hear our prayer.**

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

## WE SHARE THE LORD'S PEACE

*Please STAND*

May the God of peace make you completely holy,  
ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## HYMN

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

*Christ be our light!*  
*Shine in our hearts.*  
*Shine through the darkness.*  
*Christ be our light!*  
*Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stones.

Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
Making your kingdom come.

*Christ be our light!*  
*Shine in our hearts.*  
*Shine through the darkness.*  
*Christ be our light!*  
*Shine in your church gathered today.*

*Bernadette Farrell b.1957*

## THE THANKSGIVING

We celebrate together the gifts and grace of God.  
**We take this bread,  
we take this wine  
to follow Christ's example  
and obey his command.**

## THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of love and power,  
your word stirs within us  
the expectation of the coming of your Son.  
Accept all we offer you this day,  
and sustain us with your promise of eternal life.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 our 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, holy Father,  
all-powerful and everliving God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Who humbled himself to live among us,  
taking human flesh,  
fulfilling the plan you formed long ago  
and opening to us the way to salvation.  
We watch and wait for that day  
when our Lord Jesus Christ will be revealed,  
when justice shall march before him  
and peace shall follow his steps,  
that when he comes in glory, with healing in his wings  
we may inherit the promised salvation in which we dare to hope.

And so with the hosts of angels and all the company of heaven  
we proclaim the glory of your name  
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy, holy,**  
**Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty.**  
**And we lift our hearts before you**  
**as a token of our love.**  
**Holy, holy, holy, holy.**

**Gracious Father, gracious Father,**  
**Blessed is the one who comes to us**  
**in your name.**  
**And we lift our hearts before you**  
**as we give you thanks and praise.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

All praise and thanks to you, true and living God,  
Creator of all things, Giver of life.  
You formed us in your own image;  
but we have marred that image and fall short of your glory.  
We give you thanks  
that you sent your Son to share our life;  
you gave him up to death that the world might be saved,  
and you raised him from the dead  
that we might live in him and he in us.

Sanctify with your Spirit this bread and wine, your gifts to us,  
that they may be for us the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread,  
and when he had given 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 when he had given thanks  
he gave it to them, saying,

Drink from this, all of you,  
for 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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come in glory.**

As he has commanded us, Father,  
we remember Jesus Christ, your Son.  
Proclaiming his victorious death,  
rejoicing in his resurrection  
and waiting for him to come in glory  
we bring to you this bread, this cup.

Accept our sacrifice of thanks and praise.  
Restore and revive your people,  
renew us and all for whom we pray  
with your grace and heavenly blessing,  
and at the last receive us with all your saints  
into that unending joy promised by your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Silence is kept*

*Please SIT*

Let us pray with confidence to the Father:

**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.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE COMMUNION

*The priest breaks the bread*

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

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.**

## THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy 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.**

*Anyone who is baptised (Christened)  
is welcome to receive Communion in this church.  
When you come to receive, hold out your hands and you will be given bread.  
If you would like a blessing instead,  
please indicate this by holding your service book in your hands..  
If you are not yet baptised, please speak to us.  
We would love to welcome you into the family of the Church.*

## SONG AT THE END OF COMMUNION

Wait for the Lord,  
whose day is near.  
Wait for the Lord,  
keep watch, take heart. *(Sung through 3 times)*

*Taize Community*

*A short period of Silence is kept after Communion*

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious:  
**his love is everlasting.**

God our deliverer, awaken our hearts  
to prepare the way for the advent of your Son:  
that, with minds purified by the grace of his coming,  
we may serve you faithfully all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Christ the Sun of righteousness shine on you and scatter the darkness from before you.  
And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you  
and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to prepare the way of the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## FINAL HYMN

Lo, he comes with clouds descending,  
once for favoured sinners slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending  
swell the triumph of his train:  
Alleluia!  
God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him  
robed in dreadful majesty;  
those who set at naught and sold him,  
pierced and nailed him to the Tree,  
deeply wailing,  
shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion  
still his dazzling body bears,  
cause of endless exultation  
to his ransomed worshippers:  
with what rapture  
gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, Amen, let all adore thee,  
high on thine eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the power and glory,  
claim the kingdom for thine own:  
Alleluia!  
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

*Charles Wesley 1707-1788  
& John Cennick 1718-1755  
Tune: Helmsley*



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