

SHALDON BENEFICE AND MISSION COMMUNITY



ADVENT



The Eucharist
Advent and Lent

Before the start of the Eucharist you may wish to spend some time in quiet preparation. These words may be helpful as a focus for your thoughts:

Let us hear the Lord's blessing on those who follow him.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they shall inherit the Earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
For they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
For they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are those who suffer persecution
for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Receiving Communion

If you are visiting, are not a member of the Church of England but have been baptised in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and usually receive Communion in your own church, you are welcome to receive Communion with us today.

If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please bring this Order of Service with you to the altar rail.

Singing Hymns

We usually stand to sing the hymns.

THE GATHERING

*At the entry of the ministers a **hymn** may be sung.*

The Priest may say

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

The Greeting - The Priest greets the people

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

or

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

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Prayer of Preparation

This prayer may be said

**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 priest invites the people to confession with these or other suitable words

In Advent

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

In Lent

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
A broken and contrite heart God will not despise.
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,
And acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith

In Passiontide

God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners,
Christ died for us. Let us, then, show our love for him,
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**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.**



The priest says

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**

The Kyrie may be said or sung



Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy
Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

The Collect

Let us pray: The Collect is said, and all respond **Amen**

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit

Readings

Either one or two readings from Scripture precede the Gospel reading.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A **hymn**, psalm or canticle may follow the first reading. Please stand for the Gospel.



Gospel Reading

Before the Gospel the following or other suitable words may be said or sung

In Advent

Alleluia, alleluia

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

Alleluia

In Lent

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory

The Lord is a great God,
O that today you would listen to his voice.
Harden not your hearts.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory

In Passiontide

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory

Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death,
Even death on a cross.
Therefore God has highly exalted him
And given him the name that is above every name.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
According to

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

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

Sermon (if applicable) *When the sermon is announced please sit.*

The Creed

On Sundays and Principal Holy Days the Nicene Creed is said Please stand.

**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

One of these or another introduction may be used

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, (or) Let us pray to the Father.	Let us pray for the Church and for the world; and let us thank God for his goodness.
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Please sit or kneel. These or other responses may be used

Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer. (or)	Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.
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And at the end.

Merciful Father,
**Accept these prayers
For the sake of your Son,
Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

The Peace

We stand for the Peace

The priest introduces the Peace with these or other appropriate words

In Advent

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.

In Lent

Since we are justified by faith,
We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
Who has given us access to his grace.

Mothering Sunday

Through the Prophet Isaiah, God says,
'As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you'

In Passiontide

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus,
we have been brought near, through the shedding of Christ's
blood, for he is our peace.

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

These words may be added

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament



Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

A **hymn** may be sung. The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented.
the table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

The priest takes the bread and wine.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.

It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God forever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.
Blessed be God forever.

The prayer over the Gifts follows
The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you (or) The Lord is here.
and also with you. His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.
In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.
Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.
We join with them in heaven's song:

**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.**

Father of all, we give you thanks
for every gift that comes from heaven.
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
the touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you all.
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ

with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**



The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour
has 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,
forever and ever. Amen**

Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated bread.

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.**

The Agnus Dei may be used

**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.**

(or)

**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.**

Giving of Communion

The priest uses an authorised invitation to communion such as

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.**

The priest and people receive Communion

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

The Post Communion or another suitable prayer is said

**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.**

The Dismissal

The priest may use the seasonal blessing below or another

In Advent

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shines 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.**

In Lent

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
and the blessing of God almighty.... **Amen.**

Mothering Sunday

May the Father,
from whom every family in earth and heaven
receives its name,
strengthen you with his Spirit in your inner being,
so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith;
and the blessing of God almighty.... **Amen**

In Passiontide

Christ crucified draw you to himself,
to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope
and the assurance of sins forgiven;
and the blessing of God almighty.... **Amen**

A hymn may be sung.

The priest says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

The priest and people depart.



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WITH YOU***

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