

## Communion Rite

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

### Our Father, who art in heaven...

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may always be 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.

P. 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.**

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And with your spirit.** P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

P. Behold the Lamb of God; behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those 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.**



## Communion Hymn

*An appropriate Communion Hymn familiar to the children may be sung*

## Prayer after Communion

P. Let us pray  
May the reception of your sacraments strengthen us O Lord so that we may go out to meet our saviour with worthy deeds when he comes and merit the reward of the blessed.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

## Concluding Rites

P. The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**



P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

### Amen

P. Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Final Hymn: Advent Song** (Alive – O 5 p 114)

O Jesus, the source of all wisdom, the one who will show the way of peace. Be the light that burns so bright, Lighting up our lives.

### Chorus:

**Prepare, prepare, prepare for the One who is coming. Prepare, prepare.**

**Let us welcome Him into our hearts.**

O Jesus, son of Mary, Jesus, cousin of John;  
Calling in the wilderness, calling for all to hear.

### Chorus:

**Prepare, prepare, prepare for the One who is coming. Prepare, prepare.**

**Let us welcome Him into our hearts.**

Jesus, God is with us. Emmanuel, the king of all kings; Born in a manger, humble of birth, bringer of hope to the world.

### Chorus:

**Prepare, prepare, prepare for the One who is coming. Prepare, prepare.**

**Let us welcome Him into our hearts.**



# COME LORD JESUS

## A CELEBRATION OF MASS FOR ADVENT IN OUR PRIMARY SCHOOLS

*An entrance procession may be held. Children may carry the processional cross and candles. The reader may carry the Lectionary and children may also bring holy water to bless the Advent Wreath. The ritual (see accompanying sheet) for blessing an Advent Wreath may be used before the school Mass begins. Other appropriate symbols may be included in the entrance procession. Only the entrance and final hymns are given here. Teachers and children may be familiar with other Advent hymns used in the parish or from the Alive – O programme.*

## Introductory Rites

### Entrance Hymn: *Christ be Our Light*

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.

### Chorus

**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 power to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

### Chorus

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

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

### Chorus

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

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

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And with your spirit.**

## Penitential Rite

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

Lord Jesus you ask us to prepare a way for you in our hearts

**-Lord have mercy**

Christ Jesus you are with us always and you love us

**- Christ have mercy**

Lord Jesus you are the light who comes into the world and you forgive us

**- Lord have mercy**

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

### P. Let us pray

Come quickly we pray Lord Jesus, and do not delay, that those who trust in your compassion may find solace and relief in your coming. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen



## Liturgy of the Word

### A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

I am Isaiah. I am the Lord's prophet. I tell you this; Listen! Like a branch that sprouts from a stump, someone from David's family will one day be king. The Spirit of the Lord will be with him to give him understanding, wisdom and insight. He will be powerful and he will know and honour the Lord. His greatest joy will be to obey the Lord. I am Isaiah. I am the Lord's prophet. I tell you this; Listen! The Lord himself will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Emmanuel, a name that means 'God is with us' I am Isaiah, the Lord's prophet Listen! Courage! Do not be afraid! Look, your God is coming! He is coming to save you! Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb shall sing for joy. The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm

#### Response:

*I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.*

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.  
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,  
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

**R: I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.**

'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn to David my servant:  
I will establish your dynasty for ever  
and set up your throne through all ages.

**R: I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.**

'He will say to me: "You are my father,  
my God, the rock who saves me."  
I will keep my love for him always;  
with him my covenant shall last.'

**R: I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.**

### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, Alleluia*

*Come Lord do not delay, you have the message of eternal life*  
*Alleluia*

### Gospel

P. The Lord be with you

**And with your spirit**

P. A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

**Glory to you O Lord**

God sent the angel Gabriel to the town of Nazareth in Galilee with a message for a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to Joseph from the family of King David. The angel greeted Mary and said, 'You are truly blessed! The Lord is with you. Mary was confused by the angel's words and wondered what they meant. Then the angel told Mary, 'Don't be afraid! God is pleased with you and you will have a son. His name will be Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of God Most High. The Lord God will make him King as his ancestor David was. He will rule the people of Israel forever and his kingdom will never end. Mary asked the angel, 'How can this happen? I am not married! 'The angel answered, 'The Holy Spirit will come down to you and God's power will come over you so your child will be called the holy Son of God. 'Your cousin Elizabeth is also going to have a son, even though she is old. No one ever thought she could have a baby, but in three months she will have a son. 'Nothing is impossible with God. Mary said 'I am the Lord's servant! Let it happen as you have said and the angel left her.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

### Homily



### Prayers of the Faithful

Help us to prepare for the coming of Jesus in our prayers at home, in school and at Mass.  
May God our Father show us how to live like Jesus

**Lord hear us**

Let us pray for our parents our families and friends, our teachers, priests and all who help us.

**Lord hear us**

For the sick and the poor, the lonely, those who suffer because of war and hate. May the coming of Jesus bring them hope and peace.  
May no one be afraid

**Lord hear us**

Let us ask God to hear all our own prayers and intentions today especially the prayers we have in our hearts

**Lord hear us**

We pray for all who have died especially our family members and friends who have died during the past year. May they be happy with God forever

**Lord hear us**

### Liturgy of the Eucharist

#### Offertory

*During the offertory Procession the Bread & Wine are presented accompanied by the offertory hymn*

P. Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

P. Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

P. Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours 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.**

#### Prayer over the Offerings

May the Holy Spirit, O Lord, sanctify these gifts laid upon your altar, just as he filled with his power the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Through Christ our Lord

#### The Eucharistic Prayer

P. The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

P. Lift up your hearts.

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

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right and just.**

*At the end of the Preface...:*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.**

**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.**

#### The mystery of faith

*After the Consecration we say together*

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim your Death, O Lord until you come again**

*At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer*

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

