

# Early Communion 23 October 2022 8:30 am

5 Before Advent (B)

## Greeting

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

## Collect for Purity

**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.**

## Penitence.

*The Beatitudes: page 223*

Let us hear our Lord's blessing on those who follow him:

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

**Jesus, remember me  
when you come into your kingdom.**

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

**Jesus, remember me  
when you come into your kingdom.**

Blessed are those who weep  
for they shall be consoled.

**Jesus, remember me  
when you come into your kingdom.**

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

**Jesus, remember me  
when you come into your kingdom.**

Blessed are the merciful,  
for they shall obtain mercy.

**Jesus, remember me  
when you come into your kingdom.**

Blessed are the pure in heart,

for they shall see God.

**Jesus, remember me  
when you come into your kingdom.**

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

**Jesus, remember me  
when you come into your kingdom.**

Blessed are those who suffer persecution for the sake of justice,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**Jesus, remember me  
when you come into your kingdom.**

## **Penitential Sentences**

**Lord God, you sent your Son to reconcile us to yourself and to  
one another.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Holy Spirit, through you we put to death the sins of the body – and live.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

## **Absolution**

*Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy on you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## **Glory to God page 203**

*Let us stand*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **Collect of the Day**

Let us pray

The Fifth Sunday before Advent

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Help us to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## **Epistle 2 Timothy 4:6–8,16–18 p1197**

A Reading from 2 Timothy Chapter 4: beginning to read at verse 6:

For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defence, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **Gospel Luke 18:9–14 p1052**

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to Luke Chapter 18 beginning at verse 9:

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

*Luke 18:9–14, NIV84*

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’ “But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’ “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

## **Sermon**

### **Nicene Creed *page 205***

Let us affirm our Faith in God

**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 by the Holy Spirit of 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 the People**

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

### **Form 1 page 237**

Almighty and everliving God, hear the prayers which we offer in faith and love:

For peace, and for your salvation to be known throughout the world ...

For the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church and for the unity of all Christian people ...

For all who serve and lead in your Church, for bishops, priests and deacons ...

For all your people, growing in the faith of Christ, and passing it on to generations yet to come ...

For all who live and work in this community ...

For families, and for those who live alone ...

For all who are sick in body or in mind, and for those who care for them ...

For all in authority,  
and especially for Elizabeth our Queen ...

For all who have been entrusted with the responsibility of government ...

For those who work for peace, justice and righteousness throughout the world ...

Rejoicing in the fellowship of your holy apostles and martyrs, and of all your servants departed this life in your faith and fear, we commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to you, Lord God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*And finally*

Merciful Father

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

## The Peace

Jesus said, A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you**

## Taking the Bread & Wine

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us  
**therefore let us celebrate the feast.**

## Great Thanksgiving (3) page 216

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

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.**

Father, Lord of all creation, we praise you for your goodness and your love. When we turned away you did not reject us. You came to meet us in your Son, welcomed us as your children and prepared a table where we might feast with you.

In Christ you shared our life  
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened wide his arms upon the cross  
and, with love stronger than death,  
he made the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

Lord Jesus Christ, our redeemer, on the night before you died you came to table with your friends. Taking bread, you gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying,

Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**Lord Jesus, we bless you:  
you are the bread of life.**

At the end of supper you took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said,  
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; do this in remembrance of me.

**Lord Jesus, we bless you:  
you are the true vine.**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ:  
**dying, you destroyed our death,**

**rising, you restored our life;  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Holy Spirit, giver of life, come upon us now; may this bread and wine be to us the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts  
make us, who know our need of grace,  
one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Blessed Trinity: with your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of thanks and praise and lift our voice to join the song of heaven,

for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Thanks be to you, our God, for your gift beyond words.  
**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

**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.**

## **Breaking Bread**

The bread which we break  
is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We being many are one body,  
for we all share in the one bread.**

## **Invitation**

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.

Remember that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

## **Receiving Communion**

Please come forward to receive the Bread and Wine.

## **Prayer after Communion**

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **Send us**

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the spiritual food  
of 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.**

## **Blessing**

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**in the name of Christ. Amen.**