



*Shaftesbury Team Ministry  
Team Livestream Communion*



*for*

*Advent Sunday*

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## **The Gathering**

*The president says*

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

**All Amen.**

*The president greets the people*

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

**All and also with you.**

**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.**

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.

May your loving mercy come to me, O Lord,  
and your salvation according to your word:  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

## **The Greeting**

## **Prayer of Preparation**

## **Prayers of Penitence**

Your word is a lantern to my feet  
and a light to my path:  
Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

O let your mercy come to me that I may live,  
for your law is my delight:  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

*The president 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.

**All Amen.**

## The Collect

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray'.*

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.

**All Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

*The readings may be found inside the weekly pew sheet.*

## Readings

Isaiah 64:1-9 and 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

*At the end of each the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn

1 Hills of the north rejoice,  
echoing songs arise,  
hail with united voice  
him who made earth and skies:  
he comes in righteousness and love,  
he brings salvation from above.

- 2 Isles of the southern seas  
sing to the list'ning earth,  
carry on ev'ry breeze  
hope of a world's new birth:  
in Christ shall all be made anew,  
his word is sure, his promise true.
- 3 Lands of the east, arise,  
he is your brightest morn,  
greet him with joyous eyes,  
praise shall his path adorn:  
the God whom you have longed to know  
in Christ draws near, and calls you now.
- 4 Shores of the utmost west,  
lands of the setting sun,  
welcome the heavenly guest  
in whom the dawn has come:  
he brings a never-ending light  
who triumphed o'er our darkest night.
- 5 Shout, as you journey on,  
songs be in ev'ry mouth,  
lo, from the north they come,  
from east and west and south:  
in Jesus all shall find their rest,  
in him the longing earth be blest.

*C.E. Oakley (1832-65)*

## **Gospel Reading**

Mark 13:24-end

*Please stand and face the reader*

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

**All Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

## The Creed

**All** 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

Lord, in your mercy  
**All** hear our prayer.

*And at the end*

Merciful Father,

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

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### **The Peace**

*The president introduces the Peace*

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.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All** and also with you.

### **Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine**

*The president takes the bread and wine and says*

Wise and gracious God, you spread a table before us;  
nourish your people with the word of life and the bread of heaven.

**All** Amen.

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

**All** and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is indeed right and good  
to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.  
For when he humbled himself to come among us  
in human flesh,  
he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world  
to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,  
we now watch for the day  
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

And so we join our voices with angels and archangels  
and with all the company of heaven  
to proclaim your glory,  
for ever praising you and saying

**All** Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and God of 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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died  
he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them 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, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life  
and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**All Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.

**All Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All 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,  
for ever and ever.**

## Breaking of the Bread

*The president breaks the consecrated bread and says.*

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

*The Agnus Dei may be said or sung as the bread is broken.*

**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,**

## Giving of Communion

*The president raises the consecrated bread and wine and says*

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.  
**All Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**  
**All Most merciful Lord,  
your love compels us to come in.  
Our hands were unclean,  
our hearts were unprepared;  
we were not fit  
even to eat the crumbs  
from under your table.  
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,  
and share your bread with sinners.  
So cleanse and feed us  
with the precious body and blood of your Son,  
that he may live in us and we in him;  
and that we,**

with the whole company of Christ,  
may sit and eat in your kingdom.  
Amen.

## Prayer after Communion

**All** 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

*Notices are given.*

## The Dismissal

The Lord be with you.

**All** and also with you.

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine 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 with you all now and for ever.

**All** Amen.

As we await our coming Saviour,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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