

Advent Home Communion in a Lock Down

Welcome

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us

Opening Prayer

Dear Jesus we gather together in our hearts and homes to meet with you this day, because we know that you love us and have called us by name.

We come with our hopes and with our fears. We come alone, or with those we live, we come 'in communion' with others in our parishes even though we cannot physically be together at this time.

Amen

Advent Candle

Psalm

Saying Sorry

God, our heavenly Father and Mother

We confess our sins to you. We are so sorry for the times we have not treated your creation well, for the hurt we have caused it.

We confess the missed phone calls, the lost opportunities to give someone a hug.

We confess the ways in which we have undervalued those who turn out to be our keyworkers.

We confess that we have not sought out your presence when the sun has shone, but waited until a rainy day.

Amen

Receiving forgiveness

May the God of love and power
forgive *you* and free *you* from *your* sins,
heal and strengthen *you* by his Spirit,
and raise *you* to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen

Bible Readings

Thought for the Day

Prayers

We pray for those who are scared...

Lord of love, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are lonely...

Lord of love, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are tired...

Lord of love, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who seek wisdom...

Lord of love, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are unwell...

Lord of love, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who mourn ...

Lord of love, **hear our prayer.**

Prayer for Holy Communion

The Lord be with you

and also with you.

Let us lift up our hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, you made the world and love your creation.

You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.

His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.

And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels 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.
[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 [*N and*] 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.

Amen.

**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.
Lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, the power
And the glory, forever and ever,
Amen.**

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

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.**

**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.**

Blessing

Almighty God, who in the birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord, dispelled the darkness of the world and gave light to all peoples, protect us as the darkness descends, and keep us ever in your light, and continue to enlighten our lives by your great glory. Through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and all those you love, today and always. **Amen**