

The Parish Church of St Mary Magdalen, Ripley

# COMMUNION

in

# ADVENT



10am HCI Advent 2014

# Welcome to our Service

Our service today has a simple shape – we start by saying hello to one another (“Gathering Together”) and then we read the Bible and try to learn how God teaches us (“Listening to God”). We respond to what we have learnt by saying prayers for all in need.

We give thanks for all God’s gifts to us and share the bread and wine together as Jesus taught us to do at his last meal with his followers (“The Lord’s Table”) and then bring our service to a conclusion (“Farewell”).

There are some moments in the service when the notes say that we “say or sing”. The Minister will announce at the start of the service which we will do on this day.

## **ADVENT**

This service is specially designed for use through “Advent” - the last four Sundays before Christmas. The “Gathering Together” part of the service includes the special things we do for Advent – lighting a new candle on the Advent Wreath and moving our Crib figures on their journey to Jerusalem.

## **OTHER TIMES OF YEAR**

Sometimes we may use this service at other times of year in which case we will skip the page opposite.

## ¶ Gathering Together

### **Hymn**

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

**All: Amen**

Greeting

*The minister greets us and we may reply:*

**All: and also with you.**

## The Advent Wreath

*We light a candle on the Advent Wreath; the Minister may say a prayer and then we all say one of the following prayers:*

**1st Candle:**



**Lord Jesus, light of the world,  
born in David's city of Bethlehem,  
born like him to be a king:  
be born in our hearts at Christmas,  
be King of our lives today.  
Amen**

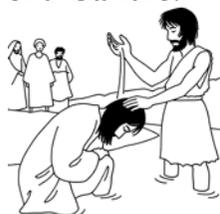
**2nd Candle:**

**Lord Jesus, light of the world,  
the prophets said you would bring peace  
and save your people in trouble.  
Give peace in our hearts at Christmas  
and show all the world God's love.  
Amen**



**3rd Candle:**

**Lord Jesus, light of the world,  
John told the people to prepare,  
for you were very near.  
As Christmas grows closer day by day,  
help us to be ready to welcome you now.  
Amen**



**4th Candle:**

**Lord Jesus, light of the world,  
blessed is Gabriel who brought good news;  
blessed is Mary, your mother and ours.  
Bless your Church preparing for Christmas,  
and bless us your children,  
who long for your coming.  
Amen**



*We then move some of the Crib figures and think a little about their journey.*

## The Collect

*The Minister says the today's special prayer ("The Collect")*

## ¶ Listening to God

### Readings

*We sit to listen to a Bible reading; at the end the reader says:*

This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

### Hymn

### Gospel Reading

*While we sing the hymn the Gospel book is brought to the middle of the Church for the Minister to read; this symbolises how important it is to us that the Good News of Jesus is not far from us but at work among us.*

*Before reading the minister may say a simple sentence to remind us of all that God has done for us. We respond by saying or singing the special word of praise:*

**Alleluia.**

*If we sing then the word "Alleluia" is repeated several times.*

*The reader announces the Gospel reading:*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N

**Say or sing: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Say or sing: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Sermon

### Hymn

# We Believe

*We help one another on the journey of faith*

## **EITHER**

*by saying together the traditional words of the Apostles' Creed:*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **OR**

*by answering together the great questions of faith:*

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made all things?

**All: We believe and trust in Him.**

Do you believe and trust in His Son, Jesus Christ, who died to save us all?

**All: We believe and trust in Him.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit, our power and our protector, our conscience and our guide?

**All: We believe and trust in him.**

## Prayers of Intercession

*The Minister introduces the prayers which are usually led by a member of the congregation.*

*During the prayers the following bidding and response is normally used (if a different bidding is used it is announced when the prayers start)*

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

*The prayers conclude:*

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

*The Minister may say one of the following or a similar concluding prayer:*

*either:* Hear our prayer for all your people; for *N* our Bishop and Elizabeth our Queen, for all in authority and all in need. As we pray to you in faith may they know the wisdom and joy of your Kingdom through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

*or* Almighty God, as your blessed Son Jesus Christ first came to seek and to save the lost; so may he come again to find in us the completion of his redeeming work; for he is now alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.  
**Amen**

## Confession

*We remember our sin and temptations before God and seek His forgiveness.*

*The Minister says prayers ending alternately (we may sing the reply 3 times):*

Lord, have mercy  
**Lord, have mercy**

Christ, have mercy  
**Christ, have mercy**

*The Minister says a prayer assuring us of God's forgiveness.*

## ¶ The Lord's Table

### The Peace

*The Minister introduces the Peace and then says:*

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All: and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We greet one another.*

### Taking of the Bread and Wine

*The bread and wine for Communion are brought forward and received by the minister who says*

**EITHER**

With this bread that we bring  
**We shall remember Jesus**

With this wine that we bring  
**We shall remember Jesus**

Bread for his body, wine for his blood,  
gifts from God to his table we bring.

**We shall remember Jesus.**

*OR another prayer to which we all reply*

**Blessed by God for ever.**

## Hymn

*During the hymn a collection is taken. The formal collection represents all that we are able to give to the Church by cheque or standing order, in cash or in time.*

*At the end of the hymn the collection is brought forward and received by the Minister who says a prayer in thanks for all that we are able to give to the Church in our different ways to which we reply:*

**All: All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give you.**

*The following is the text for Eucharistic Prayer D. If a different Eucharistic Prayer is used the text is provided in a separate leaflet.*

Minister: The Lord be with you or The Lord is here.

**Say/sing: and also with you His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**Say/sing: We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Say/sing: 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:

**Say/sing: 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 he touched

untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.  
This is his story.

**Say/sing: 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.

**Say/sing: 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.

**Say/sing: 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.

**Say/sing: 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:

**Say/sing: Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

**All:** As our Saviour 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 of the Bread

*The Minister breaks the consecrated bread saying  
either:* 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.**

*or:* Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,

**All:** **We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

*As the Minister moves to the High Altar we sing*

**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.**

*The Minister invites us to receive communion.*

**All:** The gifts of God for the people of God  
**Jesus Christ is holy**  
**Jesus Christ is Lord**  
**to the glory of God the Father**

*We may say:*

**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**

*The Minister and people receive communion. The following words of administration are said to each communicant:*

The bread of heaven in Christ Jesus.

**Reply: Amen**

The cup of life in Christ Jesus.

**Reply: Amen**

*Members of the choir come forward for Communion first, followed by the rest of the congregation, starting with those sitting nearest the front.*

*If you are a communicant member of another Church you are welcome to receive communion today. If you would prefer to receive a blessing then please come to the communion rail in your turn but keep your head bowed and your hands down so that the ministers may know this is your intention.*

*While people are receiving communion a hymn may be sung.*

## Prayer after Communion

*The Minister may say a prayer then all pray together.*

**All: Generous God,  
you have fed us at your heavenly table.  
Set us on fire with your Holy Spirit  
that when Christ comes again  
we may shine like lights before his face,  
for You live for ever; Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
Amen**

## ¶ Farewell

### Hymn

*The Minister gives a simple blessing or uses these or similar words:*

May God the Father, who loved the world so much that he sent his only Son to come among us in great humility, open your eyes to look for his coming again.

**Amen**

May God the Son give you grace to live in the light of his coming as redeemer and judge.

**Amen**

May God the Holy Spirit free you from sin, make you holy, and bring you to eternal life.

**Amen**

and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you, always.

**All say: Amen**

*Then he says*

*EITHER* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**All: In the name of Christ. Amen**

*OR* Go in the peace of Christ

**All: Thanks be to God**

*The choir and ministers depart.*

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