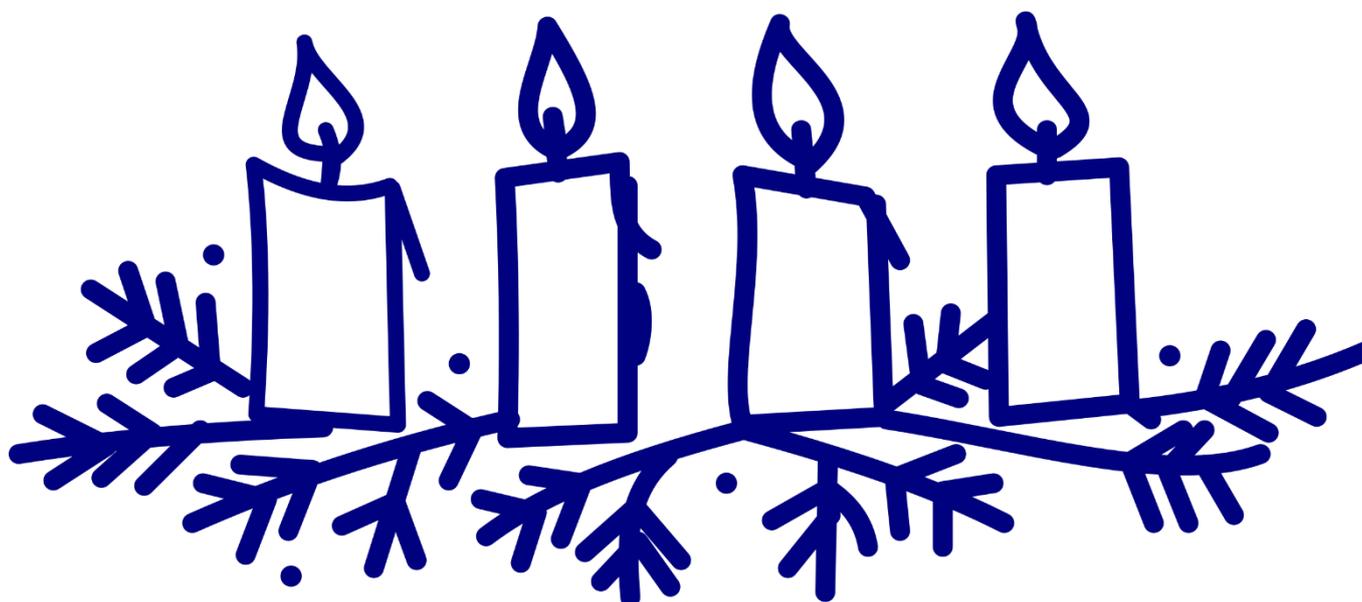




KING CHARLES THE MARTYR CHURCH
Know Christ More • Make Christ Known



Sung Eucharist Advent

Eucharistic Prayer F

Welcome to our Service this morning, especially if you are a visitor or here for the first time.

Your collection money for the work of the Church can be placed in the offertory bag which will be passed around during the hymn in the middle of the service.

Please do join us in the Hall afterwards for tea / coffee and conversation. You will be most welcome.

Prayers for you to use as you get ready for the Service to begin:

*Eternal Father, look with love
upon your people of KCM
and pour upon us the gifts of your Spirit.
Draw us to you and to one another
that our growing unity
may bring healing and life to all.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*God of the past who has fathered and mothered us
We are here to thank you.
God of the future who is always ahead of us
We are here to trust you.
God of the present here in the midst of us
We are here to praise you.
God of life beyond us, within us
We rejoice in your glorious love.*

*Dear God, help me to think about you.
Help me to give you praise and thanks and love today.
Help me to say sorry.
Help me to love myself, my family and friends
And especially you, more and more. Amen*

The Gathering

*The congregation are warmly invited to join in the text in **BOLD** type.*

Welcome and Notices

*Please stand for the **Introit Hymn***

Details of the Hymns can be found in the weekly notice sheet or on the boards.

The Greeting

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

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Prayers of Preparation

**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.**

*Please sit or kneel for the **Prayers of Penitence***

When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.

cf I Corinthians 4.5

Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past,
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Kyrie Eleison

Kyrie Eleison

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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.

Amen.

The Collect for the Day

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

*The collect for the day is said, concluding with **Amen***

The Liturgy of the Word

The Old Testament Reading

At the end of the reader will say

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn or Psalm

Details in the weekly notice sheet.

The Epistle

At the end of the reader will say

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

*Please stand for the **Gospel Reading***

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

cf Isaiah 40.3–5

Alleluia.

When the Gospel is announced, the reader says

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel reading

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please sit for the **Sermon***

*Please stand for **The Creed***

**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.**

*Please sit or kneel for the **Prayers of Intercession***

At the end of each petition the reader may say
Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

*Please stand for **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.

cf Luke 1.78,79

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

Details in the weekly notice sheet. During the hymn, a collection is taken and presented for the work of the church in this place.

Preparation of the Altar

Eucharistic Prayer F

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

From the First Sunday of Advent until 16 December

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 singing:

From 17 December until Christmas Eve

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
He is the one foretold by all the prophets,
whom the Virgin Mother bore with love beyond all telling.
John the Baptist was his herald
and made him known when at last he came.
In his love Christ fills us with joy
as we prepare to celebrate his birth,
so that when he comes again he may find us watching in prayer,
our hearts filled with wonder and praise.
And so, with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your glory,
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

**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.**

Lord God, you are the most holy one,
enthroned in splendour and light,
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ
you reveal the power of your love
made perfect in our human weakness.

Embracing our humanity,
Jesus showed us the way of salvation;
loving us to the end,
he gave himself to death for us;
dying for his own,
he set us free from the bonds of sin,
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave up himself for us all
he took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross,
we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,
we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high
and we long for his coming in glory.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
form us into the likeness of Christ
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Look with favour on your people
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.
Bless the earth,
heal the sick,
let the oppressed go free
and fill your Church with power from on high.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth
to feast with [N and] all your saints
at the table in your kingdom,
where the new creation is brought to perfection
in Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence:

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.

Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

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.

Eat and drink

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

You are welcome to come to the Altar Rail to receive Communion or to receive a Blessing. If you would like to receive a blessing, please bring this booklet with you.

During Communion, a hymn and a Choir Anthem may be sung.

Post Communion prayer

*The president says the post-communion prayer which can be found on the weekly notice sheet, to which we respond **Amen.***

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with 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.**

The Dismissal

*Please stand for **The Blessing***

May God the Father,
who loved the world so much that he sent his only Son,
give you grace to prepare for life eternal.
Amen.

May God the Son,
who comes to us as redeemer and judge,
reveal to you the path from darkness to light.
Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit,
by whose working the Virgin Mary conceived the Christ,
help you bear the fruits of holiness.
Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

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

Final Hymn

Organ Voluntary

The organ voluntary is offered as part of our worship, and you are invited to sit and listen quietly. If you need to leave, please do so quietly. Do join us for refreshments in the church halls after the service.

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