

St. Matthias Episcopal Church
Advent

The Holy Eucharist for Advent

At the sound of the bell, all stand for the Processional Hymn.

Processional Hymn: *Please refer to the service bulletin*

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People You come to your people and set them free.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.**

The following is sung, all standing. Repeat 3x

Ho - ly God, — Ho - ly and Might - y,
 Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The First Lesson

The lesson is printed in the service bulletin.

Psalm

Please refer to the service bulletin.

The Second Lesson

The lesson is printed in the service bulletin.

Alleluia

All stand

The Alleluia is intoned with the Aramaic word Maranatha, which can be translated as either "Come Lord" or "The Lord has come".

Two versicles are added to which the people respond with the Alleluias.

First Sunday of Advent

Show us your mercy, O Lord; and grant us your Salvation. *Maranatha Response*

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, for he is speaking peace to his faithful people.

Maranatha

Response

Second Sunday of Advent

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. *Maranatha*

Response

And all flesh shall see the salvation of God. *Maranatha*

Response

Third Sunday of Advent

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me. *Maranatha*

Response

He sent me to bring good news to the poor. *Maranatha*

Response

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Look a virgin shall conceive and bear a son. *Maranatha*

Response

They shall name him Emmanuel. *Maranatha*

Response

The Holy Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to _____

People Glory to you Lord Christ

The Gospel reading is printed in the service bulletin.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you Lord Christ

Sermon

Nicene Creed

All stand.

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants who now live by faith, may behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen*

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. **Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

All Stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: *Please refer to the service bulletin*

Offertory Hymn: *Please refer to the service bulletin*

Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout for joy:

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, ___

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. ___

Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

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The people stand or kneel

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you call a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

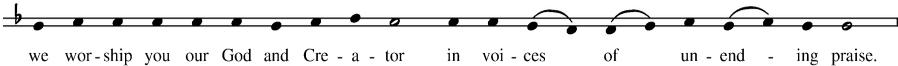
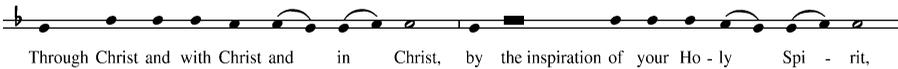
We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the New Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

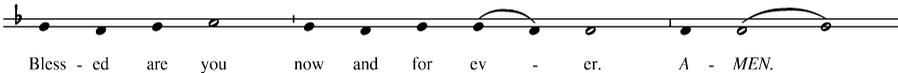
Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with [blessed , and] all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Celebrant



Celebrant and People



And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept

Celebrant God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

People Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

Lamb of God, you take away the

sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the

sins of the world, grant us peace.

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Invitation to Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God

Communion Hymn:

Lento (♩ = 48)

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, — take heart!

Post Communion Hymn: O come, O come, Emmanuel Hymnal #56

First Sunday of Advent

- 1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!*

- 2 O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
who orderest all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go.

Refrain

Second Sunday of Advent

- 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law,
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.

Refrain

- 4 O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree,
free them from Satan's tyranny
that trust thy mighty power to save,
and give them victory o'er the grave.

Refrain

Third Sunday of Advent

5 O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.

Refrain

6 O come, thou Dayspring from on high,
and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight.

Refrain

Fourth Sunday of Advent

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of all mankind;
bid thou our sad divisions cease,
and be thyself our King of Peace.

Refrain

8 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: *Please refer to the service bulletin*

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

We acknowledge that we are standing on the ancestral lands of the Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, who have been stewards of this land for centuries and respect the interconnected relationships among everything on this land. We acknowledge the many legacies of violence, boarding schools, displacement, migration, and settlement that bring us together today. We pay respect to their elders, past, present, and future.

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