

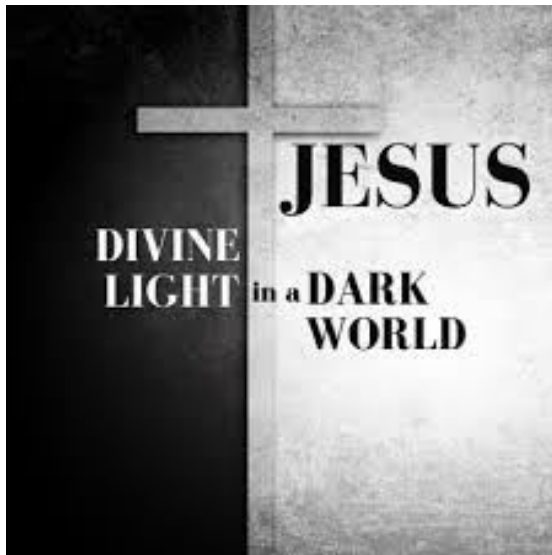


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The Order of Service for Holy Eucharist



The First Sunday of Advent

Sunday 27^h November 2022 • 8.45 am

THE PURPOSE OF ADVENT

Joyful expectancy

We all like to welcome visitors, especially those who are close to us and those we love, and we sometimes find the waiting difficult. So we use the waiting time to make our preparations. The same is true with our Christian Family.

Each year the Church reserves four weeks before Christmas in order to give us time to make the necessary preparations. We call this season “Advent” which means “coming” (from the Latin, *Adventus*).

A New Guinea Christian once put it this way: “*At Advent we should try the key to our heart’s door. It may have gathered rust, if so, this is the time to oil it, in order that the heart’s door may open more easily when the Lord Jesus wants to enter at Christmas Time.*”

Advent is the time of year when we prepare ourselves, as a Church and as individual Christians, for the coming of Jesus – The one who came over 2000 years ago, the one who comes again this Christmas and the one who will come again at the end of time as King and judge of all.

Do not leave this service booklet behind. Take it home with you to reflect on the prayers and readings and as a reminder of your visit.



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The Gathering

Voluntary

‘Nun komm’ der Heiden Heiland (‘Saviour of the nations come’)

J. S. Bach, BWV 599 (1685 - 1750)

‘Veni Emmanuel’ (‘O come, O come Emmanuel’) – a meditation

Philip Moore (b. 1943)

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship

The Great Advent Antiphons

Intoned by the cantors

O SAPIENTIA

O Wisdom, which camest out of the mouth of the most High,
and reachest from one end to another, mightily,
and sweetly ordering all things:
Come and teach us the way of prudence.

O ADONAI

O Adonai, and Leader of the house of Israel,
who appearedst in the Bush to Moses in a flame of fire,
and gavest him the law in Sinai:
Come and deliver us with an outstretched arm.

Each of the antiphons addresses Christ by one of His Scriptural names or titles, each one praises the coming of the Saviour by a different name, and each one closes with a petition appropriate to the title.

Seven days before Christmas Eve monasteries would sing the “O antiphons” in anticipation of Christmas Eve when the eighth antiphon, “O Virgo virginum” (“O Virgin of virgins”) would be sung before and after Mary’s canticle, the Magnificat (Luke 1:46b-55).

*All **stand** and join in singing the hymn*

Hymn at the Procession | # 26

O come, O come, Emmanuel

Tune: VENI EMMANUEL

All sit

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Presbyter says

May the grace and peace of God be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Reader



As we begin our Advent pilgrimage, looking forward to the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, let us in prayer and praise, thanksgiving and song, give voice to the hope set forth in the Scriptures. We give thanks for the prophets of

today who dare to speak words of hope for liberation.

Let us offer ourselves anew as witnesses to the advent of Christ's glory, seeking to bring Christ's light and love to those who sit in darkness.

All **Come, O long expected Jesus, come.**

As the candle is lit, the choir sings

O Jesus, with Thy advent
quiet my restless soul and anxious mind.
In true humility I welcome Thee
Jesus Christ, my joy divine.
My thoughts, desires and all my longings
I dedicate, O Christ, to Thee.
Come Thou precious Sun most radiant,
Thy beams illumine my heart and soul.

Words: W. Osterwald (1820 -1887)

Music: Johann W. Franck (arr. Stein) (1644 - c. 1710)

✠ *The Service begins on **page 350** of the Book of Common Prayer ✠*
During the Advent Season we sing the Kyrie instead of the Summary of the Law

Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

*From 'Mass of St Thomas'
by David Thorne*

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the First Sunday of Advent | **Page 397**
Read by the Presbyter

Old Testament Reading | **Page 397**
Micah 4. 1 - 7

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Micah

At the conclusion of the reading the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm

50 v. v. 1 to 6, 14, 15 and 23

Sung by the choir to a chant by Monk and Elvey

Deus deorum

THE Lord, even the most mighty God, hath spoken * and called the world, from the rising up of the sun, unto the going down thereof.

² Out of Sion hath God appeared * in perfect beauty.

³ Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence; * there shall go before him a consuming fire, and a mighty tempest shall be stirred up round about him.

- ⁴ He shall call the heaven from above, * and the earth, that he may judge his people.
- ⁵ Gather my saints together unto me; * those that have made a covenant with me with sacrifice.
- ⁶ And the heavens shall declare his righteousness; * for God is Judge himself.
- ¹⁴ Offer unto God thanksgiving, * and pay thy vows unto the most Highest.
- ¹⁵ And call upon me in the time of trouble; * so will I hear thee, and thou shalt praise me.
- ²³ Whoso offereth me thanks and praise, he honoureth me; * and to him that ordereth his conversation right will I show the salvation of God.

All stand

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
World without end. Amen.***

Please be seated

The Epistle | **Page 398**

Romans 13.8 - 14

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

At the conclusion of the reading the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

All stand and join in singing the gradual hymn

Gradual Hymn | **# 31**

Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Tune: CROSS OF JESUS

Remain standing for the Gospel

The Gospel of Christ | **Page 398**

St Matthew 21. 1 – 13

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

All **Alleluia**

The Gospeller The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew

All **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

At the conclusion of the reading

The Gospeller This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

All **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Remain standing for the Creed and all recite together

The Nicene Creed | **Page 354**

All sit

Sermon

Praveen Paul

Principal Union Biblical Seminary, Pune

Choral Music

The choir of the Union Biblical Seminary sings

Announcements

All stand

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

All **stand**

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of 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.

*While remaining in your place, share the sign of peace with a namaste
with your neighbour*

Preparation of the Table

*At this time an offering will be received for the ministries of the Cathedral.
Thank you for your generosity.*

All join in singing

Hymn at the Offertory | # 24

Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding

Tune: MERTON

All say

Offertory Prayer | page 357

Advent Prose

**Refrain (all) Pour down, O heavens, from above
and let the skies rain down righteousness.**

Turn your fierce anger from us, O Lord, and remember not our
sins forever. Your holy cities have become a desert, Zion a wilderness,
Jerusalem a desolation; our holy and beautiful house, where our
fathers praised you.

**Pour down, O heavens, from above
and let the skies rain down righteousness.**

Edited by Stephen Cleobury

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

Watchful at all times,
let us pray for strength to stand with confidence
before our Maker and Redeemer.
That God may bring in His Kingdom with justice and mercy,
let us pray to the Lord:

All

Lord, have mercy.

That God may establish among the nations
His sceptre of righteousness,
Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

That we may seek Christ in the Scriptures
and recognize him in the breaking of the bread,
let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

That God will guide and lead Bijay, our Moderator;
Dharamraj, the Moderator of the *Church of South India*;
Theodosius Mar Thoma the Metropolitan of the *Mar Thoma Church*;
Sharad the *Moderator's Episcopal Commissary* for our
Diocese and Avinash our Presbyter, that by their life and
doctrine they may set forth your true and life-giving Word,
and rightly and duly administer your Holy Sacraments,
let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

That God may bind up the brokenhearted,
restore the sick

and raise up all who have fallen,

let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

That the light of God's coming may dawn
on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death,
let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

Continued

That, with all the saints in light,
we may shine forth as lights for the world,
let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray
to the mercy and protection of our heavenly Father:

Silence is kept.

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.

A Prayer for the Fellowship of the Least Coin

Let us pray for an end to the waste and desecration of God's creation.

For access to the fruits of creation

to be shared equally among all people

and for communities and nations to find sustenance

in the fruits of the earth and the water God has given us.

Almighty God, you created the world and gave it into our care

so that, in obedience to you, we might serve all people:

Inspire us to use the riches of creation with wisdom,

and to ensure that their blessings are shared by all;

that, trusting in your bounty,

all people may be empowered

to seek freedom from poverty, famine, and oppression. **Amen.**

The Preparation for Communion | **Page 361**

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The Communion | **Page 368**

Hymn at the Communion | # 256

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Tune: PICARDY

All say

Post Communion Prayer

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members
of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

**O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord.
Amen.**

All stand and sing

The Advent Message

**Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus, amen come Lord Jesus. (2)
O come quickly, come Lord Jesus,
O come quickly, come Lord come,
come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus, Amen, come Lord Jesus.**

choir

The voice of Him that crieth in the wilderness,
prepare ye the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert, a highway for our God.

**Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus come (2),
Yea come quickly (3), come Lord come,
Amen, come Lord come.**

Martin How (b. 1931)

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 among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Hymn at the Closing

**Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me.**

*Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light.*

² **Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness;
Shine on me, shine on me.**

³ **As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory;
Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story;
Shine on me, shine on me.**

Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)

The Dismissal

From the West Door, the Presbyter says:

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

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

Postlude

Toccata on Veni Emmanuel ('O come, O come Emmanuel') Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

Birthdays this week

"I can do all things through him who strengthens me."

Philippians 4:13

Dilara Khan (27), Rajeev Ohol (27), Sathya Godson (28),
Alfreda Ohol (2nd December), Nathanael Suganth (3)

Notices

- The baptism of Edward Suryakant Knox (son of Pritam and Ernest Knox) will be next Sunday (4th December 2022) during the 8.45 am choral Eucharist.
- A Compline Service for Advent to celebrate the beginning of a new liturgical year this evening at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.
- We thank the Principal of the *Union Biblical Seminary* for giving their sermon and their choir for singing this morning.
- We express our thanks to Mrs Rati Godrej for the annual gift of the beautiful Poinsettia flowers which add so much beauty to the Cathedral gardens.

*Memorial flowers in the sanctuary this morning
are placed in loving memory of
the late Mrs. Chandramathi Moses
(beloved mother of Dr. Kamal Jadhav)
on the occasion of her birth anniversary.*

Pray with us

- † **THE WORLD** Pray for peace and goodwill among all nations.
- † **OUR COUNTRY** Pray for the medical fraternity as they work at combating the outbreak of measles and for the recovery of those who are unwell. • For peace and harmony both within and at our borders.
- † **OUR CITY** For families who lost loved ones on 26/11 fourteen years ago.
- † **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** Today marks the first day in the liturgical calendar of the Church. Pray for the Church universal, for our Diocese and Cathedral as a new Church Year begins today.
- † **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** For the Diocese of North East India and the Rt Revd Michael Herenz. • The Diocese of Rayalaseema (Andhra Pradesh) and the Rt Revd Issac Prasad. • For all students, staff and the Principal of the Union Biblical Seminary, Pune
- † **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** Pray for the clergy, laity and all pastorates. May they listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit as they make decisions. • St Matthew's Church, Virar and the Revd Kingsley John Paul.

The Fellowship of the Least Coin (FLC) is a global ecumenical prayer movement for peace, justice, and reconciliation. Through this movement, women around the world strive to be in solidarity with each other and are reminded to pray and work for peace. The idea for the FLC emerged as a vision from God to Shanti Solomon of India. Shanti had heard stories from Asian women who had experienced abuse and trauma during the Second World War. Shanti wanted all Christian women to pray for peace, justice, and reconciliation in their own lives and throughout the world and to set aside a coin as a token for each prayer. She proposed that all women give the “least coin” of their currency so that women of all socioeconomic status could be given opportunities to be generous and participate in this peace making. The team accepted Shanti's challenge and the FLC was born.



*A service of compline
for
Advent*



The First Sunday of Advent
27th November 2022
7 p.m.
All are welcome

A quiet, contemplative service of compline (a service of evening prayers said before retiring for the night) to prepare ourselves for the season.

We will listen to ancient biblical prophecies about the coming of the Messiah, passages about the second coming of Christ, sing hymns and listen to choral and organ music for Advent.

The service will begin in darkness. The darkness giving way to light as candles are lit as the congregation moves around the Cathedral.

Advent and Christmastide at the Cathedral

Sunday 27 th November 2022 7 am & 8.45 am 7 pm	First Sunday of Advent <i>Choral Eucharist</i> <i>A service of compline</i>
Sunday 4 th December 2022 7 am & 8.45 am	Second Sunday of Advent <i>Choral Eucharist</i>
Sunday 11 th December 2022 7 am & 8.45 am	Third Sunday of Advent <i>Choral Eucharist</i>
Friday 16 th December 2022 9 am	Carol Service <i>of the Cathedral & John Connon School</i>
Saturday 17 th December 2022 6.30 pm	A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols <i>by the Cathedral choir & guest singers</i>
Sunday 18 th December 2022 7 am & 8.45 am 10.45 am	Fourth Sunday of Advent <i>Choral Eucharist</i> Nativity Play by the Sunday school <i>and Christmas party</i>
Saturday 24 th December 2022 10 pm 10.30 pm	Christmas Eve <i>Christmas music & carols</i> <i>Festival Choral Eucharist with blessing of the crib</i>
Sunday 25 th November 2022 9 am	The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ <i>Festival Choral Eucharist</i>
Saturday 31 st December 2022 10.30pm	Watch night service <i>Choral Eucharist</i>
Sunday 1 st January 2023 7 am & 8.45 am	The Naming of Jesus <i>and Thanksgiving for the New Year</i> <i>Choral Eucharist</i>
Friday 6 th January 2022 6.30pm	The Feast of the Epiphany <i>Evening Prayer</i>

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