

*The Parish Church of St George the Martyr  
Waterlooville*



*The Eucharist for the Season of Advent*

***INTROIT HYMN:***

**Priest:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

**People: Amen**

**Priest:** The Lord be with you

**People: And also with you.**

The Priest introduces the service

*We Say together*

**The Prayer 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**

***THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH***

Each candle reminds us of those who prepared for the coming of Christ:

Week 1: The Patriarchs

Week 2: The Prophets

Week 3: John the Baptist

Week 4: The Virgin Mary

Week 5: The Christ Child.

Each week we begin by singing the appropriate verse(s) of the Advent wreath hymn (week 1 verse 1; week 2 verses 1 and 2 etc). The candle is then lit and an appropriate prayer is said:

## **The Advent wreath hymn (NEH tune 336)**

### **Advent 1**

Advent candles tell their story  
as we watch and pray,  
longing for the Day of Glory,  
'Come, Lord, soon,' we say.  
Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness  
changed for gladness  
on that Day.

### **Advent 2**

Prophet voices loudly crying,  
making pathways clear;  
glimpsing glory, self-denying,  
calling all to hear.  
Through their message - challenged, shaken –  
hearts awaken:  
God is near!

### **Advent 3**

John the Baptist, by his preaching  
and by water poured,  
brought to those who heard his teaching  
news of hope restored:  
'Keep your vision strong and steady,  
and be ready  
for the Lord.'

### **Advent 4**

Mary's gift, beyond all telling,  
was to give Christ room.  
She gave God a human dwelling in a mother's womb.  
Who could guess the final story?  
– cross and glory;  
empty tomb!

## **Christmas Day**

Advent candles tell their story  
on this Christmas Day.

Those who waited for God's glory:  
they prepared the way.

Christ is with us: loving, giving,  
in us living,  
here today!

Copyright © 2002 Mark Earey

### ***PRAYERS OF PENITENCE***

**Almighty God,  
long-suffering and of great goodness:  
I confess to you with my whole heart  
my neglect and forgetfulness of your commandments,  
my wrong doing, thinking, and speaking;  
the hurts I have done to others;  
and the good I have left undone.  
O God, forgive me, for I have sinned against you;  
and raise me to newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*The Priest gives the absolution*

### ***THE KYRIE ELEISON IS SAID OR SUNG***

Lord have mercy  
**Lord have mercy**  
Christ have mercy  
**Christ have mercy**  
Lord have mercy  
**Lord have mercy**

or

Kyrie Eleison  
**Kyrie Eleison**  
Christe Eleison  
**Christe Eleison**  
Kyrie Eleison  
**Kyrie Eleison**

## ***THE OPENING PRAYER***

### ***THE LITURGY OF THE WORD***

*All sit for the readings and psalm (on the separate sheet)*

*At the end of each reading the reader says:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

*To which all reply:*

*Thanks be to God.*

**We stand for the Gospel Acclamation and the reading of the Gospel**

***We sing an 'Alleluia' acclamation***

**Deacon/priest:** The Lord be with you

**All:** And also with you

**Deacon/priest:** A reading from the Holy Gospel according to *N*

**All:** Glory to you O Lord

*At the end of the Gospel*

**Deacon/priest:** This is the Gospel of the Lord

**All:** Praise to you O Christ

***We sing the 'Alleluia' acclamation once more***

*All sit for the Homily*

*We stand and say the Nicene 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.

## ***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION***

*Response to 'Lord hear us': Lord graciously hear us*

## ***THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT***

### ***We Stand for THE PEACE***

**Priest:** In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Deacon/Priest:** Let us offer each other a sign of peace

*OFFERTORY HYMN:*

*THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (During Advent we shall use Eucharistic Prayer G)*

At the Offering of the gifts: the following is either sung, as follows:

**Priest:** Blest are you, Lord, God of all creation, thanks to your goodness this bread we offer. Fruit of the earth, work of our hands, it will become the bread of life.

**People:** Blessed be God! Blessed be God! Blessed be God forever, Amen. Blessed be God! Blessed be God! Blessed be God forever, Amen.

**Priest:** Blest are you, Lord, God of all creation, thanks to your goodness this wine we offer, Fruit of the vine, work of our hands, it will become the cup of life.

**People:** Blessed be God! Blessed be God! Blessed be God forever, Amen. Blessed be God! Blessed be God! Blessed be God forever, Amen.

Or said, as follows:

***Priest:***

Blessed are you Lord God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,  
which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become the bread of  
life.

**People: Blessed be God forever**

***Priest:***

Blessed are you Lord God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.

It will become the cup of salvation.

**People: Blessed be God forever**

**THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

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*

Blessed are you, Lord God,

our light and our salvation;

to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things

and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.

In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels

and all the powers of heaven

we may find a voice to sing your 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.*

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.

As a mother tenderly gathers her children,

you embraced a people as your own.

When they turned away and rebelled, your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,

to be the living bread in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,

and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread,  
he gave you thanks.

He broke it and gave it to them saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.



At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, 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.

Christ is the bread of life:

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup  
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.**

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;  
we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us  
at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation;  
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of  
Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.  
Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace.

Bring us at the last with all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour  
for which you have created us;

through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
by whom, with whom, and in whom,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you Father, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

### *THE LORD'S PRAYER*

Let us pray for the coming of the Kingdom in the words our Saviour gave  
us:

**All: 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.**

*The Priest breaks the consecrated bread.*

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.**

*The Agnus Dei is sung*

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

**Priest:** Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away  
the sin of the world.  
blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
But only say the word and I shall be healed**

*The Church of England welcomes to Holy Communion baptized and communicant members of other Trinitarian churches. Others, including those prevented by conscience or the rules of their own church from receiving Holy Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. Please keep your hands together and your head bowed to indicate your wish to receive a blessing. During the Communion, members of the congregation are asked to leave their places as directed by a sidesperson.*

*POST COMMUNION HYMN*

**CONCLUSION**

*Post-Communion prayer*

We pray together:

**Generous God,  
you have fed us at your heavenly table.  
kindle us with the fire of your Spirit  
that when Christ comes again  
we might shine like lights before his face;  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen**

*NOTICES*

*THE BLESSING*

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**People: and also with you**

Priest: May God the Father, judge all merciful  
Make us worthy of a place in his kingdom.

**People: Amen.**

Priest: May God the Son, coming among us in power,  
Reveal in our midst the promise of his glory.

**People: Amen.**

Priest: May God the Holy Spirit make us steadfast in faith,  
Joyful in hope, and constant in love.

**People: Amen.**

Priest: And the blessing of God Almighty ....

Deacon/Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

*THE RECESSIONAL HYMN*

*This service includes material from The Promise of His Glory and from Common Worship, which is the copyright property of the Archbishops' Council of the Church of England, and is reproduced with permission.*

*Parish of St George the Martyr CCL copyright licence no. 16505*