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# Advent Season

The Eucharist – 2021 revised 1982 Liturgy  
Scottish Episcopal Church

LITANY OF THE WORD  
(Advent Litany)

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1. Word of jus - tice,

Al - le - lu - ia,



1. Come to dwell here.

Ma - ra - na - tha!

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| 2.  | Word of mercy<br>Live among us          | Alleluia<br>Maranatha! |
| 3.  | Word of power<br>Live within us         | Alleluia<br>Maranatha! |
| 4.  | Word of freedom<br>Save your people     | Alleluia<br>Maranatha! |
| 5.  | Word of healing<br>Heal our sorrow,     | Alleluia<br>Maranatha! |
| 6.  | Word of comfort<br>Bring us hope now    | Alleluia<br>Maranatha! |
| 7.  | Word of gladness<br>Fill our hearts now | Alleluia<br>Maranatha! |
| 8.  | Word of wisdom<br>Come renew us         | Alleluia<br>Maranatha! |
| 9.  | Key of David<br>Son of Mary             | Alleluia<br>Maranatha! |
| 10. | Promised Saviour<br>True Messiah        | Alleluia<br>Maranatha! |
| 11. | Cry of prophets<br>Hope of ages         | Alleluia<br>Maranatha! |
| 12. | Light of nations<br>Light in darkness   | Alleluia<br>Maranatha! |
| 13. | Risen Saviour<br>Lord of glory          | Alleluia<br>Maranatha! |
| 14. | You we long for<br>You we thirst for    | Alleluia<br>Maranatha! |
| 15. | Here among us<br>Living in us           | Alleluia<br>Maranatha! |

# The Eucharist

*Stand at the entrance of the ministers and join in with the responses to the Advent Litany opposite*

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*We Light the Advent Candle for the week – see pages 12ff for this week's prayer*

*sit*

## **COLLECT FOR PURITY**

**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.**

## **Summary of the Law**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

"Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God

with all your heart, with all your soul,

with all your mind

and with all Your strength."

The second is this:

"Love your neighbour as yourself."

There is no other commandment greater than these.

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

God is love and we are God's children.

There is no room for fear in love.

We love because God loved us first.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**God our Father, we confess to you  
and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ  
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do.**

**We are truly sorry.**

**Forgive us our sins,  
and deliver us from the power of evil,  
for the sake of your Son who died for us,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

God, who is both power and love,  
forgive *you* and free *you* from *your* sins,  
heal and strengthen *you* by the Holy Spirit,  
and raise *you* to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Kyrie**

Lord have mercy: **Lord have mercy**

Christ have mercy: **Christ have mercy**

Lord have mercy: **Lord have mercy**

**COLLECT OF THE DAY & READINGS** from the pewsheet

**Sermon** *or other exposition of the Word*

## **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 substance with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made human.**

**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,  
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.**

## **INTERCESSIONS**

*Prayer is offered*

*for the world and its people,  
for those who suffer and those in need,  
for the Church and its members*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

*Or*

Lord hear us: **Lord graciously hear us**

*ending*

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
**St John the Evangelist/St Margaret of Scotland** our Patron  
and the all the Saints,  
we commend ourselves and all people to your unfailing love.

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

## **PEACE**

We meet in Christ's name.

**let us share his peace.**

*We share the peace appropriately according to custom*

*A Hymn may be sung*

## *Standing* - **OFFERING**

Let us present our offerings to the Lord.

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness,  
the power, the glory,  
the splendour, and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth  
is yours. All things come from you,  
and of your own we give you.**



## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER for Advent season**

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 our thanks and praise.**

Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker.  
Out of nothing, you called all worlds to be,  
and still you draw the universe to its fulfilment.  
Dawn and evening celebrate your glory  
till time shall be no more.

In Christ your Son  
the life of heaven and earth were joined,  
sealing the promise of a new creation,  
given, yet still to come.

Taught by your Spirit,  
we who bear your threefold likeness  
look for the City of Peace  
in whose light we are transfigured  
and the earth transformed.

As children of your redeeming purpose  
who await the coming of your Son,  
we offer you our praise,  
with angels and archangels  
and the whole company of heaven  
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

**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**

*Sit*

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father.

In Jesus you showed us yourself.  
Our hope is built on him,  
the first, the last, the living one.

Obedient, even to accepting death,  
He opened the gate of glory  
and calls us now to share the life of heaven.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,  
alight with the vision of a feast  
that heralded a kingdom yet to come,  
at supper with his disciples  
he took bread and offered you thanks.  
He broke the bread,  
and gave it to them, saying:  
*"Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."*

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks,  
and gave it to them saying:  
*"Drink this, all of you.  
This is my Blood of the new covenant;  
it is poured out for you, and for all,  
that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in remembrance of me."*



**We now obey your Son's command.  
We recall his blessed passion and death,  
his glorious resurrection and ascension;  
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.  
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts  
and with them ourselves,  
a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Hear us, most merciful Father,  
and send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon this bread and this wine,  
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,  
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,  
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love  
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

**Help us, who are baptised into  
the fellowship of Christ's Body  
to live and work to your praise and glory;  
may we grow together in unity and love  
until at last, in your new creation,  
we enter into our heritage  
in the company of the Virgin Mary,  
the apostles and prophets,  
and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be to you,  
Lord of all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

The living bread is broken for the life of the world.  
**Lord, unite us in this sign.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Saviour has taught *or*  
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.  
Do not bring us  
to the time of trial  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the  
power  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has  
commanded and 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,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## *Said* - **Agnus Dei**

**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**

## Communion

*Please come forward as directed  
sanitize your hands as necessary*

*At the giving of the bread:*  
The Body of Christ given for you.

*At the giving of the cup:*  
The Blood of Christ shed for you.



*Please sit and enjoy the background music and pray for those who  
cannot be with us today – a **hymn** may be sung*

## THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

Give thanks to our gracious God:  
**whose mercy endures forever.**

**The Post Communion Prayer** for the day is said

or the **General Thanksgiving Prayer**

**Father,**

**we have broken the bread which is Christ's body,  
we have tasted the wine of his new life.**

**We thank you for these gifts  
by which we are made one in him  
and drawn into that new creation  
which is your will for all mankind;  
through him who died for us and rose again,  
your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Notices are given out*

## **BLESSING** *or a seasonal variant*

The peace of God which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God  
and of Jesus Christ our Lord:

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

**Amen.**



## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen**

# Advent Candles

## **Week 1: Hope**

We light this first candle to pray for hope. We pray for ourselves and for everyone. We ask that our hope will be fixed on God and that God will inspire us to hope for good things. We pray for everyone who feels that their hope has gone. May they find a new hope that shines like this candle flame.



**Lord Jesus Christ,  
hope of our hearts and hope for the world,  
come close to us this Advent. Amen**



## **Week 2: Peace**

We lit the first candle to pray for hope.  
We light this second candle to pray for peace;  
peace for ourselves and for the whole world.  
We ask for the peace of mind that comes from  
seeing things clearly. We pray for everyone  
who lives in the midst of conflict or war. May  
they find some sign of peace that shines like  
this candle flame.

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
Prince of peace,  
reign in our hearts and in all the world.  
Come close to us this Advent. Amen**

## **Week 3: Joy**

We lit the first candle to pray for hope.  
We lit the second candle to pray for peace.  
We light the third candle to pray for joy,  
for ourselves and for everyone.  
We give thanks for the beauty of joy  
and the way it comes to us when we don't expect it.  
We pray for everyone who feels no joy.  
May they find some hint of joy that shines like this candle flame.



**Lord Jesus Christ,  
joy of the hearts that know you,  
fill us and all your world with joy.  
Come close to us this Advent. Amen**



## **Week 4: Love**

We lit the first candle to pray for hope.

We lit the second candle to pray for peace.

We lit the third candle to pray for joy.

We light the fourth candle to pray for love.

We pray for the love which is patient and kind,

and the love which goes on caring and believing.

May we show this love to one another

and be open to welcome the love of God into our hearts.

We pray for everyone who feels unloved,

and for every time it is difficult to love others.

May we see some sign of love that shines like this candle flame.

**Lord Jesus Christ,**

**you showed us that God is love.**

**Help us to live in love,**

**so that we live in God.**

**Come close to us this Advent. Amen**

## **Christmas Eve / Christmas morning**

We lit the first candle to pray for hope.

We lit the second candle to pray for peace.

We lit the third candle to pray for joy.

We lit the fourth candle to pray for love.

Now we light the Christmas candle

and we rejoice that Jesus is born.

He is hope, peace, joy and love for all the

world.



A Saviour is born to us today. **Alleluia!**

**Lord Jesus Christ, you bring the life of God into the world.**

**Fill us with your light, now and always. Amen**

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# **10 Points of Guidance Action plan on Climate Change to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2030**

A call to us in our daily living  
from the General Synod of the  
Scottish Episcopal Church



## **10 Points of Guidance**

1. Seeking to reduce energy use in all our buildings and moving from oil/gas to electricity where possible
2. Implementing renewable energy solutions such as heat pumps and solar power on our property
3. Using less polluting forms of transport, moving to electric or hybrid cars, car sharing, wherever possible walking or cycling
4. Developing wildlife conservation schemes in our land
5. Using Fair Trade, environment- and animal-friendly products wherever possible
6. Reducing waste by composting and recycling as much of it as possible
7. Reducing paper usage (and then only using recycled paper)
8. Using online meetings often, but balanced with our need for human contact and Christian fellowship
9. Disseminating information on good practice, and seeking expert advice, practical help, and funding possibilities
10. Promoting sustainability through our preaching, liturgy and teaching, and setting a good example

“We recognise that not all of these apply to every congregation and that some will depend on the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions, but we can begin to plan now.”

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