



The **Scottish Episcopal Church**

Growing in faith and holiness

United Diocese of Glasgow & Galloway



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

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