St. Anne's Parish Church

Celebration of the Eucharist



Advent

The Gathering

Please note that bold type denotes responses said or sung by all.

Before the service begins the leader will introduce the service and ask for a moment of prayerful silence.

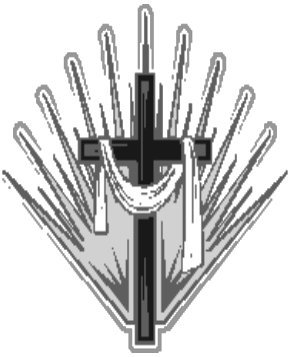
Please then stand while the ministers process in in silence.

The Advent Candle is then lit and we sing the Advent Carol. More verses are added each week.

The Holly and the Ivy
Are dancing in a ring,
Round the pink and purple candles,
And the white and shining King

And one for God's people
In every age and day
We are watching for his coming
We believe and we obey

O, two is for the Prophets
And for the light they bring
They are Candles in the darkness
All alight for Christ the King



And three for John the Baptist
He call on us to sing
'O prepare the way for Jesus Christ
He is coming, Christ the King

And four for Mother Mary
The Queen of Heaven proclaimed
Our most highly favoured Lady
We magnify your name

And Christ is in the centre
For this is his birthday
With shining lights of Christmas
Singing 'he has come today'

The opening hymn is then sung

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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.

Prayers of Penitence

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

Pause for silent reflection;

God be gracious to us and bless us,
and make your face shine upon us:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May your ways be known on the earth,
your saving power among the nations:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

May the God of love bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins,
and assure us of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The president introduces a short period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray'.

*The **Collect** of the day is said, and all respond*

Amen.

Please sit



The Liturgy of the Word

Either one or two readings from Scripture precede the Gospel reading.

At the end of each the reader will say

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

All stand

A hymn heralds the proclamation of the Gospel.

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit

Sermon

A hymn is sung after the sermon, for which we remain seated.

Please stand

The Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

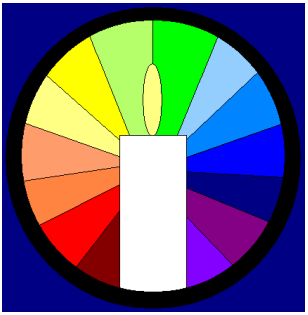
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate 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.**

Let us pray

Please sit or kneel

A member of the congregation now leads us in intercessory prayer, each prayer may have a response determined by the leader or;



Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Or

Lord hear us
Lord, graciously hear us.

The prayers conclude with

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

Sign of Peace

All stand

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.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you.

The leader invites us to witness to peace by saying

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All are invited to greet and shake hands with their neighbour.



The Liturgy of the Eucharist



A hymn will be sung as the gifts of bread and wine and the peoples offering are brought to the Table.

A little water is added to the wine as the celebrant says quietly

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the Divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

The celebrant offers the gifts

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread
to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.
Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine
to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.
Blessed be God for ever.

The celebrant washes his/her hands saying quietly;

Lord we ask you to receive us and be pleased with the sacrifice we offer you with humble and contrite hearts.
Lord wash away our iniquities and cleanse us from our sins.

Then

**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 do we give you.
Amen.**



Eucharistic Prayer E

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

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.

The appropriate preface will be said.

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.

Please sit or kneel

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,

we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with
[*The Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Anne and*]
all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

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

Communion Rite

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
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 celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many,
we are one body,
because we all share
in one bread.

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 your peace.

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those
who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and
I shall be healed.

The celebrant and people receive communion.

Visitors: If you normally receive communion in your own church then you are welcome to receive the sacrament here. If you would prefer to receive a blessing. Please keep your hands below the altar rail.

After all have received communion the Post Communion prayer is said. Then;

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;

we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Notices for the week.

Blessing and dismissal

Please stand

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.

Amen.

The leader concludes the service by inviting the congregation to bring God's kingdom to the world:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ.
Amen.

The final hymn is then sung and the ministers process to the back of the church.



After the Sunday service light refreshments will be served in the hall, all welcome.

Please leave this booklet either at the back of the church when you leave or in your seat.

Thank you for worshipping here at St. Anne's.

Our Vision at St. Anne's

St. Anne's Church Vision is of a warm, friendly, caring community, where all, including you, are welcome.

We are committed to living out the love of God, revealed in Jesus Christ, in word, worship, service and joy.

We celebrate human diversity and actively promote equality and acceptance.

We aspire to respond to the needs of others and to be faithful stewards of God's creation, our mother earth