

The Parish Church of St. Paul, Wokingham



Order for Mass during the Penitential Seasons of Advent and Lent

During Mass we...

- ❖ gather together as one family
- ❖ say sorry for our sins and receive God's forgiveness
- ❖ proclaim and respond to the word of God
- ❖ remember before God the Church and the world in prayer
- ❖ share in the peace of Christ
- ❖ pray the Eucharistic Prayer
- ❖ receive communion
- ❖ depart, with the blessing of God, to live lives to his glory.

Advent and Lent are linked as seasons of reflection and confession. Both are about preparation for the revelation of God, but the emphasis of Lent is on faithful and holy living while the emphasis of Advent is on waiting for God and being ready when he comes.

Because both are seasons of reflection and preparation the mood of the service is subdued and we do not sing the Gloria.

The moment for celebration and joyful song is to come.

For now, we wait, expectant, prayerful, looking for the light to come into the world in Advent, getting ready to journey with Christ to the cross and to the empty tomb in Lent. As we prepare for worship, you may find the following prayer helpful, and the Prayer of Humble Access on p11.

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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Prayer of Preparation

The Gathering

At the entry of the procession we stand and a hymn is sung.

We remain standing as the celebrant says

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

The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you: **and also with you.**

*Words of welcome and an introduction
to the specific theme of the day may follow.*

Prayers of Penitence

The Deacon invites us to call to mind our sins in silence.

Almighty God, long-suffering and of great goodness:

**I confess to you, I confess 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.

*During the Kyries the people are sprinkled with the Waters of
Baptism to remind them of the grace received through Jesus Christ.
It is customary to make the sign of the cross as you are sprinkled.*

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

The Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you
from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Collect

The Lord be with you: **and also with you.**

A moment of silent prayer follows.

*At the end of the Collect **Amen.***

The Liturgy of the Word

The Reading

We sit for the reading from the Old or New Testament.

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

*An Antiphon is sung- Judah and Jerusalem in Advent
and Ad te levavi ("To you, I lift up my soul") in Lent.*

Gospel Reading

*Please stand and face the Gospel procession,
which represents the presence of Christ in our midst.*

*When the Gospel is announced **Glory to you, O Lord.***

*At the end of the Gospel reading **Praise to you, O Christ.***

The Sermon

The Creed

We stand, and we bow our heads during the words in italics.

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,
*he became 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

We sit or kneel after the Deacon introduces the intercessions.

At the end of each section one of these responses may be used

Lord, hear us.

Lord, in your mercy.

Lord, graciously hear us.

hear our prayer.

At the conclusion of the prayers we may say

Merciful Father, accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The peace is introduced with a seasonal sentence of scripture.

The peace of the Lord be always with you: **and also with you.**

The Preparation of the Gifts

A hymn is sung and the gifts of bread and wine are brought to the altar on behalf of the congregation. A collection is also taken to support the mission and ministry of the Parish.

Pray my brothers and sisters,
that our sacrifice may be acceptable
to God the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his Name,
for our good and the good of all his church.**

The priest may say the Prayer over the Gifts appointed for the day.

The Eucharistic Prayer

We remain standing for the whole prayer, unless unable to do so.
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.

*The priest says the Eucharistic Preface,
reminding us of God's grace and actions. Then we sing together*
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!

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.

Deacon:

Jesus Christ is Lord!
**Lord, by your cross and
resurrection you have
set us free. You are the
Saviour of the world.**

Deacon:

Praise to you Lord Jesus!
**Dying you destroyed
our death!
Rising you restored our life!
Lord Jesus, come in glory!**

Lord of all life...

...through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours,
O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

We sit or kneel.

*The Greater Silence follows as we reflect on all we have heard
and on what we are about to receive, God himself in bread and wine.*



The Lord's Prayer

Lord Jesus, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to 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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.
Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The 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.**

The Invitation to Communion

This 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 president and people receive communion.

*If you normally receive communion in your own church,
or you did so in the past, you are welcome to receive communion here
because Christ's invitation is to all.*

*If you would prefer to receive a blessing,
please come forward with everyone else holding this order of service.*

*If you are unable to come to the altar rail,
please tell one of the sidespeople.*

*Please join in the singing of the hymn during communion-
the hymn number is on the board on the pillars.*

Post Communion Prayer

We stand. The Celebrant prays the Post Communion prayer.

**[In Advent] Loving Father,
your Son Jesus Christ has
come to us in word and
Spirit, in bread and cup.
Make us holy and bring us
to perfection when
we stand before him
as he comes to judge the
living and the dead,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

**[In Lent] Lord God, you
have renewed us with the
living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope, and
strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger
for him who is the true and
living bread, and enable us
to live by every word that
proceeds from your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

The Dismissal

The Blessing

We stand and bow our heads.

A recessional hymn is sung. As the procession reaches the west end of the Church, we turn to face the door and the world.

Deacon: The Mass is ended.

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen!

The Organ Voluntary is part of our offering of worship.

Please pray during it and enjoy the stillness, or leave Church quietly if you need to. Coffee and refreshments are served in the Parish Rooms after the service; do please come along.

If this is one of your first visits to St Paul's, please introduce yourself to one of the Clergy who would be delighted to have a chat.

We do not presume to come to this your table,
merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs
under your table. But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.

Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh
of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. **Amen.**

Prayer of Humble Access

