

St Luke's Church, Jersey
SUNDAY MASS IN ADVENT



At the sound of the bell, the hymn begins, the Priest, choir and servers enter and the altar is honoured with incense.

The Opening Hymn

The Greeting

Priest ✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

The Priest introduces the liturgy of the day and invites us to confess our sins.

The ancient Advent Prose is used as the basis of the penitential rite, as we prepare for Christ's coming by reflecting on our sins and shortcomings.

Cantor *Drop down ye heavens from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.*

All **Drop down ye heavens from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.**

Cantor Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity for ever:
thy holy cities are a wilderness, Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation:
our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee.

All **Drop down...**

Cantor We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing, and we all do fade like a leaf:
and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away: thou hast hid thy face from us:
and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.

All **Drop down...**

We say together:

**Lord God, we come to you with sorrow for our sins, and we ask for your help
and strength. Strengthen us with your forgiving love, so that we may more
courageously follow and obey your Son, whose birth we are soon to celebrate.**

The Priest declares God's forgiveness

May God almighty guide us in the way of peace and forgive us our sins. May he give light to
those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, and kindle in us the fire of his love.

All **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

The appropriate candle of the Advent wreath is lit and an acclamation is made, to which all respond

Blessed be God for ever.

The final verses of the Advent Prose are sung by the cantor.

Cantor Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may
know me and believe me, I even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no Saviour: and
there is none that can deliver out of my hand.

All **Drop down...**

Cantor Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, my salvation shall not tarry: I have blotted out as a thick
cloud thy transgressions: fear not, for I will save thee: for I am the Lord thy God, the Holy
One of Israel, thy Redeemer.

All **Drop down...**

The Opening Prayer

The Priest says the prayer for the day

The Liturgy of the Word

Following the readings:

 The word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

The Responsorial Psalm

The response is repeated after the Cantor.

The Gospel Acclamation

 Alleluia, alleluia!
 The verse for the day is sung by the Cantor
All **Alleluia!**

The Gospel

 The Lord be with you
All **and also with you**
 ✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to *N*
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Following the Gospel reading:

 The Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Homily

The Affirmation of Faith

Priest We say together in faith:
All **Holy, holy, holy**
 is the Lord God Almighty,
 who was, and is, and is to come.

Priest We believe in God the Father,
 who created all things:
All **for by his will they were created**
 and have their being.

Priest We believe in God the Son,
 who was slain
All **for with his blood,**
 he purchased for us God,
 from every tribe and language,
 from every people and nation.

Priest We believe in God the Holy Spirit:
All **the Spirit and the Bride say 'Come!'**
 Even so come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

cf Revelation 4:8,11; 5:9; 22:17,20

The Prayer of Intercession

The Priest will introduce the intercession

After each petition the leader will say

 Lord, hear us.
All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Following the prayers for the departed

✠ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord
And let light perpetual shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

*The leader invites us all to join in a **Prayer for our Parish** (wherever that may be)*

**God our Father,
through your Holy Spirit
you grow your Church
as we proclaim the kingdom of your risen Son.
Bless us with deepening faith
and an increase in our community.
Help us to be a beacon of your love
to everyone we meet.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

We now recall our part in the Communion of the Saints and say

**Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

The Priest concludes the prayers

Priest Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay;

All **give new courage to your people
who trust in your love.
By your coming, raise us to the joy of your kingdom,
where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Liturgy Of The Eucharist

The Peace

The Priest introduces the Peace, and then says

All The Peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

The Preparation of the Gifts

As the gifts of bread and wine are prepared on the altar, a hymn is sung

At the conclusion of the hymn, the Priest invites us to join in the offering of the Eucharist

All Pray, my brothers and sisters, that this our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.
**May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

The Priest says the Prayer over the Gifts

The Eucharistic Prayer

All The Lord be with you
And also with you

All Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord

All Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give him thanks and praise

The Priest says Preface for the day, at the end of which we sing

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he, O blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

After the words of Jesus in the Last Supper, the Priest says

All 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.**

The Prayer ends in praise of the Father and we give our acclamation:

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

The Priest invites us to join in the Lord's Prayer

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.**

Breaking of the Bread

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread and says

 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.

Agnus Dei

All **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 Priest invites us to receive a spiritual Communion

 This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins 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.**

and we say together

**My Jesus, I believe that you
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there
and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

The Priest and congregation present in the church now receive Communion.

During Communion, the choir will sing a motet.

Prayer after Communion

The Priest says the Prayer after Communion

The Blessing and Dismissal

All The Lord be with you
 and also with you.

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

All Go in the peace of Christ.
 Thanks be to God.

The Angelus

will now be sung

*The angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary:
 and she conceived by the Holy Spirit.*

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women,
 and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.*

**Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death.**

*Behold the handmaid of the Lord:
 be it unto me according to thy word.*

Hail Mary....

*And the Word was made flesh:
 and dwelt among us.*

Hail Mary....

*Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God:
 that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

Let us pray:

*Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the Incarnation of thy
Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his passion ✠ and cross, we may be brought to the
glory of his Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The concluding hymn is sung

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