

# ST JOHN'S CHURCH, RANMOOR



## Holy Communion in Advent

## Opening hymn

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

*All* 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.

## Confession

*All* Lord, have mercy      *or Choir*      Kyrie eleison  
**Lord, have mercy**  
Christ have mercy  
**Christ, have mercy**  
Lord, have mercy  
**Lord, have mercy**

## Absolution

## Lighting of the Advent candle(s)

## The Collect

## **First Reading**

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

## **Second Reading**

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

## **Gradual hymn**

## **Gospel Reading**

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

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

## **Sermon**

## **The Creed**

*All*

**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.

### Prayers of Intercession

#### The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We exchange a sign of peace.*

#### Offertory hymn

As this bread was scattered  
and then gathered and made one,  
so may your Church be gathered into your Kingdom.

**Glory to you, O God, for ever.**

Wisdom has built her a house;  
she has mixed her wine; she has set her table.

**Glory to you, O God, for ever.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

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 thanks and praise.

*The president praises God for his mighty acts*

*Choir* 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.

*The president recalls the Last Supper,  
and this acclamation is used*

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

*The Prayer continues and we all respond boldly Amen.*

## The Lord's Prayer

*All* 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.

Lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours

now and for ever. Amen.

### Breaking of the Bread

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

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.

**Choir** 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.

### Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ

which he gave for you,

and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink

in remembrance that he died for you,

and feed on him in your hearts

by faith with thanksgiving.

**All**

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.

*We receive Communion or a blessing*

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out  
in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory. Amen.

Notices

Final hymn

## **Blessing**

Our Lord says, 'I am coming soon.'

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

May the Lord, when he comes,  
find us watching and waiting.

**Amen.**

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