

# Holy Communion in the season of Advent



*St Cuthbert's Church, Allendale*  
*St Mark's Church, Ninebanks*  
*Holy Trinity Church, Whitfield*

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

**All Amen.**

*We stand to exchange the Peace*

*The Peace*

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.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We sing the opening hymn.*

*The Advent Wreath is lit.*

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Saviour of every nation. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

*Prayers of Penitence*

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

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of your kingdom:

Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness:  
Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

You will come in glory with salvation for your people:  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

*Absolution*

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon 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.

**All Amen.**

*The Collect of the Day*

*We pray together in silence, which is drawn together by the collect of the day.*

*The Liturgy of the Word*

*We sit for the readings. At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*We stand to sing the gradual hymn and remain standing to hear the Gospel.*

*Gospel Reading*

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end the reader says*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sit while a sermon is preached*

*The Creed*

Let us declare our faith in God.

**All We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

*Prayers of Intercession*

*We sit or kneel to pray. The bidding and response, if any, will be announced by the person leading the prayers. These responses may be used*

Lord, in your mercy.

**All Hear our prayer.**

*And at the end*

Merciful Father,

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

*We stand to sing the offertory hymn.*

*Preparation of the Table*

**All God of life, saviour of the poor, receive with these gifts, gratitude for your goodness, penitence for our pride and dedication to your service in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer*

The Lord is here.

**All His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son.

For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh, he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled, we now watch for the day when Christ our Lord will come again in glory. And so we join our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven to proclaim your glory for ever praising you and saying (singing):

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name, who comes in  
the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, in the highest. 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.

Great is the mystery of faith.

**All 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 St Cuthbert, St Mark 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, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

**All Amen.**

*We sit or kneel to pray; and silence is kept. We say together the Lord's Prayer*

Awaiting the coming of his kingdom, let us pray as our Saviour has taught us:

**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*

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 Jesus Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus Redeemer of the world give us your 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.

*We come forward to receive communion; or, if unconfirmed, a prayer of blessing. We reply 'Amen' when given communion*

*Post communion prayer*

**All** 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.

*We stand to sing the final hymn.*

The Dismissal

The Blessing

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.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All** In the name of Christ. Amen.

The Kilcreggan Mass is a flexible mass setting in the Celtic tradition by Peter Nardone

Holy Communion in the Season of Advent falls within the permitted options for Common Worship, which is © The Archbishops' Council 2000,