



**All Saints to Advent
A Service of the Word**

THE GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER

We stand before the throne of God
with countless crowds
from every nation and race, tribe and language.

**Blessing and glory and wisdom,
thanksgiving and honour, power and might
be to our God for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Let us pray
**Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful people,
and kindle in us the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

God the Father forgives us in Christ and heals us by the Holy Spirit.

Let us therefore put away all anger and bitterness,
all slander and malice,
and confess our sins to God our redeemer.

We have wandered from your paths, yet your truth leads us home.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We have failed to live as your children, yet your love restores us.
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We are disfigured by our sin, yet your power heals us.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May the God of all healing and forgiveness

draw us to himself,

and cleanse us from all our sins

that we may behold the glory of his Son,

the Word made flesh,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PRAISE

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised,

there is no end to his greatness.

One generation shall praise your works to another

and shall declare your power.

All your works praise you, Lord,

and your faithful servants bless you.

They make known the glory of your kingdom

and speak of your power.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord:

let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory to God in the highest.
Glory to God in the highest.

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Glory to God in the highest.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
Glory to God in the highest.

we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Glory to God in the highest.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Glory to God in the highest.

you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
Glory to God in the highest.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Glory to God in the highest.
Amen.

COLLECT AND READINGS

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

VERSES FROM PSALM 34

O magnify the Lord with me;
let us exalt his name together.
**O magnify the Lord with me;
let us exalt his name together.**

I sought the Lord and he answered me;
he delivered me from all my fears.
O magnify the Lord with me.

In my weakness I cried to the Lord;
he heard me and saved me from my troubles.
Let us exalt his name together.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.
**O magnify the Lord with me;
let us exalt his name together.**

GOSPEL READING

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to...
Glory to you, O Lord.

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

SERMON

THANKSGIVING

Bless the Lord, O my soul;
and forget not all his benefits;

Who forgives all your sins
and heals all your infirmities;

Who redeems your life from the Pit;
and crowns you with faithful love and compassion.

Blessed are you, sovereign God, gentle and merciful,
creator of heaven and earth.

Your Word brought light out of darkness.

In Jesus Christ you proclaim good news to the poor,
liberty to captives, sight to the blind
and freedom for the oppressed.

Daily your Spirit renews the face of the earth,
bringing life and health, wholeness and peace.

In the renewal of our lives
you make known your heavenly glory.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
Blessed be God for ever.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in God

**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

Holy God, in whom we live and move and have our being,
we make our prayer to you, saying,
Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Grant to all who seek you
the assurance of your presence, your power and your peace.
Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Grant your healing grace to all who are sick
that they may be made whole in body, mind and spirit.
Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Grant to all who minister to the suffering
wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience.
Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Sustain and support the anxious and fearful
and lift up all who are brought low.
Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Hear us, Lord of life.

Heal us, and make us whole.

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew all your people
with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.**

PRAYER FOR HEALING

Be with us, Spirit of God;
nothing can separate us from your love.

Breathe on us, breath of God;
fill us with your saving power.

Speak in us, wisdom of God;
bring strength, healing and peace.

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

The almighty Lord,
who is a strong tower for all who put their trust in him,
whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth obey,
be now and evermore your defence.
May you believe and trust that the only name under heaven
given for health and salvation
is the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

THE PEACE

Peace to you from God our Father who hears our cry.
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ whose death brings healing.
Peace from the Holy Spirit who gives us life and strength.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

FINAL PRAYER AND GRACE

God give you grace to follow his saints
in faith and hope and love.

Amen.

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore.**

Amen.