

# CHRIST CHURCH JERUSALEM



## Advent Sunday Holy Communion Service

*We welcome to the Communion Table all those who love Jesus the Messiah and have made Him Lord.*

### Greeting

The Lord be with you  
And also with you.

### Preparation

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 of Nazareth our Lord. Amen.

Shma Israel, Adonai Eloheinu, Adonai echad.

Barukh shem kavod malkhuto le'olam va'ed.

Hear O Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

Blessed be His Name whose glorious kingdom is for ever.

### Penitence

When the Lord comes, He will bring to light things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the intent of the heart. In that light we confess our sins.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against You and against our neighbor in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry

and repent of all our sins. For the sake of Your Son Jesus the Messiah, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve You in newness of life to the glory of Your name. Amen.

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 of Nazareth.

Amen.

### Advent Hymns

*The Song of the Wilderness*

The ransomed of the Lord shall return,  
**and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.**

The wilderness and the dry land shall rejoice,  
**the desert shall blossom and burst into song.**

They shall see the glory of the Lord,  
**the majesty of our God.**

Strengthen the weary hands,  
**and make firm the feeble knees.**

Say to the anxious, 'Be strong, fear not,  
your God is coming with judgement,  
**coming with judgement to save you.'**

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened,  
**and the ears of the deaf unstopped;**

Then shall the lame leap like a deer,  
**and the tongue of the dumb sing for joy.**

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
**and streams in the desert;**

The ransomed of the Lord shall return with singing,  
**with everlasting joy upon their heads.**

Joy and gladness shall be theirs,  
**and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
**as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

### *The Song of Mary; Magnificat*

My soul magnifies the Lord,  
**and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;**

He has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

**From this day all generations will call me  
blessed;**

for He who is mighty has done great things for me  
**and holy is His name.**

He has mercy on those who fear Him,  
**from generation to generation.**

He has shown strength with His arm,  
**and has scattered the proud in their conceit;**

Casting down the mighty from their thrones  
**and lifting up the lowly.**

He has filled the hungry with good things  
**and sent the rich away empty.**

He has come to the aid of His servant Israel,  
**to remember His promise of mercy,**

The promise made to our ancestors,  
**to Abraham and His children for ever.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
**as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

## Praise

## Scripture Readings

## Sermon

## Offering

## Intercession

Our Lord says, 'Surely I am coming suddenly' **Even so, come, Lord Jesus!**

O Wisdom, Breath of the Most High, pervading and permeating all creation; bring us into the presence of God.

**Maranatha. Come, Lord Jesus.**

O Lord of Lords and shepherd of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the burning bush and gave him Your law on Sinai; come and save us with Your mighty arm.

**Maranatha. Come, Lord Jesus.**

O Root of Jesse, standing as a banner to the nations, before You all kings are silent, to You the nations will yield; come and save us, delay no longer.

**Maranatha. Come, Lord Jesus.**

O Key of David and shepherd of the house of Israel: come and proclaim liberty to the captives and set free the oppressed.

**Maranatha. Come, Lord Jesus.**

O Rising Sun, Splendor of eternal light and Sun of justice; come and give light to those who live in darkness and the shadow of death.

**Maranatha. Come, Lord Jesus.**

O King of the nations, the Ruler we long for, the Cornerstone binding all together; come and save the people You fashioned from the dust of the earth.

**Maranatha. Come, Lord Jesus.**

O Emmanuel, our King and our Lawgiver, the Anointed of the nations and our Savior; come and save us, O Lord our God.

**Maranatha. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Lord, You are the One to come.

**Maranatha. Come Lord Jesus.**

The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'

**Maranatha. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come, O Lord, and visit us in peace: that we may rejoice before You with a perfect heart.

Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay; give new courage to your people who trust in your love.

**Amen.**

## The Peace

The God of peace make us holy in all things that we may be ready at the coming of our Lord.

## The Eucharist

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

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.**

And now we give You thanks because Your holy Son was awaited by the prophets, announced by an angel, conceived by a virgin, and proclaimed at last to men and women of every nation. As we prepare to celebrate His birth, may

He find us watching in prayer, obeying His commandments, with hearts filled with wonder and praise.

And so, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your glory, and join in their unending hymn of praise:

**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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through Your Son our Savior Jesus the Messiah; and as we follow His example and obey His command, grant that by the power of Your Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us His body and His blood.

For in the same night that He was betrayed, He took bread; after giving You thanks, *Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu, Melekh ha'olam ha'motzi lechem min ha'aretz.* Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who brings forth bread from the earth.

He broke it, gave it to His disciples, and said, 'Take, eat; this in My body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.' Again, after supper He took the cup; He gave you thanks, *Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh ha'olam, borei pri ha'gefen.* Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine.

He gave it to them, saying, 'Drink this, all

of you; for 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.’

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Messiah has died;**

**Messiah is risen;**

**Messiah will come again.**

**Lord Jesus come in glory.**

Therefore, heavenly Father, with this bread and this cup we do this in remembrance of Him: we celebrate and proclaim His perfect sacrifice made once for all upon the cross, His resurrection from the dead, and His ascension into heaven; and we look for His coming in glory.

Accept through Him, our great High Priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise; and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of Your divine majesty, renew us by Your Spirit, inspire us with Your love, and unite us in the body of Your Son, Jesus the Messiah.

## Adoration

Great and wonderful are Your deeds, O Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the nations! Who will not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. All nations will come and worship You; for Your righteous acts have been revealed.

**To Him who sits on the throne  
and unto the Lamb  
be blessing and glory and honor  
and power forever.**

## Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, **have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, **have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, **give us Your peace.**

Draw near with faith and receive the body and blood of Jesus the Messiah.

## Prayer After Communion

**Our Father and King**

**whose Son was born into the world**

**to free us from sin and death,**

**and to bring us to everlasting life:**

**purify us by His perfect sacrifice,**

**that, when He comes in power and**

**glory, we may greet Him without shame**

**or fear; through Jesus the Messiah our**

**Lord. Amen.**

## Blessing

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from 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 upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Dismissal

Lord, send Your servants out in peace, for our eyes have seen Your salvation that You have prepared in the sight of all nations;

**A light to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel. Amen.**

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