

Roborough Team Ministry MASS in ADVENT



The Season of Advent

Advent is a time of preparation, a time of looking forward in hopeful expectation for the coming of the Lord. It is a time of penance: purple vestments and altar frontal, no flowers in church. The Gloria will not be heard again until the vigil or first mass of Christmas. As you prepare to encounter God in word and sacrament, you might want to take this opportunity to reflect on the long-promised coming of the Lord and your response to that momentous event.

For Reflection in Advent

My soul waits for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord more than those
who watch for the morning.

Psalm 130: 5-6

"God beholds with his merciful eyes not what you are,
nor what you have been -- but what you would be."

The Cloud of Unknowing. 14th Century

We say together the lines in Bold Type

Gathering (Coming together as God's family)

A Hymn may be sung as the Priest and servers enter. We may make the Sign of the Cross as the priest welcomes and greets the people.

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

We may say together the entrance antiphon on the other sheet

Advent Wreath

On Sundays, we turn to the separate sheet for the lighting of the Advent Wreath

Penitential Rite (Saying sorry & making amends)

The priest invites us to confess our sins. We confess them to God using these or similar words

God of mercy, we acknowledge that we are all sinners. We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said and done, and are mindful of all that we have failed to do. For the sake of Jesus, who died for us, forgive us for all that is past, and help us to live each day in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen

Or the priest may lead the confession with a series of petitions each of which ends the Kyrie:

Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy

**Lord have Mercy
Christ have Mercy
Lord have Mercy**

The priest gives us God's absolution and we may make the Sign of the Cross to remind ourselves that it is through this that we are freed from our sin

The GLORIA is omitted in the Season of Advent

The priest says the Collect or Opening Prayer, after which we may sit.

The word of God (Listening)

At the end of the reading

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand in preparation for the Gospel. A Hymn may be sung or an Alleluia said. We may make the Sign of the Cross as the Gospel is announced

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily (Teaching & reflecting on our faith)

Creed (What we believe)

On Sundays and Solemnities we stand to reaffirm our Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in God the Father.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in God the Son.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

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

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.

we may bow slightly for the Incarnatus

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.

Intercessions (Praying for the needs of the world)

Prayers may follow, including the response:

Lord, hear us. *or* Lord, in your mercy.
Lord, graciously hear us. **Hear our prayer**

A response may also be sung. This prayer for the departed may be used:

+ Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord
And let light perpetual shine upon them
May they rest in peace
And rise in glory

The Hail Mary may also be used:

Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst 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

Our prayers end with the response

Amen

Peace (Greeting the Christian Community)

The priest introduces 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.

The Offertory (Offering to God)

A Hymn may be sung. Bread and wine are brought to the altar and offered by the priest. A Collection may be taken. We respond to the words of offering if said aloud:

Blessed be God for ever.

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that this our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his Church.

The priest then says the Prayer over the Gifts

Eucharist (Thanksgiving at the heart of the Mass)

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 priest says the preface. We join in the words:

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 priest continues with the Eucharistic prayer.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

At the end of the Eucharistic prayer

... for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer (as he taught us)

**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.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ
**Though we are many, we are one body, because
we all share the one bread**

As the bread is broken, all say together:

**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 communion:

This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say
the word, and I shall be healed.**

Communion is distributed. Please come forward to receive the Sacrament. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please bring this sheet with you to signal this to the Priest. A Hymn may be sung.

Sending Out

The priest leads us in a prayer of thanksgiving, followed by the parish notices and banns of marriage then a blessing is said and the Mass ends. We may make the Sign of the Cross as God's blessing is given. The Deacon or Priest then dismisses the people.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

...and may almighty God bless you.
The +Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Mass is ended,
Go in the peace of Christ
Thanks be to God.