



The Catholic Archdiocese of  
Canberra and Goulburn

# Weekday Celebration of the Word and Communion - Advent

## INTRODUCTORY RITE

### GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

*[Welcome one another.*

*The leader of prayer (L) moves from the front pews to the presiding place.*

*The priest's chair is empty.*

*The community or assembly (A) is gathered]*

L and A: Make the SIGN OF THE CROSS

### LITURGICAL GREETING

(Alternative greetings for Advent p. 4, in Sunday Celebration of the Word and Hours, or from the Mass of the day e.g.)

L: Blessed be the God of hope,  
who has filled us with joy and peace by the Spirit,  
that we may abound in hope at the coming of our Lord  
Jesus Christ.  
Bless the Father and the Son and Holy Spirit.

**A: Blessed be God forever.**

### INTRODUCTORY REMARKS (p. 206)

L: Today, we, the people of God,  
gather to hear and respond to God's word,  
to return praise and thanks,  
[and to share Christ's sacrament.]

Our community worships  
in union with the Church throughout the world,  
with N. our Pope, N. our bishop,  
our pastor, Father N., who is unable to be with us  
today  
Mass was celebrated here [last Sunday or ... ]  
and extra hosts were consecrated for us.

### OPENING RITE (Advent, p. 6)

L: Rich in mercy is our Saviour and great in kindness.  
Praise the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Silent prayer/reflection*

L: Lord Jesus, you are the dawn of our salvation:  
Lord have mercy.

**A: Lord have mercy.**

L: Christ Jesus, you come among us in human flesh:  
Christ have mercy.

**A: Christ have mercy.**

L: Lord Jesus, you will come in glory at the end of time:  
Lord have mercy.

**A: Lord have mercy.**

(Normally, the Gloria is not prayed on weekdays, and not in Advent at all.)

## OPENING PRAYER

(Advent p. 8-15, Sunday Celebration of the Word and Hours or the Opening Prayer of the day e.g.)

L: Let us pray.

Almighty God,  
strengthen the resolve of your faithful people  
to prepare for the coming of your Christ  
by works of justice and mercy,  
so that when we go forth to meet him  
he may call us to sit at his right hand  
and possess the kingdom of heaven.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever.

A: Amen.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### INVITATION

L: May the Word of God always be heard in this place,  
as it unfolds the mystery of Christ before us,  
and achieves our salvation within the Church.

Sit

### FIRST READING

*The First Reading of the day from the Lectionary*

R: The Word of the Lord.

A: **Thanks be to God.** *Followed by silent reflection*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM *(sung if possible)*

*The Responsorial Psalm of the day from the Lectionary*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(sung if possible)*

Stand

*The Gospel Acclamation of the day from the Lectionary*

**Alleluia, alleluia...**

**Alleluia.**

### GOSPEL

*The Gospel of the day from the Lectionary*

R: A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
(e.g., Mark)

A: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

A: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sit

SHARED REFLECTION on the Readings followed by silence.

(No Creed. The Creed is prayed on major feasts only).

## GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

L: In response to God's Word proclaimed in our midst we  
pray to God for the needs of the Church and the World  
*(Advent, p. 307 Sunday Celebration of the Word and  
Hours or Intercessions from previous Sunday.)*

*A reader announces the intentions in the usual way.*

R: Lord hear us.

A: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

L: God of love, hear the prayers of your people  
and grant us today what we ask of you in faith.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

A: Amen.

## PROCLAMATION OF PRAISE

L Let us praise the Lord.  
(Brief pause)

Left hand side We give you thanks, almighty God and Father,  
for your goodness and love in all creation,  
by which you continually nourish and sustain us.  
To you, most holy and glorious God,  
we voice our praise and sing/say:  
**My soul is thirsting for the Lord.  
When shall we see him face to face?**

Right hand side: We give you thanks, Lord our God,  
for revealing yourself throughout history,  
and forming a covenant of salvation with your  
people.  
To you, most holy and glorious God,  
we voice our praise and sing/say:  
**My soul is thirsting for the Lord.  
When shall we see him face to face?**

Left hand side: We give you thanks, gracious God,  
for speaking words of life through the prophets  
and especially in the Word made flesh.  
To you, most holy and glorious God,  
we voice our praise and sing/say:  
**My soul is thirsting for the Lord.  
When shall we see him face to face?**

Right hand side: We give you thanks, God of mercy and love, for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, who freed us from slavery to sin and anointed us as your beloved children. To you, most holy and glorious God, we voice our praise and sing/say:  
**My soul is thirsting for the Lord.  
When shall we see him face to face?**

Left hand side: We thank you, Lord of heaven and earth, for the Spirit of adoption, who consecrates us to proclaim the good news of salvation and unites us in your eternal kingdom. To you, most holy and glorious God, we voice our praise and sing/say:  
**My soul is thirsting for the Lord.  
When shall we see him face to face?**

#### SIGN OF PEACE

L: In the name of Christ, let us offer each other a sign of peace.

[The leader of prayer returns to the body of the Church.]

[The Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EM) prepares for Communion.]

## COMMUNION RITE

Kneel

BRINGING OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT TO THE ALTAR  
[by Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.]

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Stand

EM: Taught by our Saviour's command and formed by the Word of God, we dare to say/sing.

**A: Our Father...  
...now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Kneel

EM: Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**A: Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word  
and my soul shall be healed.**

*The distribution of Communion takes place in the usual way.*

REPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

PERIOD OF SILENCE

Sit

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Stand

EM: Let us pray. (Advent p. 260)  
*(Silent prayer)*

In this communion, almighty God, you have given us the pledge of eternal redemption. Grant that the closer we come to the feast of Christmas, the more eagerly we may prepare to celebrate the saving mystery of your Son's birth.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**A: Amen.**

[The Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion returns to his/her place.]

[The leader of prayer returns to the sanctuary.]

## CONCLUDING RITE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sit

COLLECTION

BLESSING (p. 249-250)

Stand

L: May the God of hope fill us with every joy in believing.  
May the peace of Christ abound in our hearts.  
*(make the Sign of the Cross)*  
May the Holy Spirit enrich us with his gifts, now and  
for ever.

**A: Amen.**

DISMISSAL

L: Let us go in peace, glorifying the Lord by our life.

**A: Thanks be to God.**

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