

**The Church of England Parishes of
Winscombe, Sandford & Churchill**



Advent Holy Communion

**St James' Church, Winscombe
All Saints Church, Sandford
St John's Church, Churchill**

Welcome

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

A Hymn may be sung

Lighting of the Advent Candles

When the first candle is lit, we respond:

**Lord Jesus, Light of the World
Born in David's city of Bethlehem
Born like him to be king:
Be born in our hearts
And King of our lives today**

When the second candle is lit, we respond:

**Lord Jesus, Light of the World
The prophets said you would bring peace
And save your people in trouble.
Give peace in our hearts
And show all the world God's Love. Amen**

When the third candle is lit, we respond:

**Lord Jesus, Light of the World
John told the people to prepare,
For you were very near
As Christmas grows closer day by day
Help us to be ready to welcome you. Amen.**

When the fourth candle is lit, we respond:

Lord Jesus, Light of the World

Blessed is Gabriel, who brought good news

Blessed is Mary, your mother and ours

Bless your church preparing for Christmas

And bless your children, who long for your return. Amen.

Prayer of confession:

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

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You come in word and sacrament
to strengthen us in holiness:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You will come in glory
with salvation for your people:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We hear that God has forgiven us

A Collect may follow

Readings

One or more readings from the Bible follow

A Hymn may be sung

Address, presentation or activity

We 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 God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Intercessions

A time of prayer follows.

The Peace

We offer each other a sign of God's peace.

*A **Hymn** may be played and an offertory may be taken*

The liturgy of the Sacrament

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.**

Almighty God, good Father to us all

Your face is turned towards your world

In love you gave us Jesus, your Son

To rescue us from sin and death.

Your Word goes out to call us home

To the city where angels sing your praise

We join with them in heaven's song

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Father of all, we give you thanks
For every gift that comes from heaven.
To the darkness, Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
He touched untouchables with love
And washed the guilty clean
This is his story.

**All: This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest**

The crowds came out to see your Son,
Yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed
He came to the table with his friends
To celebrate the freedom of your people.
This is his story.

**All: This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said
This is my body, given for you all.
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
He took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all
For the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

All: **This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
We celebrate the cross
On which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
And is alive with you to plead for us
and all the world
This is our story.

All: **This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest**

Send your Spirit on us now
That by these gifts we may feed on Christ
With opened eyes and hearts on fire.
May we and all who share this food
Offer ourselves to live for you
And be welcomed to your feast in heaven
Where all creation worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
All: **Blessing and honour and glory and power
Be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

**All: 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.**

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.**

The president and people receive communion

Prayer after communion

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.**

A Hymn may be played

A Blessing is given

The sending

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

*Thank you for joining us today for worship, it's been great to have you
with us, and we look forward to seeing you again soon.
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