

St Stephen's, Canonbury

Advent Communion 2020

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Our Lord says:
'Surely I come quickly'
Even so; Come Lord Jesus.

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleans 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 Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Lighting of Advent candles

Confession

When the Lord comes he will bring to light
the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the
heart. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins

**God our Father,
long-suffering, full of grace and truth.
You create us from nothing and give us life.
You redeem us and make us your children in the water of baptism.
You do not turn your face from us,
nor cast us aside.
We confess that we have sinned
against you and our neighbour.
We have wounded your love and marred your image in us.
Restore us for the sake of your Son, and bring us to heavenly joy,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life, in Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Creed

We say together in faith

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.**

**We believe in God the Father, who created all things:
for by his will they were created
and have their being.**

**We believe in God the Son, who was slain:
for with his blood, he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language,
from every people and nation.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit:
Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.**

Intercessions

Collect

Readings

Reflection

Communion

Blessed be God

by whose grace creation is renewed

by whose love heaven is opened

by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise

Blessed be God forever.

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.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

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

Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom
in the words our Saviour taught us.

**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.**

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you,
Eat in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

You are invited to come forward and receive communion.

**Generous God, you have fed us at your holy table.
Set us on fire with your Spirit
that when Christ comes again
we may shine like lights before his face;
who with you and the Spirit lives for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Our Lord says, I am coming soon,
Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

May the Lord, when he comes, find us watching and waiting.
Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before 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 among you and remain with you always. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.