

## Advent Communion Liturgies

### 1) The root of Jesse with Isaiah 11:1-10

Praise the Lord, all you people,

**let all the peoples praise our God!**

The root of Jesse shall come

**one will rise up to rule all the nations with peace**

Glory to God in the highest,

**peace to all people on earth.**

We praise you, almighty Father.

We give you thanks for you did not hold back from us your own Son,  
to be our Messiah and Saviour

Through Christ all things were made

Through Christ you are drawing us and all things back to yourself.

So the wolf will lie down with the lamb, the leopard lie down with the kid, the  
calf and the lion together, and a little child shall lead them.

**For all the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters cover the sea.**

With the people of God through every age, in every nation we praise you:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might**

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

**Hosanna in the highest.**

We give you thanks for Jesus, born in a manger,  
friend of sinners, healer of the sick, teller of stories,  
who walked in faith and courage to his death on the cross  
raised by the power of God in glory  
coming again to restore all things

We give you thanks for the Holy Spirit,  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of truth and power

the spirit of knowledge and delight in the Lord  
poured out upon all those who call on the name of Jesus.

We give you thanks that Jesus gathered with his friends  
on the night before he died -

took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you;

do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup;

when he had given you thanks, 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, to remember me.

***Come, Holy Spirit***

***Come, Lord Jesus***

***Spirit of God, rest on us as we rest in you***

## 2) Eyes to see

### **Advent Communion Liturgy**

*(based on Isaiah 64:1-9. Also quoting from James K Baxter's 'Song to the Holy Spirit. Written by Silvia Purdie.)*

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,

***The mountains will quake at your presence.***

May your name be made known through all the earth

***The nations will tremble at your presence.***

No ear has heard, no eye has seen

***but you meet us when we walk in your ways.***

In our sin we were cut off from you

***In our failings we fade away like dead leaves.***

Even our best is worthless

***when you hide your face from us.***

Deliver us from our sins

***for you are our Father.***

We are the clay, and you are our potter

***remember us, your people!***

Father of all, Lord of all creation

to you be all praise and glory and thanks

for you remembered your people,

you came to us.

You spoke to your people through your prophets

and through your angels in dreams and visions.

For those with eyes to see and ears to hear

you announced the coming of your Son

and the in-breaking of your kingdom.

In Jesus, born of Mary, born in a manger,

you came to us, came to be one of us

came to be one with us.

In Jesus, teacher and friend,

you walked as one of us

In Jesus you showed your power and your love

for those with eyes to see and ears to hear.

In Jesus you showed your power and your love

as all was stripped away and he died on the cross.

We want to close our eyes to your pain

but we turn again to you.

Open the eyes of our hearts that we might see you in your risen glory.

***O come, O come Emmanuel.***

With the people of God through every age, in every nation we praise you:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might***

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

***Hosanna in the highest.***

Open our hearts as we share in this Communion with Christ  
together with God's people through all the world.

Come Holy Spirit, be in these gifts of bread and juice  
may they be to us the body and blood of Christ.

Strengthen your love in us as we gather as friends around your table.

Build a new house in our midst, build your kingdom

O come, O come Emmanuel.

Heaven is with us when you are with us.

Guide us, wound us, heal us.

Amen.