

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

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(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.

3) Holy Communion from Jeremiah's vision of restoration

- Jeremiah 33

Jeremiah looked around at a ruined city, and prophesied restoration and rebuilding

"Once again" he declared, "there will be sounds of joy and gladness.

Once again there will be weddings and celebration.

Gratitude will flow once again after the desolation."

And the people responded:

***Give thanks to the Lord, to the Lord of hosts
for the Lord is good!***

God's love endures forever!

Jeremiah spoke the word of the Lord:

"The days are coming when I will fulfill the promise I made to my people.

In those days a branch will sprout from King David's line

He will do what is right and the land will be saved

the people will live in safety.

He will be called True Saviour, the Righteous One."

We are the people of this branch, the people who follow Jesus Christ.

We live with faith for he has come and he has shown us the Father.

We live in hope for he will come again and bring all things to himself.

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

We are people who wait upon the Lord,

in prayer and in hope, in fellowship, in mission and service,

in all things depending on the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Jesus

who is alive and present with us now;

by whose power these elements of bread and grape juice

become for us the body and blood of Christ.

We are people who remember Jesus,

how he was born, babe in a lowly manger

how he lived, how he taught, how he prophesied, how he suffered.

We remember mostly how he loved

and how, on the night before he died,

he gathered those he loved most dearly close to him

at the Passover meal, and how he took bread and broke it

and gave it to them saying

'This is my body, which is broken for you.'
And after the meal he took a cup of wine
and he gave thanks to this Father in heaven,
and gave it to them to share, saying
'This is my blood, sign of a new covenant,
poured out for all for the forgiveness of sin.'

Friends, on this Advent Sunday we share together in holy Communion
with Jesus Christ, True Saviour, Righteous One
who has chosen us, called us, blessed us and made us new.
Take and eat, take and drink, in memory of him.