The First Sunday in Advent

29 November 2026



"It is high time to awake out of sleep:
for now is our salvation nearer
than when we believed."

Romans 13:11

Saint George the Martyr Parish

The Christian Episcopal Church of Canada

THE ORDER OF THE
HOLY EUCHARIST

INTROIT HYMN - 59 "*The Advent of our King*"

The Lighting of the First Candle of Advent - (Kneel)
THE INTROIT. *Psalm* 25. 1-7. - (Kneel)
The Lord's Prayer, Collect for Purity, and the Greeting - (Kneel)
Our Blessed Lord's Summary of the Law - (Kneel)
The Collect for the King's Majesty - (Kneel)
The Collect for Advent Sunday - (Kneel)
THE EPISTLE. *Romans*. 13. 8-14- (Sit)
THE GRADUAL. *Psalm* 85. 4-7. - (Stand)
THE GOSPEL. *Saint Matthew* 21. 1-13. - (Stand)
THE NICENE CREED - (Stand)

THE SERMON. *"Awake, and Welcome the King""*

OFFERTORY HYMN - 65 "*Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes*"

The Offertory and Doxology - (Stand)
The Prayer of Intercession - (Kneel)
The Preparation of the Faithful - (Kneel)
The Preparation of the Lord's Table - (Kneel)
The Exhortation of the Faithful - (Stand)
The Eucharistic Preface for Advent - (Stand)
Sanctus and Benedictus (Holy, Holy, Holy) - (Stand)
THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION AND OBLATION - (Kneel)
The Preparation for Holy Communion - (Kneel)
The Ministration of Holy Communion - (Kneel)

POST-COMMUNION HYMN – 74 "*Thou art coming, O my Saviour*"

The Thanksgiving after Holy Communion - (Kneel)
The Collect after Communion for Advent - (Kneel)
The Dismissal Anthem for Advent - (Kneel)
The Blessing and Dismissal - (Kneel)

DISMISSAL HYMN - 71 "*Rejoice, all ye believers*"

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

COMMONLY CALLED

ADVENT SUNDAY

29th November 2026

INTROIT HYMN - *"The Advent of our King"*

Hymn 59. Tune: Saint Thomas. A. Williams, 1770.
Translated from C. Coffin, 1736.
By the Reverend John Chandler, 1837.

The advent of our King
Our prayers must now employ;
And we must hymns of welcome sing
In strains of holy joy.

The Everlasting SON
Incarnate deigns to be;
Himself a servant's form puts on,
To set His servant free.

Daughter of Sion, rise
To meet thy lowly King;
Nor let thy faithless heart despise
The peace He comes to bring.

As Judge, on clouds of light,
He soon will come again,
And His true members all unite
With Him in heaven to reign.

Before the dawning day
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
The old man all be put away,
The new man all put on.

All glory to the SON,
Who comes to set us free,
With FATHER, SPIRIT, ever One,
Through all eternity. Amen.

A FORM OF BLESSING AN ADVENT WREATH

The Advent Wreath shall be set up in the Church nigh unto the Chancel steps. On the Wreath there shall be placed four Candles: two Candles of violet, one each for the First and Second Sundays in Advent; one Candle of rose for the Third Sunday in Advent; and one Candle of violet again for the Fourth Sunday in Advent. A fifth Candle of white shall be set up in the midst of the other four Candles to signify the Nativity of our Lord on Christmas-Day.

The Priest shall bless the Advent Wreath after this Form following.

The Priest shall first say,

✠ IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

The Priest.
THE Lord be with you.
Answer. And with thy spirit.
Priest. Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.
Answer. Hosanna in the highest.

Priest.
Let us pray.

O GOD, our Father, by Whose Word all things are made holy: Look down from heaven, we beseech Thee, and behold this Advent Wreath, and vouchsafe to send down Thy blessing upon it; and grant that we who look upon it during this season of solemn expectation of the coming of Thy Son both at Christmas, and at His second coming again in glory, at the end of the world, to judge both the quick and the dead, may be reminded always to be ready to receive Him, for we know not the time nor the hour thereof; and so give us grace to be found worthy to enter into Thy kingdom, prepared for all who love Thee; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

And here the Priest shall sprinkle the Advent Wreath with holy Water.

WE bless, hallow, and sanctify this Advent Wreath in the Name of Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, our Lord and only Saviour, and the Redeemer of all mankind. *Amen.*

Priest. Let us pray.

O LORD Jesu Christ, Who wast pleased to be born of the blessed Virgin Mary, and to live in this world amongst men as a Man: Send forth, we beseech Thee, O blessed Lord God, the Spirit of truth into our hearts; and grant that we, holding fast and maintaining the true Faith, may be lights of the world in our generation, and stand fast in witness to Thee and the light of Thy Gospel in this dark night of unbelief and sin; Whom with the Father and the Holy Ghost we worship and glorify, One God forever and ever. *Amen.*

Here endeth the FORM OF BLESSING AN ADVENT WREATH.

ADVENT WREATH DEVOTIONS

The Advent Wreath shall be placed by the Pulpit
or some other convenient location near unto the Chancel.

And the Minister shall light the Advent Candles as followeth.

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

One violet Candle is lighted.

Minister. Unto Thee do I lift up my soul;
Answer. My God, in Thee have I trusted, let me never be confounded.
Minister. Neither let mine enemies triumph over me;
Answer. For all they that look after Thee shall not be ashamed.

Minister.
Let us pray.

O GOD, Who didst send Thine only Son Jesus Christ into the world, and being born of the blessed Virgin Mary, to take our nature upon Himself both body and soul: Grant that we who await His coming may be protected from all adversities and dangers spiritual and temporal unto the Day of His appearing; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE ORDER OF THE
HOLY EUCHARIST

The Priest shall proceed to the Lord's Table to celebrate the Lord's Supper,
and minister the Holy Communion to the Lord's faithful people.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

THE INTROIT. *Psalm* 25. 1-7.

The Psalm, or the portion thereof, appointed to be used for the Introit Psalm, shall be said or sung as the Priest proceedeth up to the Lord's Table. And at high and solemn celebrations, the Priest may cense the Holy Table as the Introit Psalm is being sung.

UNTO Thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in Thee: / O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me. For all they that hope in Thee shall not be ashamed; / but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion. Shew me Thy ways, O Lord, / and teach me Thy paths. Lead me forth in Thy truth, and teach me, / for Thou art the God of my salvation; in Thee

hath been my hope all the day long. Call to remembrance, O Lord, Thy tender mercies, / and Thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old. O remember not the sins and offences of my youth; / but according to Thy mercy think Thou upon me, O Lord, for Thy goodness. Gracious and righteous is the Lord: / therefore will He teach sinners in the way.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, / and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
/ world without end. Amen.

THE PREPARATION.

And the Priest, standing at and facing the Lord's Table, shall say in an audible voice the Lord's Prayer, with the Collect following, the people kneeling.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, unto Whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hid : Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GREETING.

The Priest shall first kiss the Holy Table; and then turning himself to face the people, he shall greet them in the Name of the Lord, saying,

GRACE be unto you, and peace,
from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Answer. And with thy spirit.

THE COMMANDMENTS.

Then shall the Priest go to the north side of the Lord's Table, and facing the people rehearse the Commandments: either our Blessed Lord's Summary of the Law, or else the Ten Commandments; provided always that the Ten Commandments shall be read on some Sunday in Advent and Lent, on Days of Abstinence and Days of Solemn Prayer, and throughout the rest of the year on one Sunday every month.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW.

The Priest shall rehearse the Commandments, either reciting our Blessed Lord's Summary of the Law, as followeth,

OUR Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear, O Israel, THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD; and thou shalt love the LORD thy GOD with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great Commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two Commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these Thy laws in our hearts, we beseech Thee.

KYRIE ELEISON.

Then shall the Priest return to his place standing before the Holy Table, and this following shall then be said or sung in Greek or in English, the people all still humbly kneeling as before.

KYRIE, eleison. / Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christe, eleison. / Christ, have mercy upon us.
Kyrie, eleison. / Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECTS.

Then shall the Priest turn himself to the people, and shall say or sing,

THE Lord be with you.
Answer. And with thy spirit.
Priest. Let us pray.

Then shall the Priest turn again to the Lord's Table, and shall say or sing this Collect for the King's Majesty following.

ALMIGHTY God, Whose kingdom is everlasting, and power infinite: Have mercy upon Thy people in this Dominion, and all the realms and countries of our Commonwealth; and so rule the heart of Thy chosen servant *CHARLES*, our King and Governor, that he (knowing Whose minister he is) may above all things seek Thy honour and glory: and grant that we, and all his subjects (duly considering Whose authority he hath) may faithfully serve, honour, and humbly obey him, in Thee, and for Thee, according to Thy blessed Word and ordinance; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who with Thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Then shall be said or sung the Collect or Collects appointed.

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which Thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Him Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE EPISTLE. *Romans* 13. 8-14.

Then shall the Priest, or some other Minister, read the Epistle, first saying,

The Epistle is written in the thirteenth chapter of Saint Paul's letter to the Romans beginning at the eighth verse.

OWE no man anything, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the Law. For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou

shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the Law. And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

And the Epistle ended, the Minister shall say,

Here endeth the Epistle. This is the Word of the Lord.

And all shall answer saying,

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL. *Psalm* 85. 4-7.

Then shall all the people stand, and the Gradual Psalm, shall be said or sung.

TURN us then, O God our Saviour, / and let Thine anger cease from us. Wilt Thou be displeased at us for ever? / and wilt Thou stretch out Thy wrath from one generation to another? Wilt Thou not turn again, and quicken us, / that Thy people may rejoice in Thee? O Lord, shew Thy mercy upon us, / and grant us Thy salvation.

THE GOSPEL. *Saint Matthew* 21. 1-13.

Then shall the Priest or the Deacon read the Gospel appointed for that day, the people all still standing as before.

And the Minister that shall read the Gospel shall first say,

THE Lord be with you.

And all the people shall answer,

And with thy spirit.

Then shall the Minister announce that portion of the Gospel which is to be read, saying,

✠ THE holy Gospel is written in the twenty-first chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Matthew beginning at the first verse.

Then shall be said or sung,

GLORY be to Thee, O Lord.

Then shall the Minister read the Gospel.

WHEN they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, saying unto them, Go into the village over

against you, and straightway ye shall find a donkey tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them. All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon a donkey, and a colt the foal of a donkey. And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them; and brought the donkey, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set Him thereon. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way. And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest. And when He was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this? And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee. And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money-changers, and the seats of them that sold doves, and said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.

And the reading of
the holy Gospel ended, all shall then
together in like manner as before say or sing,

PRAISE be to Thee, O Christ.

Then shall the Minister say,

AND through the Words of the Gospel may our sins be blotted out.

THE NICENE CREED.

Then shall be said or sung the Nicene Creed as followeth,
the Priest and people still standing as before.

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord *(And here all shall bow with reverence.)* **Jesus Christ**, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds: God, of God; Light, of Light; Very God, of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; Through Whom all things were made: *(And here all shall kneel or bow.)* **Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, AND WAS MADE MAN**, *(And here all shall again rise.)* And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth

from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together *(And here all shall reverently bow.)* **is worshipped and glorified**, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the ✠ Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

And here on the Lord's Day the Priest shall declare unto the people what Holy-days, Days of Fasting or Abstinence, and Days of Penitence or Solemn Prayer, are ordered to be observed in the Week following. And then also (if occasion be) shall notice be given of the Lord's Supper, or else one of the Exhortations read out, as well as any Briefs, Citations, and Excommunications. And nothing shall be proclaimed or published in the Church during the time of Divine Service, but by the Priest or by some other Minister duly appointed by him; nor by him anything but what is allowed or prescribed by the Rubrics and the Canons of the Church, or else enjoined by the King, or by the Ordinary of the place.

THE SERMON.

And here at the principal Eucharist upon the Lord's Day and greater Holy-days, a Sermon shall be preached or an Homily read out to the faithful.

THE OFFERTORY.

Then shall the Priest return to the Lord's Table and begin the Offertory; and first kissing the Altar, he shall turn to the people, and say,

LET us present our offerings unto the Lord
with reverence and godly fear.

Then shall the Priest say or sing one or more of these Sentences following, as he thinketh most convenient in his discretion.

AND they came every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, and they brought the Lord's offering. *Exodus xxxv.*

Offer unto God the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay thy vows unto the Most High. *Psalm l.*

Give unto the Lord the honour due unto His Name; bring an offering and come into His courts. *Psalm xcvi.*

I will offer to Thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the Name of the Lord; I will pay my vow unto the Lord in the sight of all His people. *Psalm cxvi.*

Advent. As we have opportunity, let us do good unto all men; and especially unto them that are of the household of faith. *Galatians vi.*

Of Tithing. Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase; so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst forth with new wine. *Proverbs iii.*

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in my house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open up the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, so that there shall not be room enough to receive it. *Malachi iii.*

Do ye not know, that they who minister about holy things live of the sacrifice; and they who wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? Even so hath the Lord also ordained, that they who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel.
I *Corinthians ix.*

Let him that is taught in the Word minister unto him that teacheth, in all good things. Be not deceived, God is not mocked: for whatso-ever a man soweth that shall he reap. *Galatians vi.*

Of Almsgiving. Blessed is he that considereth the poor and needy: the Lord shall deliver him in the time of trouble. *Psalm xli.*

Charge them who are rich in this world, that they be ready to give, and glad to distribute; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may attain eternal life. I *Timothy vi.*

Whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? I *Saint John iii.*

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. *Acts xx.*

And on Sundays and Holy-days, whilst these Sentences are in reading or else when an Offertory Hymn is being sung, the Tithes and Offerings of the people shall be collected by the Clerks, Churchwardens, Sidesmen, or other fit persons appointed by the Priest, and put into a decent bason provided for that purpose; and these then shall be brought up to the Deacon, who shall give them to the Priest, who himself shall then humbly present them before the Lord at His Holy Table.

OFFERTORY HYMN - *"Hark, the glad sound! The SAVIOUR comes"*
Hymn 65. Tune: Saint Stephen. The Reverend W. Jones, 1789.
The Reverend P. Doddridge, 1735.

Hark the glad sound! The SAVIOUR comes,
The SAVIOUR promised long;
Let every heart prepare a throne,
And every voice a song.

He comes the prisoners to release,
In Satan's bondage held;

The gates of brass before Him burst,
The iron fetters yield.

He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace
To bless the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim;
And heaven's eternal arches ring
With Thy belovèd Name. Amen.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS.

And when the Tithes and Offerings are presented, the following shall be said or sung,

BLESSED be Thou, O Lord God of Israel, forever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is Thine. All things come of Thee; and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.

Or else this following may be said or sung instead,

PRAISE GOD from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise FATHER, SON, and HOLY GHOST,
All things come of Thee, O LORD;
And of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.

And when there is a celebration of the Lord's Supper, the Priest at the time of the Offertory shall place upon the Lord's Table so much Bread and Wine as he shall think sufficient (setting them upon a fair linen corporas cloth). And the Bread shall be the best and purest unleavened wheat Bread, and the Wine the purest grape Wine, that may be gotten. And at high and solemn celebrations, the Holy Table and the eucharistical oblations set thereon may then be censed by the Priest.

THE INTERCESSION.

Then shall the Priest say,

Let us pray for Christ's holy Catholic Church.

Then shall the Priest say this Prayer following.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, Who by Thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men: We humbly beseech Thee most mercifully *to accept our alms and oblations, and* to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto Thy Divine Majesty; beseeching Thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all they

that do confess Thy holy Name may agree in the truth of Thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech Thee also to save and defend all Christian Kings, Princes, and Governors; and specially Thy servant *CHARLES* our King; that under him we may be godly and quietly governed: And grant unto all his councils, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of Thy true religion and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, *and specially to Thy servant Robert. our Bishop,* that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth Thy true and living Word, and rightly and duly administer Thy holy Sacraments. And we beseech Thee also to bless all others who minister in Thy Name; that every one according to his calling and ministry may truly and godly serve Thee, to Thy honour and glory, and the edifying of Thy holy Church. And to all Thy people give Thy heavenly grace; and specially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive Thy holy Word, truly serving Thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. And we most humbly beseech Thee of Thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, *especially those for whom our prayers are desired.*

✠ We remember before Thee, O Lord, and commend to Thy gracious keeping, all Thy servants departed this life in Thy faith and fear, *especially Thy* servant *N.* And we bless Thy holy Name for all who in life and death have glorified Thee: remembering chiefly the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord and God; together with all Thy blessed Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Doctors; Martyrs and Confessors; Virgins, Widows, and Matrons; *Thy blessed Saint N.;* and all Thy blessed Saints, in every place, and in every age: beseeching Thee to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship, and assisted by their prayers, we may follow their good examples, and with them be partakers of Thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, to Whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

And here all those who are unbaptised or excommunicated shall withdraw from the Congregation of the Faithful.

THE LITURGY OF THE SUPPER OF THE LORD

THE PREPARATION OF THE FAITHFUL.

Then shall the Minister invite the faithful to the Lord's Table, saying,

YE that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with

your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in His holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

Then shall this general Confession be made by all that are minded to receive the Holy Communion, both the Priest and people together, all humbly kneeling upon their knees, and saying,

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against Thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly Thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us; have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please Thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of Thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall the Priest (or the Bishop, if he be present,) stand up, and turning himself to the people, pronounce this Absolution following.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, Who of His great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto Him: Have mercy upon you; ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then shall the Priest say,

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith
unto all that truly turn to Him.

COME unto me all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.
Saint Matthew xi.

So God loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *Saint John iii.*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I *Timothy i.*

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He is the propitiation for our sins. I *Saint John ii.*

(This sacred portion of the Mass is reverently conducted in the Church.)

THE PREPARATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE.

When all have communicated, a Post-Communion Hymn may be sung.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN - *"Thou art coming, O my SAVIOUR"*

Hymn 74. Tune: Beverley. P.M.
By permission of the Proprietors of Hymns A. & M.

Thou art coming, O my SAVIOUR,
Thou art coming, O my King,
In Thy beauty all-resplendent,
In Thy glory all-transcendent;
Well may we rejoice and sing:
Coming! in the opening east
Herald brightness slowly swells;
Coming! O my glorious Priest,
Hear we not Thy golden bells?

Thou art coming, Thou art coming;
We shall meet Thee on thy way,
We shall see Thee, we shall know Thee,
We shall bless Thee, we shall show Thee
All our hearts could never say:
What an anthem that will be,
Ringing out our love to Thee,
Pouring out our rapture sweet
At Thine own all glorious feet.

Thou art coming; at Thy table
We are witnesses for this;
While remembering hearts Thou meetest
In communion clearest, sweetest,
Earnest of our coming bliss,
Showing not Thy death alone,
And Thy love exceeding great;
But Thy coming and Thy throne,
All for which we long and wait.

Thou art coming, we are waiting
With a hope that cannot fail,
Asking not the day or hour,
Resting on Thy Word of power,
Anchored safe within the veil.

Time appointed may be long,
But the vision must be sure;
Certainty shall make us strong,
Joyful patience can endure.

O the joy to see Thee reigning,
Thee, my own belovèd LORD!
Every tongue Thy Name confessing,
Worship, honour, glory, blessing
Brought to Thee with one accord;
Thee, my Master and my Friend,
Vindicated and enthroned;
Unto earth's remotest end
Glorified, adored, and owned! Amen.

THE DISMISSAL COLLECTS

The Collects following one or more are appointed to be said by the Minister after the Offertory before the Dismissal when there is no Communion.

ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of Thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by Thy most gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of Thy laws, and in the works of Thy commandments; that through Thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the words, which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may through Thy grace be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honour and praise of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PREVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy Name, and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, the Fountain of all wisdom, Who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking: We beseech Thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things, which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our

blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, Who hast promised to hear the petitions of them that ask in Thy Son's Name: We beseech Thee mercifully to incline Thine ears to us that have now made our prayers and supplications unto Thee; and grant, that those things, which we have faithfully asked according to Thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of Thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

WE humbly beseech Thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and for the glory of Thy Name turn from us all those evils that we have most justly deserved; and grant that, in all our troubles, we may put our whole trust and confidence only in Thy mercy, and evermore serve Thee in holiness and pureness of living, to Thy honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, Whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive: Receive our humble petitions, we beseech Thee, O heavenly Father; and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of Thy great mercy loose us, and let our prayers and supplications rise up before Thee; for the honour of Jesus Christ, Thy beloved Son and our only Saviour. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING.

Then shall the Priest kiss the Lord's Table; and turning himself again to face the people, he shall let them depart with this Blessing, the people all kneeling.

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Then shall this Dismissal Hymn following be sung
as the Priest and Minsters leave the Church.

DISMISSAL HYMN - *"Rejoice, all ye believers"*

Hymn 71. Tune: Lancashire. Henry Smart, 1867.
Translated (1854) from the German of Laurentius Laurenti (1700) by Sarah Findlater.

Rejoice, all ye believers,
And let your lights appear!
The evening is advancing,
And darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising,
And soon will He draw nigh.

Up, pray, and watch, and wrestle,
At midnight comes the cry!

See that your lamps are burning,
Replenish them with oil;
Look now for your salvation,
The end of earthly toil.
The watchers on the mountain,
Proclaim the Bridegroom near"
Go meet Him as He cometh,
With alleluias clear.

Ye wise and holy virgins,
Now raise your voices higher,
Until in songs of triumph,
They meet the angel choir.
The marriage feast is waiting,
The gates wide open stand:
Up, up, ye heirs of glory,
The Bridegroom is at hand.

Our Hope and Expectation,
O JESUS, now appear;
Arise, Thou Sun so longed for,
O'er this benighted sphere!
With hearts and hands uplifted,
We plead, O LORD, to see
The day of earth's redemption,
That brings us unto Thee! Amen.

THE DISMISSAL.

The Priest or Deacon shall dismiss the people as followeth.

THE Lord be with you.
Answer. And with thy spirit.
Priest. Let us depart in peace.
Answer. In the Name of the Lord. *Amen.*