



The Parish Churches of S Philip  
and S Augustine and S Matthew  
with S Mary the Virgin Newcastle

# Liturgy of the Word and Spiritual Communion

# for Advent

## Notes

This service is intended for use on Sundays and some feast days. It is a version of the Liturgy of the Word, which turns on the Our Father into an act of spiritual communion, undertaken in the words of the *Anima Christi*.

The bulk of the service inheres in the readings and the intercessions. These will be sent out each week.

By your first advent justify us,  
by your second, set us free:  
that when the great light dawns  
and you come as judge of all,  
we may be robed in immortality  
and ready, Lord, to follow  
in your footsteps blest, wherever they may lead.

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O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we  
await the coming of Your Son our Lord; that, when He shall  
appear, He may not find us sleeping in sin, but active in His  
service and joyful in His praise; the same Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

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+ The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and  
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore.  
Amen.

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+ In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy  
Spirit. Amen.

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

For the times we have been slow or failed to acknowledge  
Christ's authority for our lives: Kyrie eleison.

For the times when we have hidden our discipleship of Christ:  
Christe eleison.

For the times we have been unprepared to serve our Lord: Kyrie  
eleison.

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Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins and  
bring us to life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray:

**The Collect**

**Reading****Psalm****Gospel**

*The Intercessions follow; these will include petitions from the weekly cycle; and may include the Covid 19 prayer in the notes; at the end:*

These and the prayers of my Christian community I lay before God in union with our Lady, Saint Matthew, Saint Philip, Saint Augustine and all the saints:

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed by 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.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

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O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us Thy peace.

*In place of receiving Holy Communion, you should use the prayer over the page:*

Soul of Christ, sanctify me;  
 Body of Christ, save me;  
 Blood of Christ, refresh me;  
 Water from the side of Christ, wash me.  
 Passion of Christ, strengthen me.  
 O good Jesu, hear me.  
 Within Thy wounds, hide me.  
 Do not permit me to be separated from Thee;  
 From the malicious enemy defend me,  
 In the hour of my death call me  
 And bid me come to Thee,  
 That with Thy saints I may praise Thee;  
 For ever and ever. Amen.

*It is appropriate that a time of reflexion follows. If, like the Vicar, you have a mind that easily lured by the frivolous and ephemeral, you might use the following to help stay on task:*

Saviour eternal,  
 life of the world unfailing,  
 light everlasting  
 and our true redemption.  
 Taking our humanity  
 in your loving freedom,  
 you rescued our lost earth  
 and filled the world with joy.

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