

St John's Montreux

THE HOLY EUCHARIST



THE SEASON OF ADVENT





COLLECT OF ADVENT SUNDAY

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



WELCOME TO ST JOHN'S MONTREUX

WE ARE GLAD THAT YOU ARE WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY.

The Holy Eucharist is the Church's central act of worship. Our service follows the ancient liturgies of the Church as expressed through the Anglican tradition and the Church of England. Our liturgy is celebrated in four distinct parts:

THE GATHERING

The people gather from their normal patterns of life to this special place and for this special time. The Priest processes from amongst the people to remind us how we are moving toward God's Kingdom—following the Cross of Christ. We greet one another in God's name, confess our sins together and receive God's forgiveness.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

We read and study God's word together and proclaim the good news of the Gospel. We hear a sermon to explain and apply the word in our lives today. We affirm together the faith of the Church and we pray for ourselves, our community and our world.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

God's presence is made known to us through gifts of bread and wine. We offer what God has given to us and God returns it, taken, blessed, broken and given for us. The President recounts with us the story of salvation and the Last Supper as we feast together.

THE DISMISSAL

We thank God as we prepare to go into the world as a people redeemed and sent—ready to do what God has called us to do. We are sent with God's blessing. Thanks be to God!

 *This symbol indicates where some people may make the sign of the Cross as one physical way to participate in our worship.*



The Gathering

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

THE GREETING

| *We welcome one another in God's name.*



In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you
and also with you.

| *The President introduces the Eucharist.*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse 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.**



PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

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.

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

In your mercy

forgive what we have been,

help us to amend what we are,

and direct what we shall be;

that we may do justly,

love mercy,

and walk humbly with you, our God.

Amen.

| *We say or sing the Kyrie Eleison.*

**Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy.**

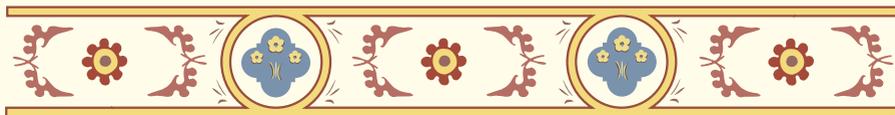
| *The President pronounces God's forgiveness.*

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
 pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE COLLECT

| *We remain standing as the President introduces a period of silent prayer after which all of our prayers are collected into one through the gathering prayer set for the day.*

Amen.





The Liturgy of the Word

OLD TESTAMENT READING

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

EPISTLE READING

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

We stand for the reading of the Gospel. The Gospel Book is brought from the altar to be proclaimed from amongst the people. We turn to face the Gospel Book and the reader.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia.



Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*
Glory to you, O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.



SERMON

THE CREED

| *We stand to affirm our faith with the ancient creed of the Church.*

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

| *We sit or kneel to pray for the Church, the world and our community.*

Maranatha:
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**





The Liturgy of the Sacrament

THE PEACE

| *We stand for the Peace, greeting one another with joy and friendship.*

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the
shadow of death
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN

| *During this hymn the table is prepared and bread and wine are brought forward from the congregation to the altar. We offer bread, wine and our money to God –all that we have and all that we do.*

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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.

| *From the first Sunday of Advent until 16 December:*

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For when he humbled himself to come among us in human
flesh, he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation
of the world

to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,

we now watch for the day

when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

And so we join our voices with angels and archangels

and with all the company of heaven

to proclaim your glory,

for ever praising you and singing:

| *From 17 December until Christmas Eve:*

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.

He is the one foretold by all the prophets,

whom the Virgin Mother bore with love beyond all telling.

John the Baptist was his herald

and made him known when at last he came.

In his love Christ fills us with joy

as we prepare to celebrate his birth,

so that when he comes again he may find us watching in
prayer, our hearts filled with wonder and praise.

And so, with angels and archangels,

and with all the company of heaven,

we proclaim your glory,

and join in their unending hymn of praise:



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

Hosanna in the highest.



**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
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,
in remembrance of me.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole
world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious
ascension, and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of [*N and*] all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be 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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

| *We sit or kneel to say or sing the Agnus Dei.*

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us. (x2)**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

**We do not presume
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your
table. But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ
and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may
be made clean by his body
and our souls washed through his most precious
blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and
he in us.
Amen.**

*The President and people receive Communion or a blessing.
We welcome communicant members of all Christian denominations
to receive Communion. Gluten-free hosts are available.*



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

| *Silence is kept.*

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;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**





The Dismissal

Notices are given for the week ahead. While this is practical in nature, it is part of the life of our community and reflective of how we are going out to live our faith shared with one another.

THE BLESSING

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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.

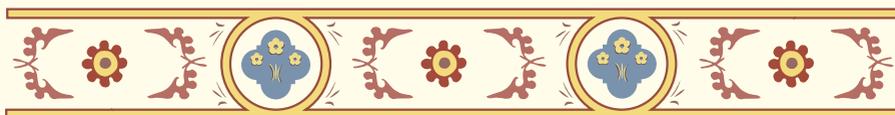


FINAL HYMN

| The President recesses through the people.

DISMISSAL

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





Learn about our Community

ASSOCIATION

St John's Montreux is a chaplaincy of the Church of England's Diocese in Europe and part of the Archdeaconry of Switzerland.

FUNDING

The cost of maintaining the chaplaincy of St. John's Montreux with Villars is completely self-financed locally. We receive no external funding whatsoever and we are completely reliant on the faithful giving of our members and friends. Please consider supporting the work of the church through a one-time or recurring gift.

OUR SERVICES ARE ALSO ONLINE

Please be aware that our services are filmed from the back of the church. We do not film people during Communion. You can always join us online, just access our Facebook page.

GET INVOLVED

From lunch groups to activity clubs and regular discussion sessions, there are plenty of ways you can be involved at St John's beyond Sunday morning. Please speak to someone for more information or visit our website for details –where can also join our newsletter.

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