

St George's Pontesbury
An Order of Service for
Kingdomtide and Advent.

[A way to use the resources on the Bulletin.
Our Holy Communion Service Books
and Angela Ashwin's "Woven Into Prayer"]

Use whatever sections are helpful.

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

Hymn.

Confession:

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.

[1 Corinthians 4:15].

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.

The Collect.

Readings 1 and 2.

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

Hymn.

Gospel Reading.

Either Kingdombtide (until November 28th):

**Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.
[Luke 19:38].**

Or Advent (from November 29th):

**Alleluia, alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.
[Isaiah 40:3-5].**

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

Biblical Reflections.

Hymn.

Intercessions.

A Creed.

**Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness, he humbled himself and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross.
Amen.
[Philippians 2:6-11].**

Hymn.

Either (Kingdombtide):

Blessed are the poor in spirit,

**for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek,
for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger
and thirst after righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.
Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.
Blessed are those who suffer persecution for
righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[Matthew 5:3-10].**

Or (Advent):

**O WISDOM, mysterious Word of God, coming forth from
the Father and filling all creation with your life-giving
power:
Come and show us the way of truth.
O LORD OF ISRAEL, ruler of your ancient people, you
appeared to Moses in the burning bush and gave the law
on Mount Sinai:
Come and reach out your hand to save us.
O FLOWER OF JESSE'S LINE, Son of David, you have
been lifted up as a sign of peace, drawing all kings and
peoples to stand silent in your presence:
Come quickly and help us we beseech you.
O KEY OF DAVID, and sceptre of the house of Israel, you
have opened to us the way of hope, and shut the door on
the powers of evil:
Come and free us from our prisons of darkness.
O MORNING STAR, radiance of the Father's love, you are
the brightness that disperses the shadows of our hearts:
Come, cleanse and renew us in your glory.
O KING OF THE NATIONS, you alone bring joy when you
reign in our hearts, and you are the cornerstone of our
lives:**

**Come and strengthen us, who were formed by you.
O EMMANUEL, God with us, hope of the world, and
Saviour of all:**

Come and live in us, now and for ever.

[The Great Os].

The Lord's Prayer.

Either (Kingdomtide):

**We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as the Lord;
all creation worships you, the Father everlasting.
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:
Father, of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son,
worthy of all praise, the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
You, Christ, are the King of glory, the eternal Son of the
Father.**

**When you took our flesh to set us free
you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come and be our judge.
Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.
[Te Deum].**

Or (Advent):

**Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.**

**He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that
hate us,
To show mercy to our ancestors, and to remember his
holy covenant.
This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.**

**And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most
High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow
of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
[Benedictus; Luke 1:68-79].**

Hymn.

Either (Kingdomtide):

**We praise and thank you, Holy Spirit of God,
for the men and women you have called to be saints;
from your first fallible, frightened friends
who followed you to Jerusalem,
through the centuries of discovery and growth,
people of every class and temperament
down to the present day.
Help us to be Christ's united body to heal and reconcile;
help us to share Christ's life with everyone. Amen.
[A New Zealand Prayer Book].**

Or (Advent):

**God of all hope and joy, open our hearts in welcome,
that your Son Jesus Christ at his coming**

**may find in us a dwelling prepared for himself;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever. Amen.**

[A New Zealand Prayer Book].

**May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of
God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.
Amen.**