ST CUTHBERT'S
SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH
COLINTON

Advent

10.30am



Please stand as the clergy enters

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Please sit for the lighting of the Advent Candle

Jesus said, 'Keep awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.'
Amen. Come soon, Lord Jesus!

The candle/s are lit and this response is used -

Jesus is the light of the world.
A light no darkness can ever put out.

Let us pray:

The Advent candle prayer is read.

Please stand to sing

HYMN

Numbers can be found on your pew sheet and hymn board

COLLECT FOR PURITY

**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.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

We come before God who knows our secrets, our thoughts and our hearts to ask for forgiveness and peace.

Please sit

Most loving God we confess that we have not loved in thought, word or deed. We have not loved you or our neighbours, or ourselves. We are sorry, and repent our hardness of heart. Forgive us, heal us and help us to abide in your love.

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

KYRIE *(sung)*

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Second Reading:

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand to sing

GRADUAL HYMN

Please remain standing

GOSPEL:

Hear the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ...
Glory to Christ our Saviour. *(Said)*

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.
Praise to Christ our Lord. *(Said)*

SERMON

Please sit

(We pause to listen to a short piece of music for personal reflection)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Please stand

We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Please sit

INTERCESSIONS

THE PEACE

May the God of peace make you completely holy, ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

We offer one another a sign of God's peace.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please stand to sing

OFFERTORY HYMN

Please remain standing

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made;
it will become for us the bread of life.
Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands;
it will become the cup of our salvation.
Blessed be God for ever.

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 our thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker.
Out of nothing, you called all worlds to be, and still you draw the universe to its fulfilment. Dawn and evening celebrate your glory till time shall be no more.

In Christ your Son the life of heaven and earth were joined, sealing the promise of a new creation, given, yet still to come. Taught by your Spirit, we who bear your threefold likeness look for the City of Peace in whose light we are transfigured and the earth transformed.

As children of your redeeming purpose who await the coming of your Son, we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory:

(Sung)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he, O blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.

Please sit

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father.
In Jesus, you showed us yourself. Our hope is built on him, the first, the last, the living one. Obedient, even to accepting death, He opened the gate of glory and calls us now to share the life of heaven.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, alight with the vision of a feast that heralded a kingdom yet to come, at supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:

> "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying:

> "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him,
we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by the Spirit's life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles and prophets, St Cuthbert, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end.
Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The living bread is broken for the life of the world.
Lord, unite us in this sign.

LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has commanded and taught us, we are bold to say:

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.

COMMUNION

(sung)

Lamb of God; you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God; you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God; you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

INVITATION

Draw near with faith. Receive the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, and his blood, which was shed for you. Remember that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION HYMN

THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

Give thanks to our gracious God
Whose mercy endures for ever.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy and life-giving God, we have broken the bread which is Christ's body, we have tasted the wine of his new life. We thank you for these gifts by which we are made one in him and drawn into that new creation which is your will for all the world; through him who died for us and rose again, your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please stand to sing

HYMN

BLESSING

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

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

VOLUNTARY

