**Sennen Feast Service on Advent Sunday**

**The Gathering and Vestry Prayer**

Into your presence we come Father Son and Holy Spirit, Glorious Trinity.  
We are here to listen to your word as it is revealed to us and then to act upon it in our daily lives. We are here to be filled with your Spirit and dedicate our lives again to you. We are here because you call us to service as you have called your saints throughout history. We are here of our own free will. Use us and guide us in your love. [*www.faithandworship.com/liturgy*](http://www.faithandworship.com/liturgy)

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

The Lord be with you and also with you.

Prayer of Preparation

**In this Advent of expectation draw us together in unity, that our praise and worship might echo in these communities and also through our lives. In this Advent of expectation draw us together in mission, that the hope within might be the melody of our lives. In this Advent of expectation draw us together in service, that the path we follow might lead us from a stable to a glimpse of eternity. Amen** [*www.faithandworship.com/prayers*](http://www.faithandworship.com/prayers)

Invitation to confession

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. To you O Lord we bring our lives troubled, broken or at ease, a sacrificial offering for you to use

**Take away our selfishness and teach us to love as you loved  
Take away our sense of pride and show us the meaning of humility  
Take away our blindness and show us the world through your eyes  
Take away our greed and teach us how to give as you gave  
Show us your ways. Teach us your paths that we might walk with you more closely our hand in your hand, our feet in your footsteps  
From the baby in a stable to eternity, Amen** [*faithandworship.com/prayers*](http://www.faithandworship.com/prayers_Advent.htm#ixzz3JotasKpW)

Almighty God, long-suffering and of great goodness: I confess to you, I confess with my whole heart my neglect and forgetfulness of your commandments, my wrong doing, thinking, and speaking; the hurts I have done to others, and the good I have left undone. O God, forgive me, for I have sinned against you; and raise me to newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Absolution**

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 for Advent Sunday

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Gospel Reading:** Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 13 v 24-end Glory to you, O Lord.

*At the end:* This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

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

**The Lighting of the Advent Candles**

May Christ our Saviour bring life into the darkness of our world, and to us, as we wait for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Preparation of the Table

We hold before you this bread.

**We believe you are the creator of the world.**

We hold before you this wine.

**We believe in Jesus, whose blood was shed for us.**

We hold before you our prayers.

**We believe your Spirit will guide and direct us.**

We hold before you ourselves.

**We believe we are your church, here and in your world.**

**Blessed be God forever.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here **His Spirit is with us**

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.

It is always right to give you thanks, God our Creator, loving and faithful,  
holy and strong. You made us and the whole universe, and filled your world with life. You sent your Son to live among us, Jesus our Saviour, Mary’s child. He suffered on the cross; he died to save us from our sins; he rose in glory from the dead.

You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world, and clothe us with power from on high. And so we join the angels to celebrate and sing:

**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.**

Father, on the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends.

He took the bread, and thanked you. He broke it, and gave it to them, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, the new promise of God’s unfailing love. Do this to remember me.

Jesus Christ has died.

Jesus Christ has died. Jesus Christ is risen. Jesus Christ will come again.

Father, as we bring this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection, send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ’s body and his blood. Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus, as we wait for his coming in glory. For honour and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord’s Prayer

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. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper. Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

St. Alphonsus Liguori in the 18th century:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

*The priest receives the bread and wine on behalf of the community*

Prayer after Communion

**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.**

Lord Jesus, Son of God, Saviour of the world  
**Be the centre of all that we are, and the life that we lead**

Lord Jesus, Light in this dark World, illuminate our hearts and minds   
**Be the centre of all that we are, and the life that we lead** [*faithandworship.com/Advent*](http://www.faithandworship.com/Advent/Advent_Celtic_Christian_Celebration.htm#ixzz3JowPKdFX)

Blessing

May God the Father, who loved the world so much that he sent his only Son, give you grace to prepare for life eternal. Amen.

May God the Son, who comes to us as redeemer and judge,  
reveal to you the path from darkness to light. Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit, by whose working the Virgin Mary conceived the Christ, help you bear the fruits of holiness. Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

As we await our coming Saviour, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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