

Eucharistic Prayers for Advent, Year A

These brief eucharistic prayers are drawn from the themes and imagery of the lectionary texts for the season of Advent, Year A. Note that there are four options in each of the three sections that make up the body of the prayer; these are to be used as indicated on the appropriate Sunday in Advent. In this format, the Words of Institution should be used at the Invitation to the Table or the Breaking of the Bread.

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.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe.

(Advent 1) You established your people to be a light for the nations,
and called us to walk in your paths and follow your ways.
Even now, you are coming to bring justice and peace to the world.

(Advent 2) The earth is full of your knowledge and glory.
You made all creatures to live in peace and safety,
and sent a little child to lead us.

(Advent 3) You bring forth flowers in the desert and water in a weary land.
Now you have made a highway for us in the wilderness,
where your people, once-captive, may return with songs of joy.

(Advent 4) You have been our shepherd and savior in every generation.
Though we turned away from you, you were always faithful.
In the fullness of time, you sent your only Son to be our Immanuel.

Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with choirs of angels
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,
and with all the faithful of every time and place
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**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.**

You are holy, O God of majesty,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

(Advent 1) In Christ Jesus, you drew near to us for our salvation,
teaching us to live in faith and to seek the good of all.
Through his dying and rising, you brought life to the world.

- (Advent 2) Baptized by John, Christ came to deliver us from sin,
and to pour out the Holy Spirit upon your church.
By our faith in Christ, we have the hope of eternal life.
- (Advent 3) In Christ, we have seen and heard the good news of God:
the sick are healed, strangers are welcomed, the poor have hope,
and the dead are raised to new life.
- (Advent 4) In Jesus Christ, born of Mary, you fulfilled your promise,
long-awaited by prophets, and spoken in the scriptures.
By his resurrection from the dead, we receive life everlasting.

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ,
we take from your creation this bread and this wine
and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising,
as we await the day of his coming.
With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you
to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,
that the bread we break and the cup we bless
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.
By your Spirit, unite us with Christ
and with your church in all the world.

- (Advent 1) Keep us faithful and alert for the hour of Christ's coming.
Let us live honorably as children of truth and light,
so that we may eat and drink together in your eternal realm.
- (Advent 2) Fill us with wisdom and understanding, knowledge and power,
and grant that we may live in harmony with one another
as we await the coming of the kingdom of heaven.
- (Advent 3) Help us to grow in faith and love, as your people in Christ.
Strengthen our hearts and teach us patience
as we watch and pray for the coming of the Lord.
- (Advent 4) Give hope and strength to those who call upon your name.
Feed us with the bread of life and fill us with the spirit of joy
so that we may share your grace and peace with all the world.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.