



St Peter's, Bishop's Waltham
Advent to Christmas
Rizza Setting

*You are welcome with us today
whether you have come in person
or are joining us online.*

Welcome and Notices

Quiet prayer

**Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay;
give new courage to your people
who trust in your love. By your
coming, raise us to the joy of your
kingdom, where you live and reign
with the Father and the Spirit, one
God for ever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn

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.

Advent Bidding – see Advent Sheet
A Candle is lit on the Advent wreath
Advent Response – see Advent Sheet

(Please sit)

*As we come before God and worship
him, we confess together:*

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.

Please keep a moment of quiet

**Heavenly Father, you have
created a universe of light:
Forgive us when we return to
darkness. Lord have mercy**

**Lord Jesus, you are the light of
the world: Cleanse and heal our
blinded sight. Christ have mercy**

**Holy Spirit, you give us light in
our hearts: Renew us in faith and
love. Lord have mercy.**

*God's forgiveness is declared
followed by the Kyries:*

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

The Collect – a prayer for today

Bible Readings



Reading(s)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

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 *(Please sit)*

Let us respond by affirming our faith:

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.

We believe in God the Father,
Who created all things:

for by his will they were created and have their being.

We believe in God the Son,
who was slain:

for with his blood, he purchased us for God, from every tribe and language, from every people and nation.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:
the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'
Even so come, Lord Jesus! Amen

Prayers

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

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

Communion Prayer

The Peace:

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn *(Offertory)*

*We thank God for the gifts given,
and for the gifts of bread and wine:*

Lord Jesus, you have taught us that we cannot love both God and money and all that our possessions are a trust from you; teach us to be faithful stewards of our time, our talents, and our money, that we may help others extend your kingdom; for your name's sake.

Amen

The eyes of all wait upon you,
O Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

**I will offer in your dwelling an offering with great gladness:
I will sing and speak praises to the Lord.**

Lord, you have rescued my life from death: and I will walk in your presence.

**I will lift up the cup of salvation:
and call upon the name of the Lord.**

(Please sit)

A welcome is given to communion or for a blessing and for personal 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.

God is praised for all he has done for us, and we respond (sung):

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

**Hosanna, hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna, hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he, blessed is he,
Blessed is he who
comes in the name,
He who comes
in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna, hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna, hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Last Supper is recalled

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith (said):
**Christ has died: Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

the prayer continues until Amen.

We pray together:
**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.**

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

**Jesus, Lamb of God,
Jesus, Lamb of God,
you take away**

**the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God,
Jesus, Lamb of God,
you take away
the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God,
Jesus, Lamb of God,
you take away
the sins of the world,
grant us your peace,
grant us your peace.**

Please come for communion or a blessing. If you receive communion in any Christian Church, you are very welcome here with us.

If you would like personal prayer, for yourself or someone else, please speak to the leader of the service afterwards.

Please sing or keep a prayerful silence during the giving of communion.

After Communion, a Post-Communion Prayer, then:

May God the Father who loved the world so much that he sent his only Son to come among us in great humility, open our eyes to look for his coming. Amen

May God the Son give us the grace to live in the light of his coming as redeemer and judge. Amen

May God the Holy Spirit free us from sin, make us holy, and bring us to eternal life. Amen

Blessing

Hymn (Please stand)

We go into the world to walk in God's light and hope, to rejoice in God's love and hope, and to share that love to the world.

**In the name of Christ.
Amen.**

Recessional Music

If you would like to make a gift today, we would be very grateful. You can do so via the card machine or plate at the back of church.

Afterwards, you are very welcome to stay for refreshments and with those coming to the next service.



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