**The Benefice of The Staughtons with Hail Weston**

**Advent**

**Hymn**

**The Greeting**

The Lord be with you

*All*   **and also with you.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first Commandment is this:

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’

The second is this. ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets

 **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

*A minister*

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.

*All*   **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,**

 **we have sinned against you**

 **and against our neighbour**

 **in thought and word and deed,**

 **through negligence, through weakness,**

 **through our own deliberate fault.**

 **We are truly sorry**

 **and repent of all our sins.**

 **For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**

 **who died for us,**

 **forgive us all that is past**

 **and grant that we may serve you in**

 **newness of life**

 **to the glory of your name.**

 **Amen.**

Lord, have mercy.

*All*   **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.

*All*   **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

*All*   **Lord, have mercy.**

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.

*All*   **Amen.**

**The Collect**

**…….**in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God , now and for ever.

*All*   **Amen.**

*¶    The Liturgy of the Word* [↑](https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/common-worship/holy-communion#block-cofe-content)

**Readings**

*Either one or two readings from Scripture precede the Gospel reading.*

*At the end of each the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*   **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn**

**Gospel Reading**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his

 paths straight,

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

cf Isaiah 40.3-5

All   **Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N*.

*All*   **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All*   **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**The Creed**

*All*   **We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,**

**maker of heaven and earth,**

**of all that is,**

**seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,**

**eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light,**

**true God from true God,**

**begotten, not made,**

**of one Being with the Father;**

**through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,**

**was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary**

**and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again**

**in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,**

**and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**

**and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

Lord, in your mercy

*All*   **hear our prayer.**

*(or)*

Lord, hear us.

*All*   **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*And at the end*

Merciful Father,

*All*   **accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

*¶    The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

**The Peace**

*Priest*

In the tender mercy of our God,

the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,

to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*Priest* The peace of the Lord be always with you

*All*   **and also with you.**

*Minister* Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

Offertory Hymn

**Preparation of the Table**

As this bread was scattered and then gathered and made one ,

So may your Church be gathered into your Kingdom

*All*  **Glory to you , O God for ever.**

Wisdom has built her a house;

She has mixed her wine; she has set her table.

*All*  **Glory to you , O God for ever.**

**Taking of the Bread and Wine**

**The Eucharistic Prayer**

*The president says*

 The Lord be with you

*All*   **and also with you.**

 Lift up your hearts.

*All*   **We lift them to the Lord.**

 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All*   **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,

Almighty God and everlasting Father,through Jesus Christ your Son.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,

mighty creator, ever-living God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ,

who for love of our fallen race humbled himself,

was born of the Virgin Mary by the power of your Spirit,

and lived as one of us.

In this mystery of the Word made flesh

you have caused his light to shine in our hearts,

to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

In him we see our God made visible

and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven

we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name

and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

**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.]**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord:

And as we obey his command,

Send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured

May be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died, he had supper with his friends

And, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

*Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.*

*Do this in remembrance of me.*

When supper was ended, he took the cup of wine.

Again, he praised you, gave it to them and said:

*Drink this, all of you.*

*This is my blood of the new covenant,*

*Which is shed or you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.*

*Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.*

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,

In him we plead with confidence his sacrifice

Made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,

We proclaim his death and resurrection

Until he comes in glory.

Jesus Christ is Lord

*All*   **Lord, by your cross and** **resurrection**

**you have set us free.**

**You are the Saviour of the** **world.**

Lord of all life,

Help us to work together  for that day

When your kingdom comes

And justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,

Gather us in your loving arms

And bring us with Nicolas, Andrew, and all the saints

To feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ , and with Christ, and in Christ,in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

All honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,

For ever and ever.

**Amen**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

*All*   **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.**

**Breaking of the Bread**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break this bread

to share in the body of Christ.

*All*   **Though we are many, we are one body,**

**because we all share in one bread.**

*All*   **Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world,**

**have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world,**

**have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world,**

**grant us peace.**

**Giving of Communion**

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ

which he gave for you,

and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink

in remembrance that he died for you,

and feed on him in your hearts

by faith with thanksgiving.

*All*   **Most merciful Lord,**

**your love compels us to come in.**

**Our hands were unclean,**

**our hearts were unprepared;**

**we were not fit**

**even to eat the crumbs from under your table.**

**But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,**

**and share your bread with sinners.**

**So, cleanse and feed us**

**with the precious body and blood of your Son,**

**that he may live in us and we in him;**

**and that we, with the whole company of Christ,**

**may sit and eat in your kingdom.**

**Amen.**

**Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept.*

*The Post Communion or another suitable prayer is said.*

*All*   **Father of all,**

**we give you thanks and praise,**

**that when we were still far off**

**you met us in your Son and brought us home.**

**Dying and living, he declared your love,**

**gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.**

**May we who share Christ’s body live his risen life;**

**we who drink his cup bring life to others;**

**we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.**

**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,**

**so we and all your children shall be free,**

**and the whole earth live to praise your name;**

**through Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

**Hymn**

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly,

fill you with peace and goodwill

and make you partakers of the divine nature;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.

*All*   **Amen.**

*A minister says*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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