

Eucharistic Prayers for Advent, Year C

These brief eucharistic prayers are drawn from the themes and imagery of the lectionary texts for the season of Advent, Year C. 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) We give thanks, O Lord, that the days are surely coming when all the world will see the fulfillment of your promise of salvation. You alone are our righteousness, our only hope for justice and peace.

(Advent 2) Your glory is a consuming fire; who can stand in your presence? Yet you have prepared the way for us, with a messenger of grace. You receive the humble offering of our lives as a precious gift.

(Advent 3) You are our song! We rejoice and sing to you with gladness, for you have renewed us by your love, restoring the fortunes of the lost, gathering up the broken and despised, and giving them a home in glory.

(Advent 4) As you promised long ago, you have revealed the majesty of your name in a little child, born in Bethlehem; he is our joy and our peace.

He is our shepherd, feeding us with mercy and leading us in safety.

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, the tree of life, we have seen the first fruits of your holy realm. Though heaven and earth may pass away, Christ's word stands secure. Even now, we look for the day of his coming in power and great glory.

(Advent 2) Jesus Christ is our way in the wilderness:
at his word, every valley is lifted and every mountain made low;
in his body, all flesh shall see your saving power.

(Advent 3) Through Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit,
you have made us children of Abraham and Sarah,
calling us to live with faithfulness, justice, and compassion.

(Advent 4) Born of Mary, Jesus Christ is our salvation and strength,
the fulfillment of your word and the hope of generations.
Christ lifts up the lowly and fills the hungry with good things.

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) Teach us to pray night and day that we may see you face to face.
Strengthen us in holiness, faithfulness, joy, and love
so that we may be ready at the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

(Advent 2) Through the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ that we share,
bring to completion the good work that you began in us,
and let our love for you and for one another overflow in abundance.

(Advent 3) Guard our hearts and minds by the power of Christ Jesus.
Speak to our anxieties with the peace that passes understanding
and let our gentleness and joy be a sign of Christ's gracious presence.

(Advent 4) In Jesus Christ, help us to live according to your will.
Sanctify and shape us into the image of Christ's body,
so that our lives may be a holy offering of love and praise.

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.