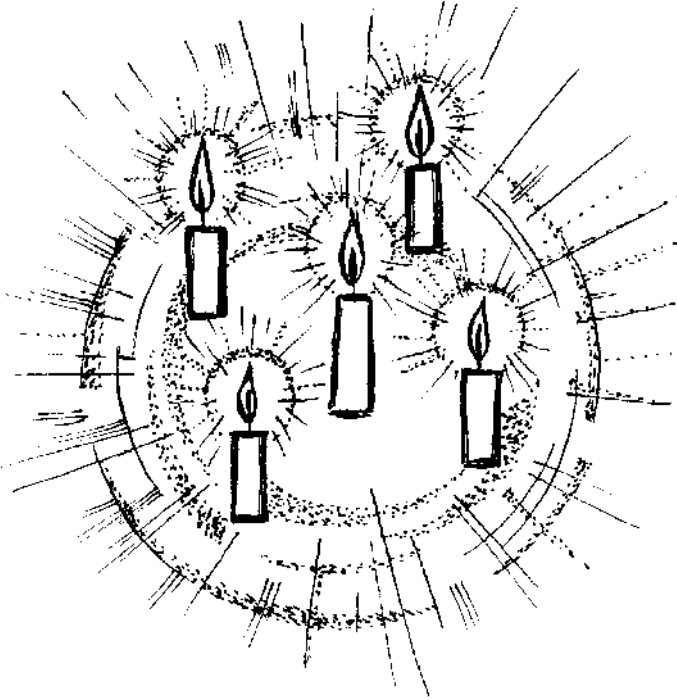




The Parish Church of  
St Mary and St Ethelflaeda



## **Eucharist**

**During the season of  
Advent**

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# Welcome

Welcome to Romsey Abbey for this Eucharist service during the season of Advent.

During main Sunday services in the Abbey a loop system operates for those who benefit from this.

Large print booklets are also available.

If you are visiting or have an enquiry about a Christening or a Wedding, please speak to one of the clergy or make your way to the welcome table at the back of the abbey.

You are welcome to light a prayer candle by St. Lawrence's chapel and leave a prayer card. Prayer cards are prayed for during the daily services.

# Advent

The four Sundays before Christmas mark the season of Advent and the start of a new church year. Advent is a time of expectant waiting, hopeful anticipation and cheerful preparation, as we look to God breaking into the world, in all moments, all times and all places, past, present and future. We recall God's promises made long ago, prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus and look forward to Christ's return as we welcome God into our everyday lives.

In a busy time of year Advent reminds us that there is joy in waiting and hoping; we light a candle each week on the Advent Wreath as we move from darkness to light, culminating in the lighting of the Christmas candle to welcome the birth of Jesus, the Light of the World.

## **WELCOME & OPENING SENTENCE**

*One of the following sentences may be used*

Now is the time to wake out of sleep, for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.

Romans 13:11

The night is far spent, the day is at hand:  
let us therefore cast off the works of darkness  
and let us put on the armour of light.

Romans 13:12

## **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

*Please stand as the choir and ministers process in*

## **THE GATHERING**

Grace, mercy and peace,  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you.

**All**      **And also with you**

*Please sit or kneel*

## **PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

**All:**      **Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid;  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit;  
that we may perfectly love you  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF PENITENCE AT THE ADVENT WREATH

*A candle on the Advent Wreath is lit*

Heavenly Father,  
you have created a universe of light:  
forgive us when we return to darkness.

Lord, have mercy

**All: Lord, have mercy**

Lord Jesus,  
you are the light of the world:  
cleanse and heal our blinded sight.

Christ, have mercy

**All: Christ, have mercy**

Holy Spirit,  
you give us light in our hearts:  
renew us in faith and love.

Lord, have mercy

**All: Lord, have mercy**

*The choir may sing the Kyrie Eleison*

Almighty God,  
who in Jesus Christ has given us  
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,  
forgive us our sins,  
open our eyes to God's truth,  
strengthen us to do God's will  
and give us the joy of his kingdom,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen**

## THE COLLECT

*A moment of silent prayer is held before the Collect is said.*

## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*Either one or two readings from scripture precede the Gospel reading. At the end the reader may say*

**All**            This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## GRADUAL HYMN

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*We turn to face the Gospel reader to listen to the good news of Jesus Christ*

**All sing**



*Choir sing*

Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight,  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

**All sing**



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**

*Please sit*

## **SERMON**

*The good news from today's scripture readings are explored.*

**Creed** *We stand to affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene creed.*

**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

In the power of the Spirit, and in union with Christ  
let us pray to the Father.

*Please sit or kneel to pray.*

*The following responses may be used:*

Lord in your mercy  
**All: Hear our prayer**

*or*

Lord, hear us  
**All: Lord, graciously hear us**

*at the end*

Merciful Father  
**All: Accept these prayers  
for the sake of your son  
our saviour, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**



## **THE PEACE**    *Please stand*

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.

*or*

God will speak peace to his people,  
to those who turn to him in their hearts.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace*

## **OFFERTORY HYMN**

*During the hymn the table is prepared and a collection is taken. Bread, wine and the offerings of the congregation are collected and taken to the altar. Please see p2 for information on cashless donations.*

## **PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE**

As the grain once scattered in the fields  
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside  
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,  
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered  
together from the corners of the earth  
into your kingdom.

**All**            **Amen.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*Our prayer of thanks to God. We remain standing*

The Lord is here.

**All: His Spirit is with us.**

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. For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh, he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world, to open for us the way of salvation. Confident that your promise will be fulfilled, we now watch for the day when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

And so we join our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven to proclaim your glory for ever praising you and singing

*The Sanctus may be sung by the choir or said by all*

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.

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt caeli et terra glo-  
ria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in  
nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Please sit or kneel*

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Praise to you Lord Jesus:

**All**

**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of Blessed Mary, Ethelflaeda and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

**All Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Believing the promises of God, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour 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

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

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
Who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.  
**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
But only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Draw near with faith and love.

## THE AGNUS DEI

*The choir sing the Agnus Dei or it is said by all..*

Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world  
have mercy on us.

*Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi  
miserere nobis*

Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world  
have mercy on us.

*Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi  
miserere nobis*

Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world  
grant us peace.

*Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi  
dona nobis pacem.*

## GIVING OF COMMUNION

*All are welcome to receive Communion or a prayer of Blessing. If  
you require a Gluten free wafer please come to the front to  
receive and let the minister know.*

## **MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

*During Communion the choir may sing an anthem and there may be a communion hymn for all to sing.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Silence is kept*

*A Post Communion prayer is said.*

**All**            **Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory.  
Amen**

*Please stand*

## **POST COMMUNION HYMN**

### **BLESSING**

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,  
scatter the darkness from before your path,  
and make you ready to meet him  
when he comes in glory;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father,  
the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain  
with you always.

**All**            **Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

With love and compassion,  
**All        Come, Lord Jesus.**  
With judgement and mercy,  
**All        Come, Lord Jesus.**  
In power and glory,  
**All        Come, Lord Jesus.**  
In wisdom and truth,  
**All        Come, Lord Jesus.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**All        In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

All are very welcome to stay for refreshments after the service  
in the Church Rooms.

