We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

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.

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

People come forward for communion or a blessing.

HYMNS (may be sung)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Following a sentence and prayer, all say:
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.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

BLESSING

Notices may be given

HYMN

The Mass is ended. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ, Amen.

The intercessions may include:
Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art you among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

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CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE DIVINE, HORNINGLOW

Mass in Advent

THE GATHERING

HYMN

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
May the light and peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Words of welcome and introduction

THE ADVENT WREATH IS LIT

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: 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 CONFESSION

The priest invites the people to call to mind their sins…
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; (repeat)
Christ, have mercy; (repeat)
Lord, have mercy. (repeat)

ABSOLUTION

May the God of love bring you back to himself, forgive you your sins, and assure you of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECT (prayer for today)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING
NEW TESTAMENT READING

A response may be said:
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN (*or a Psalm*)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia…

The Lord be with you
And also with you.
Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to…
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

Responses may be used:
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer; or
Lord, hear us;
Lord, graciously hear us.

After the departed are named:
Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord; **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**
May they rest in peace,
And rise in glory. Amen

The Hail Mary may be used (see back page)

The prayers may end:
Merciful Father… **Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

HYMN (*the gifts of bread and wine are brought to the altar*)

Pray, my friends, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.
May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and for the good of all his church.

A prayer is said over the gifts

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 thanks and praise.

The priest thanks God for his saving work…

*After '*praising you and saying*' or '*to sing your 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.**

The priest says the thanksgiving prayer over the bread and the wine. Then: Christ is the bread of life.
When we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim your death Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

The priest concludes the great thanksgiving. All say: ***Amen****,*
or: **Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

**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.**