

**Rideau Park United Church Order of Service  
November 28, 2021 - Advent 1**

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Gathering Music

Welcome, Candle lighting and Opening Prayer

Advent Candle lighting

Opening Hymn: 1 VU O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

A Time for all God's Children

Music

Scripture reading: Jeremiah 29:1,4-14

Sermon: "Hope in Exile"

Hymn: 20 MV God of Still Waiting

Communion

Life and Work of the Churches

Closing Hymn: 30 VU Hail to Gods Own Anointed

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

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## **Advent Communion Prayer   November 28 2021**

**One:** Who is invited to share at this Table?

All are invited;  
the younger and the older,  
the rich and the poor,  
the lowest and the least;  
sinners and saints together in communion.  
Come find your place here  
where there are no strangers or outsiders,  
only sisters and brothers in the sight of God.

One: The Lord be with you. Two: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts. Two: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Two: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of our salvation,  
we do not deserve your love and yet you lavish it upon us.  
Not being content to be apart from us,  
you came to us in human form,  
drawing close and becoming one of us.  
You are not a God that is removed from our reality  
but you are intimately present in our lives and our struggles.  
We lift up to you our thanks for your presence among us.  
We give thanks for your son, Jesus Christ,  
the very incarnation of your being on this earth.

**One:** We remember how you called your servant Mary to bear the Christ child,  
how you called your servant Joseph to accompany her and your servant Elizabeth to encourage  
her, how you called the Magi to search and the shepherds to ponder,  
how you called disciples to follow.

With them, we remember that on the night on which Jesus was betrayed,  
after having dinner with his friends, he took the bread,  
blessed it and broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying,  
take, eat, do this in remembrance of me.

**Two:** Likewise, Jesus took the cup and, pouring it, said,  
this is cup of the salvation, shed in my blood, for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

For as long as we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim the resurrection of our living Saviour until he comes again.

**One:** As we wait, in this sacred season of Advent,  
we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again.

**Two:** We give thanks for your gifts of grace Loving God,  
and ask that your Holy Spirit would come to bless this bread and cup that we share,  
that may we live in expectation and hope, know your presence with us, and be your faithful  
people sharing your love with your world...

Breaking Bread, Blessing Cup, Sharing Communion

Prayer After Communion