

PARISH OF WHITTON

MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday 1st November, All Saints' Day

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We are made welcome:

This is the day that the Lord has made. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

We pray together

Lord, as we come to worship you today:

We thank you for your generous love for your world.

We thank you for coming to bring us new life and to teach us how to live. Help us to love you and each other, and help us to learn together today how we can show our love for you in the way we respond to your call. Amen

We listen to the words of a hymn:

Rejoice in God's saints today and all days!
 A world without saints forgets how to praise.
 Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
 their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

Some march with events, to turn them God's way;
 some need to withdraw, the better to pray;
 some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:
 our world is their parish: their purpose is God.

Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,
 who bear someone's cross, or shoulder their own:
 they shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares:
 what patience in caring, what courage is theirs!

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!
 A world without saints forgets how to praise.
 in loving, in living, they prove it is true:
 The way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you

We set the scene for the service and we say a special prayer for today

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

We ask God to forgive us for the things we regret, and to help us to do better in future

We have a moment of silence

God our Father, long-suffering, full of grace and truth, you create us from nothing and give us life. You give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism. You do not turn your face from us, nor cast us aside. We confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbour. We have wounded your love and marred your image in us. Restore us for the sake of your Son, and bring us to heavenly joy, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We are forgiven

May God our Father forgive us our sins, and bring us to the fellowship of his table with his saints for ever. **Amen.**

We read from the Bible 1 John 3.1-3 (see the pew sheet)

We hear our Gospel Reading Matthew 5.1-12 (see the pew sheet)

We think about the readings

We affirm our shared faith in God

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

We pray for the world, and for ourselves:

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

We join to say the church's family prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in Heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory

are yours now and forever. Amen.

A hymn to draw together the thoughts and prayers of our worship

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1OaBgaMcOvM>

For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia!

And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warrior cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

We offer our lives and our gifts to God

Loving God, we thank you for hearing our prayers,
feeding us with your word, and encouraging us in our meeting together.
**Take us and use us to love and serve you, and all people,
in the power of your Spirit and in the name of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We are blessed and sent out into the world:

**May God's blessing be upon you now;
May you know of his great love for you.
May God's blessing be upon you now,
Right where you are.**

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ, Amen

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