

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
**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 for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

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.**

Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us. (Repeat phrase)
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Invitation to Communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Please come forward to receive Communion or a Blessing as directed. If you need the priest to come to you where you are seated, please indicate this to one of the stewards.



Prayer after Communion

**Generous God, you have fed us at your heavenly
table. Set us on fire with your Spirit that when
Christ comes again we may shine like lights
before his face, who with you and the Spirit lives
for ever. Amen.**

Hymn

The Blessing and Dismissal

May God himself, the God of peace, make you
perfect and holy, and keep you safe and blameless,
in spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord
Jesus Christ; and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

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The Parish of Whitton Holy Communion for Advent

During Advent we hear how God prepared his people for the birth of Jesus. We prepare our hearts to receive him afresh. You are invited to join in the responses and prayers in bold.

Greeting

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



Lighting of Advent wreath

Advent 1 Lord Jesus, light of the world, born in David's city of Bethlehem, born like him to be a king: be born in our hearts at Christmas, be King of our lives today. Amen.

Advent 2 Lord Jesus, light of the world, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people in trouble. Give peace and love in our hearts and our world. Amen.

Advent 3 Lord Jesus, light of the world, John told the people to prepare, for you were very near. As Christmas grows closer day by day, help us to be ready to welcome you now. Amen.

Advent 4 Lord Jesus, light of the world, blessed is Gabriel, who brought good news and blessed is Mary. Bless your Church preparing for Christmas and bless us your children, who long for your coming. Amen.

Hymn

Prayer of Penitence

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

**Lord our God,
in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners, bring you his pardon and peace, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Collect (prayer collecting together themes of the day)

Bible Readings

A reading from the Old or New Testament. At the end...

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Children's talk (as appropriate)

Gospel Reading (We stand)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

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

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who
took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Prayers of Intercession

This response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

And at the end

Merciful Father,

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

The Peace

May the God of peace make you completely holy,
ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

and also with you.

Offertory hymn

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

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.

You are worthy of our thanks and praise,
Lord God of truth, for by the breath of your mouth
you have spoken your word,
and all things have come into being.

You fashioned us in your image
and placed us in the garden of your delight.
Though we chose the path of rebellion
you would not abandon your own.

Again and again you drew us into your covenant of
grace. You gave your people the law and taught us
by your prophets to look for your reign of justice,
mercy and peace. As we watch for the signs of your
kingdom on earth, we echo the song of the angels
in heaven, evermore praising you and *saying*:

**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.

Lord God, you are the most holy one, enthroned in
splendour and light, yet in the coming of your Son
Jesus Christ you reveal the power of your love
made perfect in our human weakness.

Amen. Lord, we believe.

Embracing our humanity, Jesus showed us the way
of salvation; loving us to the end,
he gave himself to death for us;
dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of
sin, that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

Amen. Lord, we believe.

On the night he gave up himself for us all
he 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.

Amen. Lord, we believe.

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.

Amen. Lord, we believe.

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered
on the cross, we celebrate his resurrection, his
bursting from the tomb, we rejoice that he reigns
at your right hand on high and we long for his
coming in glory.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our
redemption, Father, by your Holy Spirit
let these gifts of your creation
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus
Christ; form us into the likeness of Christ
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Look with favour on your people
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.
Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go
free and fill your Church with power from on high.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth to
feast with all your saints at the table in your
kingdom, where the new creation is brought to
perfection in 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. **Amen.**