

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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
forever and ever. Amen.

HYMN

THE BLESSING

May God our creator,
who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds of the air,
bestow on you his care and increase the harvest of your
righteousness; and the blessing ...



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Parish of Whitton Harvest Festival

Welcome in the name of Christ.
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you
and also with you.

HYMN during which we present our gifts

A HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Let us give thanks to God, the God of all peoples of the earth.
For the colour and forms of your creation and our place within it,
we bring our thanks, good Lord:
your mercy endures for ever.

For our daily food,
and for those whose work and skill bring your good gifts to us,
we bring our thanks, good Lord:
your mercy endures for ever.

For the light and shades of the changing seasons,
and their variety and dependability;
for new life and growth out of barrenness and decay;
we bring our thanks, good Lord:
your mercy endures for ever.

For all in whose lives we see goodness, kindness, gentleness,
patience and humility, and all the fruit of the Spirit,
we bring our thanks, good Lord:
your mercy endures for ever.

For the life we have been given,
and for all those whom you have given us to share it,
we bring our thanks, good Lord:
your mercy endures for ever.

CONFESSION

Let us confess our forgetfulness of the needs of the poor, and repent of the ways in which we waste the resources of the world.

We confess to you our lack of care for the world you have given us.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

We confess to you our selfishness in not sharing the earth's bounty fairly.
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

We confess to you our failure to protect resources for others.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive *you your* sins and make *you* holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN

BIBLE READING(S), *each ending with:*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

HYMN

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us offer our prayers to God for the life of the world and for all God's people in their daily life and work.

We pray for all through whom we receive sustenance and life; for farmers and agricultural workers, for packers and distributors;
as you have so ordered our life that we depend upon each other, enable us by your grace to seek the well-being of others before our own.
Lord of all life: **hear our prayer**

We pray for governments and aid agencies, and those areas of the world where there is disaster, drought and starvation.
By the grace of your Spirit, touch our hearts and the hearts of all who live in comfortable plenty, and make us wise stewards of your gifts.
Lord of all life: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are ill, anxious or bereaved.
May they know your healing, wholeness, strength and peace.
Give skill and understanding to all who work for their wellbeing.
Lord of all life: **hear our prayer.**

We offer ourselves to your service, asking that by the Spirit at work in us others may receive a rich harvest of love and joy and peace.
Lord of all life: **hear our prayer.**