



Morning Prayer
Wednesday 5th November 2025

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or, if online, please turn off your video camera.*

Gathering

Before worship begins, the altar candles are lit, and silence is kept.

Opening Prayer

Sheila

Lord God, you bring us together to worship and praise you.
As you have called us Lord, make us worthy of your calling.
That with them we may rejoice in the fullness of your eternal kingdom.
Amen

Hymn

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As we are gathered

As we are gathered, Jesus is here,
one with each other, Jesus is here.
joined by the Spirit, washed in His blood,
part of the body, the Church of God.
As we are gathered, Jesus is here,
one with each other, Jesus is here.

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Greeting

Doreen

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ

be with you
and also with you.

Welcome and Introduction

Words of welcome followed by this introduction:

We have come together in the name of Christ
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Loving God, we have come to worship you.
Help us to pray to you in faith,
to sing your praise with gratitude,
and to listen to your word with eagerness,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Penitence

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden,
to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

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 us his pardon and peace,
now and for ever.

Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, creator of all,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
You founded the earth in the beginning
and the heavens are the work of your hands.
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
and in these last days you have spoken to us
in your Son Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.
As we rejoice in the gift of your presence among us
let the light of your love always shine in our hearts,
your Spirit ever renew our lives
and your praises ever be on our lips.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

Old Testament Canticle A song of David

1 Blessed are you, God of Israel, for ever and ever, ♦ for yours is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty.
2 Everything in heaven and on earth is yours; ♦ yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head overall.
3 Riches and honour come from you ♦ and you rule overall.
4 In your hand are power and might; ♦ yours it is to give power and strength to all.
5 And now we give you thanks, our God, ♦ and praise your glorious name.
6 For all things come from you, ♦ and of your own have we given you.
Glory to the Father
and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

Hymn 746 What a friend we have in Jesus

1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry

everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear -
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged:
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful,
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness -
take it to the Lord in prayer!

3 Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge!
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
thou wilt find a solace there.

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Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Romans

8 Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

9 The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

10 Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

A reading from the gospel of Luke

25 Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them,

26 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple.

27 Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?

29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him,

30 saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish."

31 Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand?

32 If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace.

33 So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responses

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

And Christ shall give you light.

You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God.

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

Set your minds on things that are above,
not on things that are on the earth.

And Christ shall give you light.

When Christ our life appears
you will appear with him in glory.

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

And Christ shall give you light.

Reflection

Sheila

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn 31 Amazing Grace

- 1 Amazing grace - how sweet the sound -
 that saved a wretch like me!
 I once was lost, but now am found,
 was blind, but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
 and grace my fears relieved.
 how precious did that grace appear
 the hour I first believed.
- 3 Through many dangers, toils and snares,
 I have already come.
 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
 and grace will lead me home.

4 When we've been there ten thousand years
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we've first begun.

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Prayers of Intercession

Doreen

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

Collect for All Saints Day

**Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
Amen**

Lord's Prayer Sung

**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.

The Dismissal

Hymn 1346 1 One more step along the world I go

1 One more step along the world I go
From the old things to the new
Keep me travelling along with you
And it's from the old I travel to the new
Keep me travelling along with you

2 Round the corners of the world I turn
More and more about the world I learn
All the new things that I see
You'll be looking at along with me
From the old things to the new
Keep me travelling along with you

3 As I travel through the good and bad
Keep me traveling the way I should
Where I see no way to go
You'll be telling me the way I know
From the old things to the new
Keep me travelling along with you

4 Give me courage when the world is rough
Keep me loving though the world is tough
Leap and sing in all I do
Keep me travelling along with you
From the old things to the new
Keep me travelling along with you

5 You are older than the world can be
You are younger than the life in me
Ever old and ever new
Keep me travelling along with you
From the old things to the new
Keep me travelling along with you

The Blessing

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

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