

PARISH OF WHITTON

CREATION SUNDAY SERVICE IN YOUR HOME

4th October 2020

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Or join us via the internet using ZOOM if you are able:

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Welcome, what is going on and theme of todays service :

We start with a prayer to settle our thoughts and prepare:

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

This is the earth, the creatures of the earth, and the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be show we are glad in it.

Praise God who loves us
Praise God who cares.

We pray together so say with me

Lord, as we come to this time as a congregation in fellowship to think of
you, to praise and declare our wonder for your works :

The creation of our earth your love is here calling us to share

Your vision of a wonderful world of awesome things from flowers of great
beauty, valleys of peace and waters sparkling with fish.

We thank you for your generous love for your world.

The abundance of animals, the smallest of insects and bird's song we hear.

We thank you for the beauty of creation

Our free will has to our shame abused your creation in folly, greed,
impatience and power games bring your creation to tears.

Can we seek to be taught about the new life your offer.

**Help us to love you and each other and help us to learn together today
how we can show our love for your creation and you in the way we
respond to your call. Amen**

We listen to the words of a hymn:

All Earth Was Dark Until You Spoke,
Then All Was Light And All Was Peace,
Yet Still, Oh God, So Many Wait,
To See The Flame Of Love Released.

Lights To The World, Oh Light Of Man,
Kindle In Us A Mighty Flame,
Till Every Heart Consumed By Love,
Shall Rise To Praise Your Holy Name.

In Christ You Gave Your Gift Of Life,
To Save Us From The Depth Of Night,
Oh Come And Set Our Spirits Free,
And Draw Us To Your Perfect Light.

Where There Is Fear May We Bring Joy,
And Healing To A World In Pain,
Lord Build Your Kingdom Through Our Lives,
Till Jesus Walks This Earth Again.

Oh Burn In Us That We May Burn,
With Love That Triumphs In Despair,
And Touch Our Lives With Such A Fire,
That Souls May Search And Find You There.

Lights To The World, Oh Light Of Man,
Kindle In Us A Mighty Flame,
Till Every Heart Consumed By Love,
Shall Rise To Praise Your Holy Name

We say a special prayer for today - Collect for Trinity 17

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now a prayer to acknowledge to God the things we regret, and to help us to do better in future

We have a moment of silence to gather our thoughts to ask for forgiveness

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

With God's Grace we are forgiven

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins
and restore us in his image, to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We read from the Bible (see the pew sheet) - Philippians 3.4b-14 "Pressing on towards the goal"

We hear our Gospel Reading from the Bible (see the pew sheet) -

Matthew 21.33-46 The Parable of the Wicked Tenants

We think about the readings – introductory prayer and talk about the readings and creation Sunday

To engage with God, to grow as God intended us to be let us state our shared faith in God; join in with me

To declare our common faith in God we ask questions to ourselves, and answer with open hearts and minds in the joy of the Lord our God.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made the world?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ, who redeemed mankind?

I believe and trust in him

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God?
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.

We pray for the world, and for ourselves:

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

At the end: 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, 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.**

We use the words of hymn to draw together the thoughts and prayers of our worship:

Benedictus - *Based on the song by the Strawbs 1972*

The wanderer has far to go, over creations wonderous show
 Humble must he constant be to the praise of creator and son
 Where the paths of God's wisdom lead, Distant is the shadow of the setting sun
 Bless the daytime, Bless the night
 Bless the sun which gives us light
 Bless the thunder, Bless the rain
 Bless all those who cause us pain
 Yellow stars may lead the way, All diversions lead astray
 While his resolution holds, God's grace and love will surely follow him
 Bless the free man, Bless the slave
 Bless the hero in his grave
 Bless those looking to escape. Bless the saint
 Bless all those with strength whose hearts grow faint

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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