

PARISH OF WHITTON

MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday 18th October 2020 – St Luke's Day

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

Meeting ID; 9483407 2630 password: 343860

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 the world that you created.

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

to bring in your harvest and heal your creation.

Amen

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

Almighty God,

who called Luke the Physician,

whose praise is in the Gospel,

to be an Evangelist, and Physician of the soul:

May it please you that,

by the wholesome medicines of the doctrine delivered by him,

all the diseases of our souls may be healed;

through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We listen to the words of a hymn:

Christ's is the world in which we move;

Christ's are the folk we're summoned to love;

Christ's is the voice which calls us to care,

and Christ is the one who meets us here.

Feel for the people we most avoid -

strange or bereaved or never employed.

Feel for the women and feel for the men

who fear that their living is all in vain. [.....]

Feel for the parents who've lost their child,
 feel for the women whom men have defiled,
 feel for the baby for whom there's no breast,
 and feel for the weary who find no rest.

Feel for the lives by life confused,
 riddled with doubt, in loving abused;
 feel for the lonely heart, conscious of sin,
 which longs to be pure but fears to begin.

To the lost Christ shows his face,
 to the unloved he gives his embrace,
 to those who cry in pain or disgrace
 Christ makes, with his friends, a touching place.

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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

**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**

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)

2 Timothy 4:5-17 (NRSV) – Paul's charge to Timothy

We think about the reading.

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

Luke 10: 1-9 (NRSV) – Jesus sends out the Seventy-Two

A reflection on the readings.

We affirm our shared faith in God

Let us affirm our common 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 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

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

Jesus taught us to call God our Father, so in faith and trust we say together 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
for ever and ever. Amen.**

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

We cannot measure how you heal
Or answer every sufferer's prayer,
Yet we believe your grace responds
Where faith and doubt unite to care.
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross,
Survive to hold and heal and warn,
To carry all through death to life
And cradle children yet unborn. [.....]

The pain that will not go away,
 The guilt that clings from things long past,
 The fear of what the future holds,
 Are present as if meant to last.
 But present too is love which tends
 The hurt we never hoped to find,
 The private agonies inside,
 The memories that haunt the mind.
 So some have come who need your help
 And some have come to make amends,
 As hands which shaped and saved the world
 Are present in the touch of friends.
 Lord, let your Spirit meet us here
 To mend the body, mind and soul,
 To disentangle peace from pain
 And make your broken people whole.

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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,
 equip us by the power of your Holy Spirit to minister to all,
 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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