

PARISH OF WHITTON

MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday 11th October 2020

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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:

Praise God who loves us

Praise God who cares.

We pray together

Lord, as we come to worship you today:

Calm us O Lord, as you still the storm.

Still us O Lord, keep us from harm.

Let all the tumult with us cease,

Enfold us Lord in your peace. Amen

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We listen to the words of a hymn:

Lord of all life and power

at whose creative word

in nature's first primeval hour

our formless being stirred,

you made the light to shine,

O shine on us, we pray,

renew with light and life divine

your church in this our day.

Lord of the fertile earth

who caused the world to be,

whose life alone can bring to birth

the fruits of land and sea,

teach us to use aright

and share the gifts you give,

to tend the earth as in your sight

that all the world may live.

Lord of the passing years
 whose changeless purpose stands,
 our lives and loves, our hopes and fears,
 we place within your hands;
 we bring you but your own,
 forgiven, loved and free,
 to follow Christ, and Christ alone,
 through all the days to be

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

Almighty God,
 You have made us for yourself,
 And our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you:
 Pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
 And so bring us at last to your heavenly city
 Where we shall see you face to face;
 Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and forever. **Amen**

We ask God to forgive us for things we regret, and to help us to do better in future

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society,
 in the misuse of God's creation.

A moment of silence

God our Father, we are sorry
 for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly,
 and acted ungratefully.
 Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest,
 but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.
 Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied,
but ignore the cry of the hungry.

Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless,
and do not care enough for the world you have made.

Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We store up goods for ourselves alone,
as if there were no God and no heaven.

Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We are forgiven

God the Creator brings us new life,
forgives us and redeems us.

Let us take hold of this forgiveness
and live our lives in the Spirit of Jesus. **Amen**

We read from the Bible (see the pew sheet)

Philippians 4:1-9

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

Matthew 22:1-14

We think about the readings

We affirm our shared faith in God

Let us affirm our common faith in God.

**You, O God, are supreme and holy,
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us. You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,
Good beyond all measure.**

**You came to us before we came to you.
 You have revealed and proved
 Your love for us in Jesus Christ,
 Who lived and died and rose again,
 You are with us now. You are God**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
 You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
 You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
 You are our God. We worship you.**

We pray for the world, and for ourselves:

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

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 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 forever. Amen.**

Final hymn

Creator God, abundant life your mark,
 you once poured speech into the formless dark;
 and from those words sprang forth a living spark.
 Your inspiration awoke creation.
 And so this world, in which we live and move,
 all that we sense below, around, above,

displays the imprint of your longing love:
its revelation throughout creation.

But yet the earth is fractured, frayed and torn,
poisoned, polluted, ravaged, scarred and worn,
its treasures plundered and its beauties scorned:
our desecration of God's creation.

From blight and guilt, we cannot walk away,
our will and actions shape the world today;
and ours the greed, insistent on its way,
whose depredations despoil creation.

Come Holy Spirit, challenge mind and heart!
Inspire our living so that we can start
to make those choices which may yet impart
love's liberation to your creation.

We pledge to touch all things with holy care
until your coming Kingdom ends despair:
when all the world will witness and will share
the jubilation of healed creation.

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We offer our lives and our gifts to God

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the
majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

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