

PARISH OF WHITTON

MORNING WORSHIP

15th November 2020 at 10.00am

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Welcome and notices

A sentence from the Bible:

See how much the Father has loved us; that we should be called children of God! (1 John 3)

God of all blessings, source of all life, giver of all grace

We thank you for this day and the fresh possibilities it offers.

In this time together, help us to know your presence, to hear your voice and be glad deep within as we worship you. **Amen**

Hymn

An old Irish Hymn translated by Mary Elizabeth Byrne, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IRUjmvAmCyU>

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;

Naught be all else to me, save that thou art -

Thou my best thought, by day or by night;

Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;

I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.

Thou my great Father, I thy true son;

Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;

be thou my dignity, thou my delight,

thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r:

raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;

Thou mine inheritance, now and always;

Thou and thou only first in my heart,

High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,

May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,

Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Something to celebrate by Rhona

Reading Matthew 25:14-30

Reflection by Rhona

Recognising our failure

We confess that sometimes we lack hope and faith.
 We look at our world and think it can't be changed.
 We believe the lie that our contribution won't make a difference.
 Teach us not to bury the talents you give us, or imagine we are ungifted.
 Teach us to be willing to take risks for you.
 Challenge and inspire us and give us courage.
 Show us afresh the power of your love, so we can shine it into world
 We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen**

God forgives us

May Almighty God
 Who in Jesus Christ has given us a Kingdom which cannot be destroyed,
 Forgive us our sins.
 Open our eyes to God's truth.
 Strengthen us to do God's will.
 And give us the joy of his kingdom,
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hymn

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Come to us, creative Spirit,
 in this holy house;
 ev'ry human talent hallow,
 hidden skills arouse,
 that within your earthly temple,
 wise and simple may rejoice.
 Poet, painter, music-maker,
 all your treasures bring;
 craftsman, actor, graceful dancer,
 make your offering;
 join your hands in celebration:
 let creation shout and sing!
 Word from God eternal springing,
 fill our minds, we pray;

and in all artistic vision
 give integrity:
 may the flame within us burning
 kindle yearning day by day.

In all places and forever
 glory be expressed
 to the Son, with God the Father
 and the Spirit blest:
 in our worship and our living
 keep us striving for the best.

Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Reflection by Margaret

Prayers led by Joanna

Hymn

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For ourselves no longer living, let us live for Christ alone;
 of ourselves more strongly giving, go as far as he has gone:
 one with God who chose to be one with us to set us free.

If we are to live with others, share as equals human worth,
 join the round of sisters, brothers, that encircles all the earth!
 All the fullness earth affords, is the people's, is the Lord's.

Fighting fear and exploitation is our daily common call;
 finding selfhood, building nations, sharing what we have with all.
 As the birds that soar in flight, let us rise towards the light.

Let us rise and join the forces that combine to do God's will,
 wisely using earth's resources, human energy and skill.
 Let us now, by love released, celebrate the future's feast!

Re-affirming our faith

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 are blessed and sent out into the world

We are not alone.

We go into the world,

surrounded by God's love,

supported by God's people

and strengthened by the knowledge that God is and will be with us.

So may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Be upon us and remain with us and all we love, care and pray for.

Amen

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ, Amen

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