

PARISH OF WHITTON

MORNING WORSHIP

22ND NOVEMBER 2020

CHRIST THE KING



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We are made welcome:

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

We pray together:

Lord, as we come to worship you today:

We thank you for your generous love for your world.

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. Amen

We set the scene for the service and we listen to some words from a hymn:

*Of the Father's love begotten,
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are and have been,
And that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore.*

*O ye heights of heav'n, adore Him;
Angel hosts, His praises sing;
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him,
And extol our God and King.*

*Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Every voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore.*

*Christ, to Thee, with God the Father,
And, with Holy Ghost, to Thee,
Hymn and chant and high
thanksgiving,
And unwearied praises be;
Honour, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore.*

We say a special prayer for today:

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory. **Amen**

We read from the Bible (see the pew sheet): Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24**We listen to some words from a hymn:**

*From heaven you came helpless babe
Entered our world, your glory veiled
Not to be served but to serve
And give Your life that we might live.
This is our God, The Servant King
He calls us now to follow Him
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to The Servant King*

*So let us learn how to serve,
And in our lives enthrone him;
Each other's needs to prefer,
For it is Christ we're serving.
This is our God, The Servant King;
He calls us now to follow Him
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King*
Graham Kendrick

We hear our Gospel Reading (see the pew sheet): Matthew 25: 31-46**We think about the readings****We affirm our shared faith in God:**

Let us affirm our common faith in God.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made the world,
and for whom we exist?

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**

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 pray...

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.

We ask God to forgive us for the things we regret:

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

cf Matthew 4.17

We have a moment of silence

The kingdom is yours, but we turn away from your just rule:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The power is yours, but we trust in our own power and strength:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

The glory is yours, but we fall short of the glory of God:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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 use some words from a hymn to draw together our thoughts:

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,

urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,

sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:

Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for our world when we disown and doubt him,

loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,

hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him:

Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

*Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us -
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.*

Timothy Dudley-Smith

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:

God the Father,
who has given to his Son the name above every name,
strengthen you to proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord. **Amen.**
God the Son,
who is our great high priest passed into the heavens,
plead for you at the right hand of the Father. **Amen.**
God the Holy Spirit,
who pours out his abundant gifts upon the Church,
make you faithful servants of Christ our King. **Amen.**
And the blessing ...

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ, Amen.

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