

# PARISH OF WHITTON

## MORNING WORSHIP

**Sunday 10<sup>rd</sup> January 2021, 11.30am**

Phone in on: 020 3481 5240 or 020 808 06591 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 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 say a special prayer for today**

Heavenly Father,

at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:

may we recognize him as our Lord,

and know ourselves to be your beloved children;

through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

### **We listen to the words of a hymn**

God is Love: let heav'n adore him; God is Love: let earth rejoice;

let creation sing before him and exalt him with one voice.

He who laid the earth's foundation, he who spread the heav'ns above,

he who breathes through all creation, he is Love, eternal Love.

God is Love: and he enfoldeth all the world in one embrace;

with unfailing grasp he holdeth every child of every race.  
 And when human hearts are breaking under sorrow's iron rod,  
 then they find that selfsame aching deep within the heart of God.

God is Love: and though with blindness sin afflicts the souls of all,  
 God's eternal loving-kindness holds and guides us when we fall.  
 Sin and death and hell shall never o'er us final triumph gain;  
 God is Love, so Love for ever o'er the universe must reign. Timothy Rees (1922)

**We read from the Bible** (see the pew sheet for the full text)

Genesis 1:1-5 – God the creator

Acts 19:1-7 – A fuller understanding of Jesus

Mark 1 4:11 – Jesus is revealed as God's son

**We think about the readings**

**We say sorry to God and we pray for the world, and for ourselves:**

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

All I once held dear, built my life upon  
 All this world reveres, and wars to own  
 All I once thought gain I have counted loss  
 Spent and worthless now, compared to this.

*Knowing you, Jesus  
 Knowing you, there is no greater thing  
 You're my all, you're the best  
 You're my joy, my righteousness  
 And I love you, Lord*

Now my heart's desire is to know you more  
 To be found in you and known as yours  
 To possess by faith what I could not earn  
 All-surpassing gift of righteousness.

Oh, to know the power of your risen life  
 And to know You in Your sufferings  
 To become like you in your death, my Lord  
 So with you to live and never die

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**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?

**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 offer our lives and our gifts to God**

We bring you only what is yours, Creator God,  
that you might use this offering and the giver  
for the building up of your kingdom  
and the glory of your name. **Amen.**

**We are blessed and sent out into the world**

May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water  
welling up to eternal life,  
perfect in us the image of his glory;  
and may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
be upon us and all who 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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