

PARISH OF WHITTON

MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday 11th April 2021, 11.30am

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The Second Sunday of Easter

Opening Doors

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 listen to the words of a hymn

As we are gathered, Jesus is here; one with each other, Jesus is here;
joined by the Spirit, washed in the blood,
part of the body, the church of God.

As we are gathered, Jesus is here; one with each other, Jesus is here.

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

Risen Christ,

for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:

open the doors of our hearts,

that we may seek the good of others

and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,

to the praise of God the Father.

Amen

We read from the New Testament (see the pew sheet for the full text)

John 20. 19-31 – The locked room

Acts 4. 32-35 – The open-hearted community

We think about the readings

We listen to the words of a hymn

God! When human bonds are broken and we lack the love or skill to restore the hope of healing, give us grace and make us still.

Through that stillness, with your Spirit come into our world of stress, for the sake of Christ forgiving all the failures we confess.

You in us are bruised and broken: hear us as we seek release from the pain of earlier living; set us free and grant us peace.

Send us, God of new beginnings, humbly hopeful into life; use us as a means of blessing: make us stronger, give us faith.

Give us faith to be more faithful, give us hope to be more true, give us love to go on learning: God! Encourage and renew!

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We say sorry to God

Heavenly Father, we sometimes allow barriers of fear to separate us from those who are different from us or disagree with us. Forgive us, and give us openness and courage.

Lord, have mercy **Lord, have mercy**

Lord Jesus, we sometimes fail to share your love, because being vulnerable makes us nervous. Forgive us, and give us openness and generosity.

Christ, have mercy **Christ, have mercy**

Spirit of God, we sometimes disregard the new insights you try to give us, and ignore your promptings to action. Forgive us, and give us openness and energy.

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 pray for the world, and for ourselves

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

You are the God of new beginnings;
you bless and free us from the past,
and when its grip is long forgotten, your touch will last.

You are the God of second chances;
though all the world declares we're done,
your love restores us then invites us to rise and run.

You are the God of great tomorrows,
brighter than all our yesterdays.
Your heaven dwarfs our former glory, its promise stays.

You are the Alpha and Omega,
our source of life and journey's end,
and through the changes that you call us remain our friend.

Then let your Holy Spirit lead us
as we, attentive to your word,
achieve more than we dare imagine through Christ our Lord.

We offer our lives and our gifts to God

Lord, we came in need and have received your grace:
 we came in our emptiness and have been filled:
 we came in our sense of aloneness and we have been given a friend:
 we came in our brokenness and have been made whole.
 Lord, we commit ourselves to seek your face
 and to live for your glory all the days of the coming week.
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

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

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