

Whitton Parish

Second Sunday of Epiphany, 16th January 2022

MORNING WORSHIP at 11.30am

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Welcome and notices

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

We pray together

Lord, as we come together 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 show us your way of living

Help us to love you and each other,

And help us to trust you as we seek to follow in your steps. Amen

We seek God's forgiveness

The leader introduces our act of confession

We need your forgiveness, merciful God,

For not allowing our complacency to be shattered,

For taking refuge too often in the familiar and the certain;

For not believing in the victory of vulnerability,

For not daring to accept your gifts nor claim your promises.

Grant us true repentance.

Set us free to hear your word to us.

Set us free to serve you.

God forgives you. Forgive others. Forgive yourself.

A special prayer for today

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new:

transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,

and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory;

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 listen to the words of a song

Who would think that what was needed to transform and save the earth
might not be a plan or army, proud in purpose, proved in worth?
Who would think, despite derision, that a child should lead the way?
God surprises earth with heaven, coming here on Christmas Day.

Shepherds watch and wise men wonder; monarchs scorn and angels sing;
such a place as none would reckon hosts a holy helpless thing.
Stable beasts and by-passed strangers watch a baby laid in hay;
God surprises earth with heaven, coming here on Christmas Day.

Centuries of skill and science span the past from which we move,
yet experience questions whether, with such progress, we improve.
While the human lot we ponder, lest our hopes and humour fray,
God surprises earth with heaven, coming here on Christmas Day.

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New Testament Reading **1 Corinthians 12.1-11**

Gospel Reading **John 2.1-11**

A reflection on the readings

We declare our faith in Christ

**Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried; he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles;
this we have received and this we believe. Amen.**

Prayers

We offer our prayers for ourselves, for our friends and families, for our
communities and for the world.

We gather all our prayers together in the words Jesus 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.

We listen to the words of a song

Jesus, come! for we invite you,
Guest and Master, Friend and Lord;
now, as once at Cana's wedding,
speak, and let us hear your word:
lead us through our need or doubting,
hope be born and joy restored.

Jesus, come! transform our pleasures,
guide us into paths unknown;
bring your gifts, command your servants,
let us trust in you alone:
though your hand may work in secret,
all shall see what you have done.

Jesus, come in new creation,
heaven brought near in power divine;
give your unexpected glory
changing water into wine:
rouse the faith of your disciples
come, our first and greatest sign!

Jesus, come! surprise our dullness,
make us willing to receive
more than we can yet imagine,
all the best you have to give:
let us find your hidden riches,
taste your love, believe and live!

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 receive God's blessing

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 Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

be upon us all and all whom we love, care for and pray for.

Amen.

We are sent out, open to the God of surprises at work in us

With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work within you,

go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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