

PARISH OF WHITTON
MORNING WORSHIP – Easter 4
8th May, 11:30am on ZOOM

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We are made welcome

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us!

Let us rejoice and sing God's praise for ever.

We recall our shared faith

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

We pray

Loving God, we have come to worship you. Help us to pray to you in faith, to praise you with gratitude, and to listen to your word with eagerness; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

We read from the Bible

Psalm 23 (The Message Translation)

The collect for today

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

We read from the Bible

John 10.22-30

We listen to some words from a hymn

Good Shepherd, you know us, you call us by name,
you lead us; we gladly acknowledge your claim.
Your voice has compelled us; we come at your call,
and none you have chosen will finally fall.

Good Shepherd, you warn us of robbers and thieves;
the hireling, the wolf, who destroys and deceives;
all praise for your promise on which we can stand,
that no-one can snatch us from out of your hand.

Good Shepherd, you lay down your life for the sheep;
your love is not fickle, your gift is not cheap.
You spend your life freely, you take it again;
you died, so we live - we are healed by your pain.

At one with the Father, you made yourself known:
'I am the Good Shepherd', at one with your own.
You loved us before we had heeded or heard;
by grace we respond to your life-giving word.

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We read from the Bible

Acts 9.36-43

We think about the readings

We listen to some words from a hymn

Master, speak! thy servant heareth, waiting for thy gracious word,
longing for thy voice that cheereth, Master, let it now be heard.
I am list'ning, Lord, for thee; what hast thou to say to me?

Speak to me by name, O Master, let me know it is to me;
speak, that I may follow faster, with a step more firm and free,
where the Shepherd leads the flock, in the shadow of the Rock!

Master, speak! tho' least and lowest, let me not unheard depart;
Master, speak! for oh, thou knowest all the yearning of my heart,
knowest all its truest need; speak! and make me blest indeed.

Master, speak! and make me ready, when thy voice is truly heard,
with obedience glad and steady, still to follow ev'ry word.

I am listening, Lord, for thee: Master, speak, oh speak to me!

Frances Ridley Havergal (1867)

Words of regret

Our God, we come in humility, confessing who and what we are.

We are often unresponsive, for we are afraid.

When your spirit speaks, we turn deaf ears,
for we fear what you may call us to do.

When your spirit touches our lips, we close our mouths,
embarrassed to speak your word.

When the wind of your spirit blows, we close the windows of our hearts,
afraid the breeze will disrupt our ordered lives.

When the fire of your spirit touches us, we quench the flame,
afraid of the new life it might bring.

Forgive us, O Lord. **Amen**

May the Father forgive *us* by the death of his Son
and strengthen *us* to live in the power of the Spirit all *our* days. **Amen**

We pray for the world, and for ourselves

We join to say the church's family prayer

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

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want; he makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters, his goodness restores my soul.

And I will trust in you alone, and I will trust in you alone,
For your endless mercy follows me, your goodness will lead me home.

He guides my ways in righteousness, and he anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy, I feast on his pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path, I will not fear the evil one,
For you are with me, and your rod and staff are the comfort I need to know.

And I will trust in you alone, and I will trust in you alone,
For your endless mercy follows me, your goodness will lead me home.

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We are blessed and sent out into the world

**May God's blessing be upon you now,
May you know of his great love for you,
May God's blessing be upon you now, right where you are.**

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

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