

Who Do We Worship?

This reflective prayer was inspired by a service following the lectionary into the book of Revelation where it speaks of a vision of myriads and myriads of people worshipping the lamb on the throne. This is not language that sits comfortably with me but did lead us to ask questions and reflect upon who we are worshipping and what we are doing when we gather together.

Who do we worship?

We worship God

who is wilder than our wildest imaginings
older than the ancient rocks and carved glacial valleys
stronger than the molten lava and ash clouds of erupting volcanoes
bigger than the billions of stars that make up the milky way.

Who do we worship?

We worship God

who is gentler than a downy feather floating on the breeze
younger than the miraculous moment of conception
more vulnerable than a new born baby's first cry
smaller than the protons, neutrons and electrons inside each atom.

Who do we worship?

We worship God

who is shrouded in awe and mystery
constantly changing and evolving in ever more diverse ways
who is spirit, illusive, impossible to pin down
who is ultimately unknowable and beyond human imagination.

Who do we worship?

We worship God

who is incarnate, made flesh in the birth of a baby
grew among us as a child debating with elders in the temple
lived as one of us, eating, drinking, laughing, crying
died at the hands of human cruelty and yet lives on in human hope.

Why do we worship?

We worship God

to remind ourselves we are not gods and cannot control the universe
and set ourselves back in our place as a tiny part of earth's consciousness
to acknowledge to ourselves the extent of human power and confess its consequences
to inspire ourselves to become more fully human, reflecting God's image.

Why do we worship?

We worship God

to be and become in God's presence
to dare to enter into a relationship with the One who first loved us
to learn the values of peace, mercy, and justice that make for a better world
to become God's community, walking one with another on life's journey.

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