

XTRA! 18th March 2021

Do get yourself something to eat and drink before we start.

Gathering Song: Be Still and Know that I am God

<https://tinyurl.com/nxtcfvma>

Perhaps you can set a space for your worship with a candle, a purple cloth (or something purple) and a cross if you have one.

Greeting

Peace be with you
And also with you

Kyrie Confession

Think about the week that you have had and all that has been in it, the good and the less than good. Then...

Father God, we are sorry for the times when we have thought things that do not please you. [*pause*]

Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy

We are sorry for the times when we have said things that do not please you. [*pause*]

Christ have mercy
Christ have mercy

We are sorry for the times when we have done things that do not please you. [*pause*]

Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy

Absolution

May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria not today as it is Lent

Reading The First Sin Genesis 3

This is a story from near the beginning of the Old Testament. It thinks about how God's good creation became spoiled. You can read it in your Bible or watch it here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l7TDvJrjz0>

Group Discussion

I wonder whose fault it was that the fruit was eaten.

I wonder why Adam and Eve did something that God had told them not to do.

I wonder if God knew what would happen.

I wonder if it is really possible to hide from God.

I wonder why this story is in the Bible.

Activity: Game – excuses

You could challenge each other with some situations where you need to think of an excuse or use the ideas at the end of this...

Prayer

- Try to think of tempting or difficult choices you may face each day.
- Share ideas with anyone you are with at the moment, if you would like.

Song: Kumbaya

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7e6s1plcs9U>

Dear God,

Thank you that you love us and let us make our own choices. Help us to remember that our choices have consequences. Please help us when we have difficult choices to make.

Amen.

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Lord's 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 that 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.**

Blessing

May the lightness of God go with you
May the brightness of God go with you
May he shine on all you do.
May God bless you.

Messy Grace

Resources:

Refreshments

Purple cloth, candle, matches, cross

Excuses for...

Please could you pop to the shops and get some milk for breakfast.

I'm collecting money for the homeless do you have any spare change?

Can you help me tidy up, please?

The budgie needs cleaning out. Will you do it, please?

Isn't it time you did your homework?

Let's go and see Mrs Smith. She's very lonely.

No-one is talking to the new boy at school. Perhaps you could go and make friends with him.

Please could you share your sweets with your brothers / sisters / friends?