

A service for all ages St Columba Collingtree. 11th April 2021

Introduction:

All We have come together this morning to discover more about God's amazing love and care for us, and to bring him our thanks and praise.

This is the day that the Lord has made!

All We are glad and we worship you!

We praise you, Father God!

All We praise you!

We will trust in you and not be afraid!

All We trust in you!

A chance to say sorry to God:

All Father God,

We are really sorry for all the things we do that hurt you and hurt other people, which the Bible calls sin.

For the times when we turn away from you and go our own way, please forgive us.

For the times when we have been selfish, unkind, angry, or rude, please forgive us.

Amen.

The Bible tells us that if we confess our sins to God, he can always be trusted to forgive us.

All Thank you, Father God. Amen.

An action song to listen to:

Allelu, Allelu, Allelu, Alleluia, praise ye the Lord, (x 2)

Praise ye the Lord, Alleluia! (x 3)

Praise ye the Lord!

A reading from the Bible – Luke 15:11–24 (New International Version)

¹¹ Jesus continued: 'There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger one said to his father, "Father, give me my share of the estate." So he divided his property between them.

¹³ 'Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. ¹⁴ After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ 'When he came to his senses, he said, "How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!

¹⁸ I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.” ²⁰ So he got up and went to his father.

‘But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms round him and kissed him.

²¹ ‘The son said to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.”

²² ‘But the father said to his servants, “Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴ For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.” So they began to celebrate.

A talk about the Bible verses

We say together what we believe:

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
the all-powerful Creator of the universe?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who came to this world to die for us, rose again and is alive forever?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who makes us strong and helps us to be more like Jesus?

All We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

All This is our faith!

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

A song to listen to:

Faithful one, so unchanging
Ageless one, you're my rock of peace
Lord of all I depend on you, I call out to you, again and again
I call out to you, again and again
You are my rock in times of trouble, you lift me up when I fall down
All through the storm your love is the anchor
My hope is in You alone

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Prayers

A modern version of the prayer that Jesus taught us:

**All Our Father in heaven, may your name always be kept holy.
May your kingdom come and what you want, be done –
here on earth, as it is in heaven.
Please give us the food we need for each day.
Forgive us for the things we do wrong, just as we
have forgiven those who have done wrong to us.
Don't let us be tempted and save us from the Evil One.
Thank you that you are King forever
and you are all-powerful. Amen.**

A song to listen to:

Father in heaven how we love you
We lift your name in all the earth
May your kingdom be established in our praises,
As Your people declare your mighty works!
Blessed be the Lord, God almighty
Who was and is and is to come
Blessed be the Lord, God almighty
Who reigns forever more

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Final prayer:

**All Thank you, Father God, for your love for us.
Please help us to follow your way and show your love to others.**

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord

All In Jesus' name and with his power! Amen.