

# ALL AGE SERVICE

## THE WELCOME

*A HYMN is sung*

## THE GREETING

*We begin with one of these statements*

God is good            (or)  
all the time.  
All the time  
God is good.

We meet in the presence of God  
who knows our needs,  
hears our cries,  
feels our pain,  
and heals our wounds.

Before Jesus ascended into heaven,  
He made a promise to his friends,  
that he would be with them always.

*All* As long as we love one another,  
we are Jesus' friends, and he is among us.

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.  
Let us recognise his presence with us.

*Silence is kept.*

As God's people we have gathered:  
*All* let us worship him together.

The Lord be with you  
*All* and also with you.

## THE CONFESSION

Our Lord Jesus was sent by our Father in heaven to love us  
and lead us into the kingdom.

So let us try to follow him  
by turning away from things that are wrong,  
and by trying to be more loving and kind.

Let us tell him how sorry we are  
for all that we have done wrong  
and for all the chances we have missed to do good;  
and let us ask him to help us to do better.

*All* Lord God, we are very sorry  
for all the things we have done wrong;  
and for all the good things we have failed to do.  
In your love, forgive us.  
Wash away our wrongdoing  
and make us really clean.  
Help us to become what we should be,  
and to rediscover the joy of being your children;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

May the Father of all mercies  
cleans *us* from *our* wrongdoings,  
and remake *us* in his likeness  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

*A HYMN is sung*

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S HOLY WORD

Your word is a lantern to our feet  
*All* **and a light upon our path.**

*This prayer of thanksgiving may be said*

Blessed are you, Lord our God.  
How sweet are your words to the taste,  
sweeter than honey to the mouth.  
How precious are your commands for our life,  
more than the finest gold in our hands.  
How marvellous is your will for the world,  
unending is your love for the nations.  
Our voices shall sing of your promises  
and our lips declare your praise  
for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*One or more passage from the Bible will be read and end with:*

This is the word of the Lord  
*All* **Thanks be to God**

THE ADDRESS (*this may be a simple talk or discussion etc...*)

## SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE

Let us declare our faith in God.  
*All* **We believe in God the Father,**

from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts  
through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us  
with power from on high.

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

*(or)*

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

*All* **We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

*All* **We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

*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 HYMN is sung*

## THE PRAYERS

*The prayers may include one of these responses*

Lord, in your mercy

*All* Hear our prayer.

*The prayers may end with*

Merciful Father,

*All* accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*All* Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name;

thy kingdom come;

thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation;

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

the power, and the glory

for ever and ever.

Amen.

## THE PEACE

*The minister may introduce the peace with suitable words and says*

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
*All* and also with you.

*These words may be added*

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

*A HYMN is sung during which we make our offering*

Let us bless the Lord:  
*All* thanks be to God.

Blessing, honour and glory be yours,  
here and everywhere, now and for ever. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All* In the name of Christ. Amen.

