



The Benefice of Alderley & Birtles: The Family Service

Welcome to worship

We sing a hymn

The Collect for Purity

**All: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

The Invitation to Confession

St Paul says

‘Be imitators of God; love as Christ loved;
do not grieve the Holy Spirit; put away all anger and bitterness,
all slander and malice.’

So let us confess our sins to God, who forgives us in Christ.

cf Ephesians 4.30 – 5.1

The General Confession

All: Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have wandered and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
and there is no health in us.
But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us sinners.
Spare those who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent,
according to your promises declared to mankind in Christ Jesus our
Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may live a disciplined, righteous and godly life,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Absolution

The Collect for today

The Introduction to the Bible reading/s

We sing a hymn

We may say one of the Psalms that is set for today

One or more readings from the Bible

The Address

We sing a hymn

The Nicene Creed, to be said responsively

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,

**All maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,

**All God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,**

begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

All Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

**All For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;

**All he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

All the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

All With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

All We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**All We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Conclusion

We sing a hymn

The Blessing

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