



## The Benefice of Alderley and Birtles Welcome to 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.

### General Confession and Absolution

Seek the Lord while he may be found,  
**All** call upon him while he is near.  
Let the wicked abandon their ways  
**All** and the unrighteous their thoughts.  
Turn back to the Lord, who will have mercy;  
**All** to our God who will richly pardon.

*cf Isaiah 55*

*A time of silence and self-examination may be kept.*

**All Lord God,  
we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*cf Psalm 51*

**Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse *us* from *our* sins,  
and restore *us* in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

Blessed be the Lord,  
**All who has heard the voice of our prayer.**  
Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy  
**All and in our song will we praise our God.**

*Psalm 28.7,9*

**The Collect for Today**

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

**The Introduction to the Bible reading/s**

**One or more readings from the Bible**

**We sing a hymn**

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## The Address

### The Apostles Creed

**All: I BELIEVE in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth:  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
Born of the Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, dead, and buried:  
He descended into hell;  
On the third day he rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
The holy Catholick Church;  
The Communion of Saints;  
The Forgiveness of sins;  
The Resurrection of the body,  
And the Life everlasting.  
Amen.**

**We sing a hymn, during which your offering will be received.**

### Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Let us by prayer and intercession with thanksgiving  
make our requests to God.

Gracious God,  
we pray for peace, justice and reconciliation throughout the world.  
We pray for the honouring of human dignity,  
and for the relief of the oppressed.

We give thanks for all that is gracious in the lives of men, women and  
children. *Lord, in your mercy.* **All: Hear our prayer.**      *over ....*

We pray for the renewal of the Church in faith, love and service.  
We pray for our bishops and for the life of this parish and community.  
We give thanks for the gift of your word,  
the grace of the sacraments  
and the fellowship of your people.

*Lord, in your mercy. All: Hear our prayer.*

We pray for this local community  
and for all people in their daily life and work.  
We pray for the young and the elderly,  
for families, and all who are alone.  
We give thanks for human skill and creativity  
and all that reveals your loveliness.

*Lord, in your mercy. All: Hear our prayer.*

We pray for those who are in need;  
for the sick, sorrowful and bereaved.  
We pray for all who bring comfort, care and healing.  
We give thanks for human love and friendship  
and for all that enriches our daily lives.

*Lord, in your mercy. All: Hear our prayer.*

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,  
to the mercy and protection of God.

**All: Merciful Father,  
Accept these prayers for the sake of thy son, our Saviour, Jesus  
Christ.  
Amen**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

### **The Blessing**

**We sing a hymn**

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