

Coventry Cathedral - The Litany of Reconciliation

After the bombing of Coventry in November 1940, when the medieval Cathedral was destroyed, Provost Richard Howard had the words "Father forgive" inscribed on the wall of the ruined Cathedral. They can still be seen today. The words echo the prayer of Jesus on the cross "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." The simple prayer "Father forgive" acknowledges our need to receive forgiveness for ourselves as well as ask it for others.

18 years later, Canon Joseph Poole, the first Precentor of the new Cathedral, wrote a Litany of Reconciliation. Loosely based on the seven deadly sins (anger, gluttony, greed, envy, sloth, lust and pride) it is a confession of humanity's failings. Pre- pandemic the Litany of Reconciliation was said at 12noon each weekday in the new Cathedral (except Fridays, when it was said in the ruins). Many other associated centres of reconciliation around the world joined in using the prayer, especially at mid-day on Fridays.

The Coventry Litany of Reconciliation

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class.

Father, forgive.

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own.

Father, forgive.

The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth.

Father, forgive.

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others.

Father, forgive.

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee.

Father, forgive.

The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children.

Father, forgive.

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God.

Father, forgive.

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.



Welcome to the Alcester Minster Group of Churches

Sunday 30 May 2021

Trinity Sunday *White/Gold*

"For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God."

Romans 8 v 14

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants
grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the
eternal Trinity
and in the power of the divine
majesty to worship the Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith,
that we may evermore be defended
from all adversities;
through Jesus Christ your Son our
Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Alternative Collect

Holy God,
faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the
knowledge of your
truth,
and draw us more deeply
into the mystery of
your love,
that we may truly worship
you,
Father, Son and Holy
Spirit,
one God, now and for
ever.

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Next week's services and events

Sunday 30 May **Trinity Sunday** *White/Gold*
Arrow 10.00 am Open air Prayer and Praise service

Tuesday 01 June
Via Zoom 12 noon Prayer Gathering

Sunday 06 June **Trinity 1** *Green*
Alcester 10.00 am Holy Communion
Haselor 10.00 am Holy Communion
Sambourne 4.00 pm Evening Prayer

Please remember to reserve a place at any of the church services, wear a face covering, unless exempt, and keep 2 metres distance. Thank you.

*Sunday's open-air Minster service at Arrow.
Remember to bring a chair and dress for the weather on the day.
Please remember to inform the Administrator.*

Haselor Plant Sale Friday 28 – Monday 31 May 12 noon – 5 pm.

Please come prepared to make payment in cash. A BACs payment straight into the church account is an option. Please remember to bring bags or boxes to take your produce away.

The Withies, Haselor, B49 6LX
Bexley Cottage, Haselor, B49 6LU
The Croft House, Haselor, B49 6LU
Manor Farm, Walcote, B49 6LZ

Being Eco friendly

We are being encouraged by the Church of England to look at our carbon footprint both as churches, as individuals and as families.

<https://www.climatestewards.org/offset/>
Is a free-to-use home lifestyle calculator.

Readings for the week

Today	Romans 8 v 12 - 17 John 3 v 1 - 17
Monday	Romans 4 v 1 - 12
Tuesday	Romans 4 v 13 - 25
Wednesday	Romans 5 v 1 - 11
Thursday	Romans 5 v 12 - 21
Friday	Romans 6 v 1 - 14
Saturday	Romans 6 v 15 - 23

Prayer

Please pray for the following topics:



That we remember we are one world and that activities of rich countries will not ruin the lives of the poor thousands of miles away.

2. *Pray for refreshment and safe journeys for all those taking a break from lock-down and enforced solitude.*

*Please ensure all mobile phones are switched OFF during services.
Visitors are invited to Gift Aid their offerings in the envelopes provided.*

Contact Tricia Berry (07840 284 294 or administrator@alcesterminster.org) by 6 pm on Tuesday to add notices of church activities to next week's notice sheet.

Church of England App

If you use a smart speaker such as Google or Alexa you can access daily prayers, and much more by simply asking:

- "Alexa, open the Church of England"
- "Hey Google, talk to the Church of England."

Check out the website calendar for further details on events/services coming up



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