

A service for all ages 13th June 2021
St Columba, Collingtree



**There is no one holy like the Lord; there is no one besides you;
 there is no Rock like our God.**

1 Samuel 2:2

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 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 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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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.

A reading from the Bible – Matthew 7:24–27 (New International Version)

²⁴ “Jesus said, Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

A talk about the Bible verses

Jesus told a story of houses built on land
One was built on rock, and the other was on sand
Down came the rain on the houses – Splish! Splosh! Splash!
The rocky house stood firm and the sandy house went ‘CRASH!’
So we’ll think about this story and what it has to say
If we build our life on God the rock, he’ll be with us, come what may
He promises to give us strength in hard times on the way
Remember he can help us in all we do and say.

We say together what we believe:

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

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.**

Prayers

If we build our life on God the rock, he'll be with us, come what may
He promises to give us strength in hard times on the way
Remember he can help us in all we do and say.
Let's talk to God now and bring to him things that are on our minds. Let us also pray
for people who are struggling in any way, as well as praying for the needs of the
world in which we live.

Father God, our Rock and our help...

All Please answer our prayers in the very best way

Merciful father accept these prayers
for the sake of your son our saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

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 things 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 reflective song:

Ascribe greatness to our God, the Rock
 His work is perfect
 And all His ways are just
 Ascribe greatness to our God, the Rock
 His work is perfect
 And all His ways are just
 A God of faithfulness and without injustice
 Good and upright is He
 A God of faithfulness and without injustice
 Good and upright is He

Mary Kirkbridge Barthow/Mary Lou King

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.