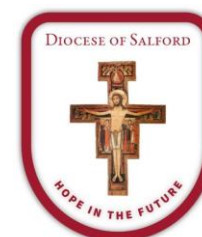




We Celebrate God's Gift  
of  
Love and Forgiveness



DEVELOPING & SUPPORTING  
**SCHOOL &**  
PARISH LINKS

You shall cross the barren desert,  
but you shall not die of thirst.  
You shall wander far in safety  
though you do not know the way.  
You shall speak your words in foreign lands  
and they will understand.  
You shall see the face of God and live.

*Be not afraid.*

*I go before you always.*

*Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.*

If you pass through raging waters in  
the sea, you shall not drown.  
If you walk amid the burning flames,  
you shall not be harmed.  
If you stand before the pow'r of hell  
and death is at your side,  
know that I am with you through it all.

*Chorus*

Blessed are the poor, for the kingdom  
shall be theirs.  
Blest are you that weep and mourn,  
for one day you shall laugh.  
And if wicked men insult and hate you  
all because of me,  
blessed, blessed are you!

*Chorus*

### **Be still, for the presence of the Lord**

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the holy One, is  
here;  
Come bow before him now with reverence and fear  
In him no sin is found we stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the holy One, is  
here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;  
He burns with holy fire, with splendour he is  
crowned:  
How awesome is the sight our radiant king of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this  
place:  
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace -  
no work too hard for Him.  
In faith receive from him.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this  
place.

**Reading:** (Matthew 18:12-13)

In the parable of the lost sheep, there was a man who had a hundred sheep. Every morning he took them from the fold (a place where they stayed at night) on a hillside and led them to new, fresh pastures. Later in the day he would take them to a quiet stream, or, if there wasn't any stream nearby, he would draw water from a well for them to drink. At night the good shepherd took them up the hill again to the fold. Every day the sheep followed the shepherd wherever he took them. He called them by name and they came to him. Every night he would count them to make sure they were all there.

One night one little sheep was missing. Somehow it had strayed away and became lost. If the shepherd left it and didn't go looking for it, it would surely be killed by some wild animals. The shepherd did not want to leave it. He left the other sheep and went to find it. He went searching until he found the lost one. When he found it, it was tired, hungry and cold. The good shepherd put the little sheep on his shoulder and carried it back to the fold. He did not scold it, but he rejoiced and was very happy that he had found the little sheep. In this parable, the shepherd was Jesus. The sheep are men, women and children. Jesus was showing the disciples that God and Jesus really care for us and they want us to be one of their sheep.

The Word of the Lord



**Children prayers:**

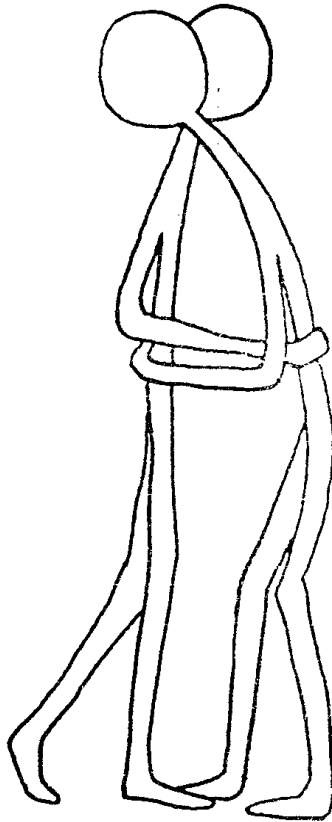
I am sorry for the times I've been mean and nasty, selfish and greedy. Help me to learn, like Jesus, to be fair and kind, loving and helpful, to everyone. Lord Hear Us

Lord Jesus, help me to love like you do, and be a friend like you are. When people are sad, help me to make them happy, when people are lonely, let me be a proper friend. Help me to help all those you love, even those who don't help me. Lord Hear Us

We pray for those who are unable to be with us today. For those who are sick and those who care for them. Lord Hear Us.

Thank you God our Father for welcoming me back into all your love, and the love of all your family. Lord Hear Us

## Examination of Conscience.



BE  
RECONCILED

**Children:** God our Father, sometimes we have not behaved as we should.  
Lord have mercy.

**Response:** Lord have mercy on us all.

**Children:** If we have been bad at home or at school.  
Lord have mercy.

**Response:** Lord have mercy on us all.

**Children:** If we have fought or called each other names.  
Lord have mercy.

**Response:** Lord have mercy on us all.

**Children:** If we have not been helpful to our family and friends.  
Lord have mercy.

**Response:** Lord have mercy on us all.

**Children:** If we have been selfish and only thought of ourselves.  
Lord have mercy.

**Response:** Lord have mercy on us all.

**Children:** If we have told lies and blamed others.  
Lord have mercy.

**Response:** Lord have mercy on us all.

**Hymn:**

O, the love of my Lord is the essence  
of all that I love here on earth.  
All the beauty I see he has given to me,  
and his giving is gentle as silence.

Ev'ry day, ev'ry hour, ev'ry moment  
have been blessed by the strength of his love.  
At the turn of each tide he is there at my side,  
and his touch is as gentle as silence.

There've been times when I've turned from his  
presence,  
and I've walked other paths, other ways;  
but I've called on his name in the dark of my  
shame,  
and his mercy was gentle as silence.



BE  
RECONCILED

**Reading:**

Have you ever thrown a stone in a pond? If you throw it right in the middle you will see the ripples going outward. The splash doesn't just stay in the middle: it disturbs the calm surface of the pond right to the sides.

It's the same when you do wrong. It's not just between you and God. It affects everyone around you.

So it is never just enough to say, "Dear God, my Father, I am sorry." Sometimes we have to say sorry to everyone that our bad behaviour has hurt. Sometimes you can do that if you know who it is whom you have upset. And you should apologise. But often, we don't know how far the ripples of our bad actions have gone. That is why we need to tell the priest – (who stands in the place of all the people we've hurt) – that we are sorry.

