

We believe in God the Spirit;  
in one Church, below, above:  
saints of God in one communion,  
one in holiness and love.  
So by faith, our sins forgiven,  
Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,  
we shall rise with him in glory  
to the life that knows no end.

### The Collect

**Merciful God, your Son came to save us  
and bore our sins on the cross: may we  
trust in your mercy and know your love,  
rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Intercessions

*Sit for a time of reflection. We sing:*

**Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's  
holy name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who  
leads me into life.**

*As a response between intercessions, we use:*

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

*And at the end:*

Merciful father,  
**Accept these prayers, for the sake of your  
son, our saviour Jesus Christ.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray  
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your  
name, your kingdom come, your will be  
done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today  
our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we  
forgive those who sin against us. Lead us  
not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory  
are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

*HYMN (during which the collection is taken)  
Immortal, invisible, God only wise (AM 199)*

### Blessing

May God keep you in all your days.  
May Christ shield you in all your ways.  
May the Spirit bring you healing and peace.  
May God the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from  
you and pour upon you blessing and light.  
**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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☞ **FEEL FREE TO TAKE THIS SHEET AWAY**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE OR TEA IN THE  
HALL AFTER THE SERVICE**



## St Ursula's Church, Berne Service of the Word

**12 September 2004  
14th Sunday after Trinity**

*WELCOME, NEWS and NOTICES*

*STAND for the opening worship songs:*

*WT288 Majesty, worship his majesty (once)*

*WT189 I want to worship the Lord (twice)*

*WT24 As we are gathered (once)*

*WT34 Be still, for the presence of the Lord (once)*

### The Greeting

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.  
Let us recognize his presence with us.

As God's people we have gathered:  
**Let us worship him together.**

*Sit or kneel*

### Prayers of Penitence

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for  
our sins.

For turning away from you, and ignoring your  
will for our lives; Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us.**

For behaving just as we wish, without thinking  
of you; Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us.**

For failing you by what we do, and think and  
say; Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us.**

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you  
by temptations in the world about us;  
Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us.**

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to  
your Son; Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us.**

May the God of love bring us back to himself,  
forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal  
love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Activity – The Lost Scrabble Tile

*based on Luke 15:1-10*

*SONG with the children:*

Wandering like lost sheep,  
We were going our own way,  
When Jesus the good Shepherd  
Found us, led us home,  
Laid down his life before us  
That we might all be saved.  
We now belong to Jesus,  
We now belong to Him.

We are His sheep, we are His sheep,  
We hear His voice and follow Him.  
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## Prayer with the Children

**We thank you, Lord, for looking after us all.  
Guide us like a shepherd, cherish us like a  
parent, and teach us to know you better  
and better, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*The children leave, while we remain standing.*

### Psalm 51

*Cleansing from sin.*

**Have mercy, Lord, cleanse me from all my  
sins.**

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.

In your compassion blot out my offence.

O wash me more and more from my guilt

And cleanse me from my sin.

My offences truly I know them;

My sin is always before me.

Against you, you alone have I sinned;

What is bad in your sight I have done.

**Have mercy, Lord, cleanse me from all my  
sins.**

You are justified when you give sentence  
and without reproach when you judge.

O see, in guilt I was born,

A sinner was I conceived.

Indeed you love truth in the heart;

In the secret of my heart teach me wisdom.

O purify me, then I am clean;

If you wash me, I am whiter than snow.

**Have mercy, Lord, cleanse me from all my  
sins.**

Make me hear rejoicing and gladness,

That the bones you have crushed may thrill.

From my sins turn away your face

And blot out all my guilt.

Create for me a pure heart, O God,

Put a steadfast spirit in me.

Do not cast me away from your presence,

Nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

**Have mercy, Lord, cleanse me from all my  
sins.**

Take away, O Lord, the sin that corrupts us;  
restore by grace your own image within us; give  
us the sorrow that heals and the joy that  
praises, that we may take our place among your  
people, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Reading – Bow down to the Cow

*Exodus 32:7-14 (NRSV)*

7 The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; 8 they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" 9 The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. 10 Now let me alone, so that my wrath

may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

11 But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? 12 Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. 13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" 14 And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

*SONG: God forgave my sin (WT 111)*

### Paul Explains

*1 Tim 1:12-17 (NRSV)*

12 I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, 13 even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, 14 and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 15 The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners — of whom I am the foremost. 16 But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. 17 To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory forever and ever. Amen.

*HYMN: Jesu, lover of my soul (AM 123)*

### Address

### Affirmation of Faith

*Tune: Ode to Joy*

We believe in God the Father,  
God almighty, by whose plan  
earth and heaven sprang to being,  
all created things began.  
We believe in Christ the Saviour,  
Son of God in human frame,  
virgin-born, the child of Mary  
upon whom the Spirit came.

Christ, who on the cross forsaken,  
like a lamb to slaughter led,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
he descended to the dead.  
We believe in Jesus risen,  
heaven's king to rule and reign,  
to the Father's side ascended  
till as judge he comes again.

## Reference Material

Luke 15

1 Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. 2 And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

3 So he told them this parable: 4 "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? 5 When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. 6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' 7 Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

8 "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? 9 When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' 10 Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Psalms 51

1 Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.

2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against you, you alone, have I sinned,  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence  
and blameless when you pass judgment.

5 Indeed, I was born guilty,  
a sinner when my mother conceived me.

6 You desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8 Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

9 Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.

11 Do not cast me away from your presence,  
and do not take your holy spirit from me.