

St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church Junior Church Activity Sheet 21st February 2021 The first Sunday of Lent



Here is something to pass the time at home as we can't meet in church at the moment – a story and some activities.

The first rainbow

You probably know the story of Noah and how he built an ark to save his family and all the animals from the terrible flood that engulfed the world. When it stopped raining, and the waters went down there was dry land again and Noah's family and all the animals came out of the ark and praised God for their safety.

Then God said to Noah and his family, "Now I am making my promise to you and all the people who will live after you. And I also make my promise with every living thing that is with you. It is with the birds, the tame animals and the wild animals. I make my promise with every living thing on earth. I make this promise and agreement with you: I will never again destroy all living things by floodwaters. A flood will never again destroy the earth."

And God said, This is the sign I give you. I am putting my rainbow in the clouds. It is the sign of the agreement between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, a rainbow appears in the clouds. Then I will remember my agreement. It is between me and you and every living thing. Floodwaters will never again destroy all life on the earth. This is my promise to every creature and every person.

In our service today we are going to think about how God cares for all of his creation and how we might love it too and help to care for it. And we are going to sing a hymn that was first written by Saint Francis, who cared for all the animals and the whole of creation.

The hymn is printed on the next page. Can you decorate the margins of the page with all the lovely things in creation that the hymn mentions so that the page looks like an illuminated manuscript? Don't forget to add a rainbow! You can look at some of these online:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Illuminated_manuscript .

The next time you go out for a walk, take a notebook, or a camera and see how many signs of Spring you can count. Draw them, or photograph them and make yourself a collage of hope.

If you didn't see last Sunday's service you can watch the part about how to make an origami heart and make some to stick in your window or give to people to cheer them up..

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!

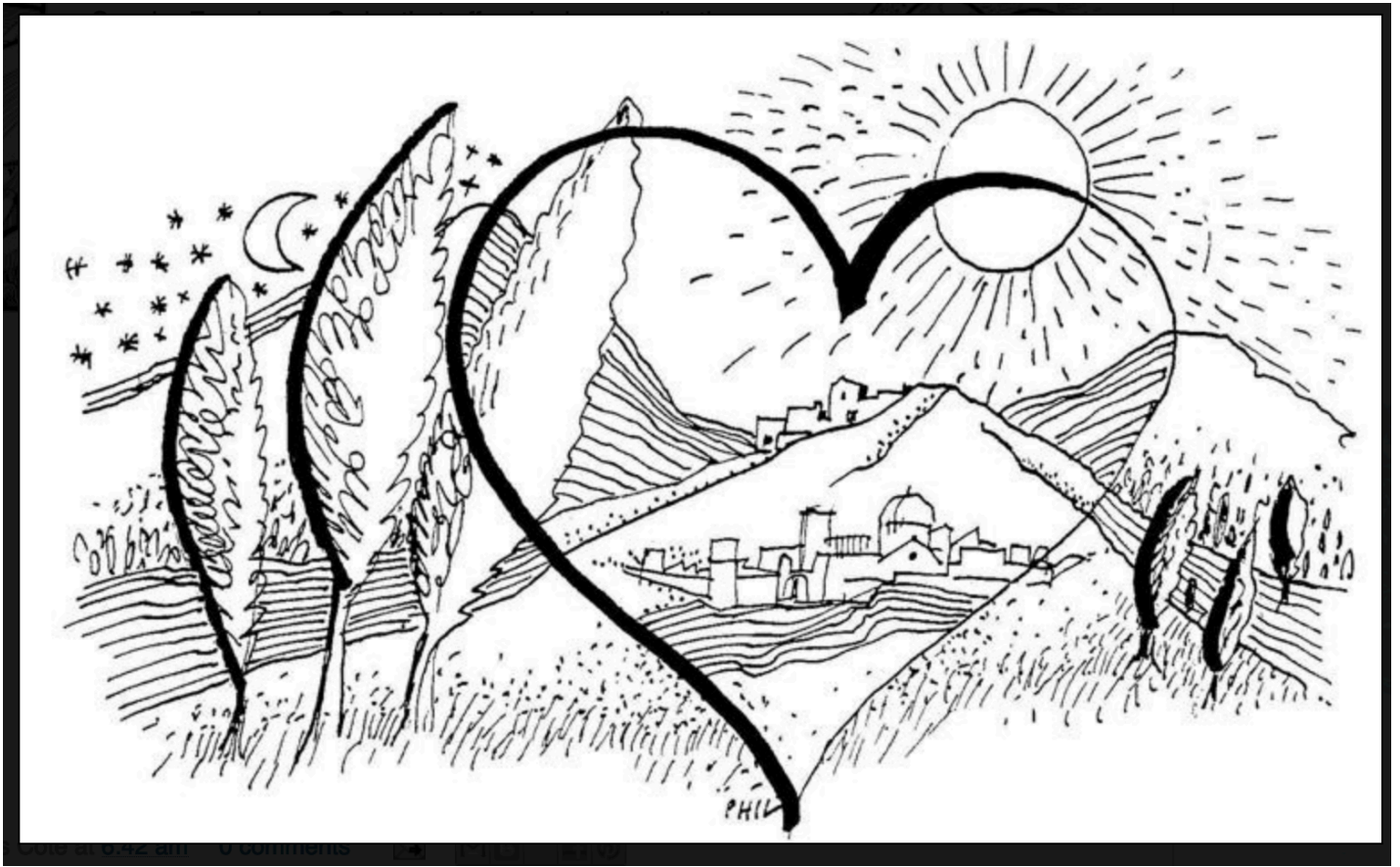
Thou burning **sun** with golden beam,
Thou silver **moon** with softer gleam:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing **wind** that art so strong,
Ye **clouds** that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice;
Ye **lights of evening**, find a voice:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou flowing **water**, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou **fire** so masterful and bright,
That givest us both warmth and light:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Dear **mother earth**, who day by day
Unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him, alleluia!
The **flowers and fruits** that in thee grow,
Let them his glory also show:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three-in-One:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!



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