

Reconciliation

- WHAT DO YOU THINK THIS WORD MEANS?
- WHAT DO YOU THINK THE STATUE IS SHOWING, WHAT DOES IT MAKE YOU THINK OF?
- HOW DOES THE STATUE MAKE YOU FEEL?



Gathering

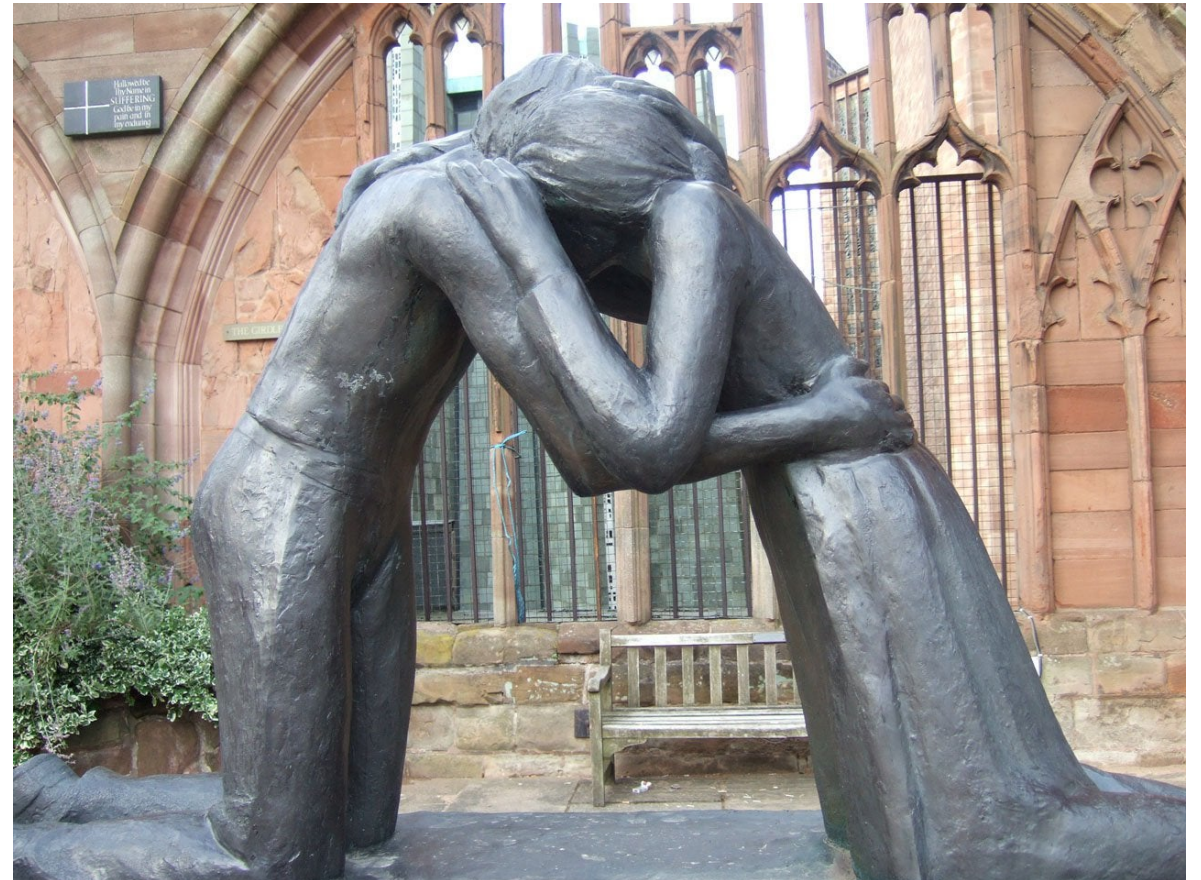
Welcome in the name of Christ.
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you
and also with you.

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Reconciliation

- ▶ Two people or sides coming together again after a separation and/or argument.
- ▶ The sculpture is at Coventry Cathedral and was originally thought of after the second World War. Europe was in shock, people were stunned. The artist read in a newspaper about a woman who crossed Europe on foot to find her husband, and she was so moved that she made the sculpture. She thought that it wasn't only about the reunion of two people but hopefully a reunion of nations which had been fighting.





THE PRODIGAL SON

Respond

- ▶ How do you think the son who left was feeling about returning home?
- ▶ How did the father feel when his son came home?
- ▶ Could the father have felt differently?
- ▶ What is needed to bring two sides together?



Prayer

Bless us, dear God, that we may have hearts full of your peace. May we try to be reconciled to You and to one another. Help us to always remember and live by the words that Jesus shared with his disciples when he taught them to pray: “Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.”

Amen

So what can we do?

- ▶ Is there someone who has hurt you?
- ▶ Is there someone you may have hurt?
- ▶ We all do wrong things at time!
- ▶ What could you do today to make things better?



Sending out

We go into the world
to walk in God's light,
to rejoice in God's love
and to reflect God's glory.

Amen

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