

A Service of the Word to celebrate

Lammias Day

The Harvest of the First-Fruits



The Parish Church of
St. Wilfrid, Mobberley

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**All-Age Service for
Lammas Day**

Be joyful in God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; sing the glory of his praise. Come now and behold the works of God, how wonderful he is in his dealings with humankind.

Psalm 66:1,4.

HYMN

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, the people of God in ancient times presented to the Lord an offering of first fruits as a sign of their dependence upon God for their daily bread. At this Lammastide, we bring a newly-baked loaf as our offering in thanksgiving to God for his faithfulness.

Jesus said, I am the bread of life; those who come to me shall never be hungry and those who believe in me shall never thirst.

John 6.35

The Lammas loaves are brought to the front

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
you bring forth bread from the fields, and give us the fruits of the earth in their seasons. Accept these loaves, which we bring before you, made from the harvest of your goodness. Let them be for us a sign of your fatherly care. Blessed are you, Lord our God, worthy of our thanksgiving and praise.

Blessed be God for ever.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

As those who know the generosity of God,
let us confess our sins, especially the ways in which we take his good gifts for granted.

Lord, you give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our trespasses.
Lord, have mercy:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, you give us this day our daily bread.
Let us not be led into temptation.
Christ, have mercy:
Christ, have mercy.

Lord, you give us this day our daily bread.
Deliver us from evil.
Lord, have mercy:
Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE COLLECT

**Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for these first fruits of the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 104

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!

**You are clothed with majesty and honour,
wrapped in light as in a garment.**

You send the springs into the brooks,
which run among the hills.

**They give drink to every beast of the field,
and the wild asses quench their thirst.**

Beside them the birds of the air make their nests
and sing among the branches.

**You water the hills from your dwelling on high;
the earth is filled with the fruit of your works.**

You make grass to grow for the cattle
and plants to meet our needs,

**Bringing forth food from the earth
and wine to gladden our hearts,**

Oil to give us a cheerful countenance
and bread to strengthen our hearts.

THE SECOND READING

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

SERMON

Let us declare our faith in God

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,**

of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world
to come.
Amen.

HYMN

OUR PRAYERS

Father, Lord of Creation
In your mercy, hear us.

THE PEACE

Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

HYMN

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God, our Father in Christ, it is good to be alive, to share life with each other in your wonderful creation:

We are grateful, and we thank you, Lord.

You have given us the opportunity to watch trees in full blossom, the flowers in full bloom and to enjoy the fruits of the harvest:

We are grateful, and we thank you, Lord.

God, it is good to rest in the evening, and to rise in the morning, to walk upon this good earth, to hear your whisper in many places, and to sing your praise with many brothers and sisters:

We are grateful, and we thank you, Lord.

Lord, like a generous friend you share the whole world with us, and you fill our cup to overflowing with the wine of gladness:

We are grateful, and we thank you, Lord.

We want to sing and pray, in gratitude for every good thing in your creation!

We are grateful, and we thank you, Lord.

For your presence with us, around us, beneath us, within us, behind us, and in front of us:

we your children, are most grateful,

and we thank you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the source of all goodness and growth,
pour his blessing upon all things created,
and upon you his children,
that you may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all
peoples, and the blessing...

Amen.

HYMN

Go in the peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.