

The Celebration of

St. Wilfrid



The Parish Church of
St. Wilfrid, Mobberley

Introduction

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

HYMN

The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.

Let us rejoice and shout for joy, giving God the glory.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

Preparation

Most holy and loving God, you have called us from many places and courted us with many voices. Gently, persistently, you have asked us to take our place among friends and followers of Jesus, and this we do with joy, mindful of those who have gone before us in this place.

Most holy and loving God, as we meet together, join our worship with those of every age who in this place have followed in your Way; have sung your praise; have loved amidst hatred; have comforted the afflicted have suffered in body and mind, and not counted the cost.

Grant us courage and love, that we, walking in their footsteps, may witness to the glory we share in Christ; the glory which offers new paths to the wayward, wisdom to the foolish, a feast to the poor in spirit, and companionship to the lonely. May the light and leaven of your grace work its mystery in us today.

Amen.

Our Father, which art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name:

thy kingdom come;

thy will be done;

in earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

THE COLLECT

Almighty God,
who called our forebears to the light of the gospel
by the preaching of your servant Wilfrid:
help us, who keep his life and labour in remembrance,
to glorify your name by following the example
of his zeal and perseverance;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

HYMN

The Word of God

THE 1st READING

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

THE CANTICLE - A Song of the Redeemer

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me.
**He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted,
to announce release from darkness for the prisoners,**
To proclaim the time of the Lord's favour,
and to comfort all who grieve,

**To give them oil of gladness instead of mourners' tears,
a garment of splendour for the heavy heart.**

They will be called trees of righteousness,
planted by the Lord for his praise.

**For God shall make his righteousness and praise
blossom before all the nations.**

Buildings long in ruins will be rebuilt
and the desolate cities restored.

**And you shall be called the Redeemed of the Lord,
a city no longer forsaken.**

THE 2nd READING

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

THE ADDRESS

THE CONFESSION

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, looking to Jesus in penitence and faith.

Lord God, our maker and redeemer, this is your world and we are your people: come among us and save us.

We have wilfully misused your gifts of creation:

Lord, be merciful:

forgive us our sin.

We have seen the ill-treatment of others and have not gone to their aid;

Lord, be merciful:

forgive us our sin.

We have condoned evil and dishonesty and failed to strive for justice;

Lord, be merciful:

forgive us our sin.

We have heard the good news of Christ, but have failed to share it with others;

Lord, be merciful:

forgive us our sin.

We have not loved you with our whole heart, nor our neighbours as ourselves;

Lord, be merciful:

forgive us our sin.

The almighty and merciful Lord
grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

HYMN

Let us proclaim the faith of the Church through the words of the Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Let us pray

We pray that Christ may be seen in the life of the Church.
Jesus, Lord of the Church,
in your mercy, hear us.

You have called us into the family of those who are the children of God. May our love for our brothers and sisters be strengthened by your grace.
Jesus, Lord of the Church,
in your mercy, hear us.

You have called us to be a temple where the Holy Spirit can dwell. Give us clean hands and pure hearts, so that our lives will reflect your holiness.
Jesus, Lord of the Church,
in your mercy, hear us.

You have called us to be light to the world, so that those in darkness come to you. May our lives shine as a witness to the saving grace you have given for all.
Jesus, Lord of the Church,
in your mercy, hear us.

You have called us to be members of your body, so that when one suffers, all suffer together. We ask for your comfort and healing power to bring hope to those in distress.
Jesus, Lord of the Church,
in your mercy, hear us.

You have called us to be the Bride, where you, Lord, are the Bridegroom. Prepare us for the wedding feast, where we will be united with you forever.
Jesus, Lord of us all
**hear our prayer
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever. Amen**

Draw your Church together, O God, in one great company of disciples, together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving him in his mission to the world, and together witnessing to his love on every continent and island. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Christ, whose glory is in the heavens,
fill this house and illuminate your hearts;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

HYMN

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