

# **Remembrance Sunday**



**The Parish Church of  
St. Wilfrid, Mobberley**

## **THE WELCOME**

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

*Micah 4:2-3*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

HYMN - O God our help in ages past

## **THE INTRODUCTION**

I bid you welcome to St. Wilfrid's as we gather once again for our Remembrance Sunday service. We are here to worship God, whose purposes are good; whose power sustains the world he has made; who loves us, though we have failed in his service; who gave Jesus Christ for the life of the world; who by his Spirit leads us in his way.

As we give thanks for his great works we shall pray for all who suffer through war and the violence of evil men; we shall ask for God's protection for all who serve in Peace Keeping forces throughout the world; we shall remember those of this community who fought and died in the last century for the defence of this land; and we shall pray for ourselves, for help and blessing that we may do his will and that the whole world may acknowledge him as Lord and King.

## **THE COLLECT**

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **THE 1st READING**

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

HYMN - God is our strength and refuge

### **THE 2nd READING**

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

### **THE ADDRESS**

[PRESENTATION by children from Mobberley Primary School]

### **THE THANKSGIVING**

We offer to almighty God our thanksgiving for the many blessings with which he has enriched our lives.

For the Queen and her family, and all who under her bear the responsibility of government:

**Thanks be to God**

For those who serve in the Armed Forces of the crown on sea and land and in the air:

**Thanks be to God**

For doctors, nurses, chaplains, and all who minister to those in need or distress:

**Thanks be to God**

For the unity of our people within the Commonwealth:

**Thanks be to God**

For the sacrifices made, especially in two world wars, whereby our peace has been preserved:

**Thanks be to God**

For the Royal British Legion:

**Thanks be to God**

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth, and all humankind, peace and concord; and to us and all his servants, life everlasting.

**Amen.**

OFFERTORY HYMN - Eternal Father, strong to save

## **THE CONFESSION**

We acknowledge before God the sins and shortcomings of the world; its pride, its selfishness, its greed; its evil divisions and hatreds. Let us confess our share in what is wrong, and our failure to seek and establish that peace that God wills for all his children.

Father eternal, giver of light and grace: we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have said, and in both what we have done and in what we have failed to do. Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit. Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

We confess to you, Lord God, the pride, hypocrisy and impatience of our lives. Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

We confess our greed, our self-indulgence and our misuse of your gifts to us. Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

We confess our envy of others, our selfish anger, our unloving thoughts and actions to our family, friends and neighbours.

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

We have wounded your love and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed. Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Accept our repentance, Good Lord; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance as well as our deliberate sins. Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit and time to amend our lives according to your word. **Amen.**

## **THE ABSOLUTION**

Almighty God, who forgives all those who truly repent.  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and lead you in life eternal,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **OUR PRAYERS**

Let us bring our petitions, intercessions and thanksgivings before God

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict,  
and ask that God may give us peace:

for the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God;

May God give peace

**God give peace.**

for those who love them in death as in life,  
offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss;  
May God give peace

**God give peace.**

for all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day,  
remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return;  
May God give peace

**God give peace.**

for civilian women, children and men  
whose lives are disfigured by war or terror,  
calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatred of humanity;  
May God give peace

**God give peace.**

for peace-makers and peace-keepers,  
who seek to keep this world secure and free;  
May God give peace

**God give peace.**

for all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership,  
political, military and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and  
resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace.

May God give peace

**God give peace.**

O God of truth and justice,  
we hold before you those whose memory we cherish  
and those whose names we will never know.  
Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world,  
and grant us the grace to pray for those who would wish us harm.  
As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future;  
for you are the source of life and hope,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

**[THE ANTHEM]**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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.**

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and our fellow men and women: that we may help, encourage, and comfort others, and support those working for the relief of the needy and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

**Lord God our Father,  
we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humankind,  
in the cause of peace,  
for the relief of want and suffering,  
and for the praise of your name.  
Guide us by your Spirit;  
give us wisdom; give us courage; give us hope;  
and keep us faithful now and always. Amen.**

HYMN - I vow to thee, my country

## **THE GRACE**

## **ACT OF REMEMBRANCE**

Let us remember before God, and commend to his sure keeping: those who have died for their country in war: those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure; and all who have lived and died in the service of humankind.

*The list of those to be remembered by name is read.*

They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

**We will remember them.**

*The Wreath shall be laid and the Last Post played*

## **THE SILENCE**

*Reveille is played*

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: Hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day; fulfil in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **THE KOHIMA EPITAPH**

When you go home,  
tell them of us and say:  
For your tomorrow  
we gave our today.

## **THE NATIONAL ANTHEM**

God save our gracious Queen,  
Long live our noble Queen,  
God save the Queen:  
Send her victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us:  
God save the Queen.

## **THE BLESSING**



God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth and all the world, peace and concord; and to us and all his servants, life everlasting; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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