



# Harvest Thanksgiving



The Parish Church of  
St. Wilfrid, Mobberley



The Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and of springs, a land of wheat and barley. And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.

*Deuteronomy 9:7,10.*

## HYMN

The Lord be with you.  
**and also with you.**

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Thank you, God, for the harvest, and for all the work that people do:

For farmers near and far, ploughing and sowing, tending and reaping the crops,  
caring for flocks and herds,  
God, we give you thanks  
**and bless your holy name.**

For fishermen and sea-farers, who bring us food from far-off places,  
God, we give you thanks  
**and bless your holy name.**

For bakers and producers, drivers and traders who fill the shops with food,  
God we give you thanks  
**and bless your holy name.**

For miners and oil rig workers who toil in danger, supplying energy for factories,  
and warmth for our homes,  
God, we give you thanks  
**and bless your holy name.**

For workers in industry and commerce who use technology to provide us with  
goods and services,  
God, we give you thanks  
**and bless your holy name.**

For your gifts of soil and seeds, sunshine and rain, and the miracle of nature's life,  
God, we give you thanks  
**and bless your holy name.**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

#### THE COLLECT FOR HARVEST

Eternal God,  
you crown the year with your goodness  
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:  
grant that we may use them to your glory,  
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;  
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.**

#### THE OLD TESTAMENT & EPISTLE

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

#### HYMN

#### THE GOSPEL

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*  
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*When the Gospel is concluded the reader says*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

THE CREED

**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.**

THE ANTHEM (if applicable)

THE INTERCESSIONS

Lord God, you promised to Noah that while the earth remains, seed-time and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night shall not cease. We offer now our harvest prayers:

*To the words:* Lord of the Harvest,  
*We respond:* **hear our prayer.**

## THE PRAYER OF PENITANCE

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society,  
in the misuse of God's creation.

God our Father, we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly, and acted ungratefully. Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget that you have given them to us. Father, in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied, but ignore the cry of the hungry. Father, in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

We are thoughtless, and do not care enough for the world you have made. Father, in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

We store up goods for ourselves alone, as if there were no God and no heaven. Father, in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

*The President proclaims the Absolution.*

## 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

As the grain once scattered in the fields  
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside  
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,  
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together  
from the corners of the earth  
into your kingdom. **Amen.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks because all things are of your making, all times and seasons obey your laws, but you have chosen to create us in your own image, setting us over the world in all its wonder. You have made us stewards of your creation, to praise you day by day for the marvels of your wisdom and power: so earth unites with heaven to sing the new song of creation:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

**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.**

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*The president and people receive communion.*

*Authorized words of distribution are used and the communicant replies*

**Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out  
in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

#### THE BLESSING

May God who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds of the air,  
who leads the lambs to pasture and the deer to water,  
who multiplied loaves and fishes and changed water into wine,  
lead us, feed us, multiply us,  
and change us to reflect the glory of our Creator  
through all eternity.  
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.**