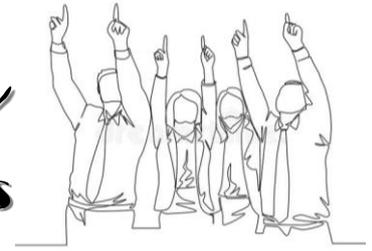


# Say What You See



## January and February with St Wulstans

*Welcome to our service today*

*Please leave this sheet behind for next week Sunday but do take the Weekly Link home with you to keep in touch with us*

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you **and also with you.**

*The themes for today's service are introduced*

**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.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

*The Song of the Angels is said or sung*

**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, the special prayer for this week, and this week's Gospel reading can be found on the Weekly Link sheet*

- Matthew 2:1-12 [2-Jan]
- Luke 3:15-22 [9-Jan]
- John 2:1-11 [16-Jan]
- Luke 4:14-21 [23-Jan]
- Luke 2:22-40 [30 Jan]
- Luke 5:1-11 [6-Feb]
- Luke 6:27-38 [13-Feb]
- Luke 8:22-25 [20 Feb]
- Luke 9:28-36 [27 Feb]

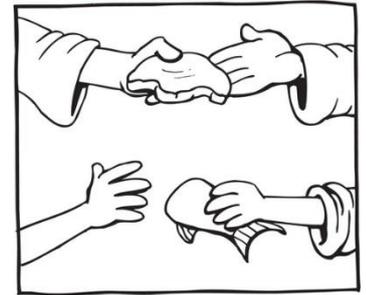
*A reflection follows and then we pray for the people and places on our hearts today.*

At St Wulstans we are a generous people. We celebrate that we can give our time, our care, and whatever else we have to share. If it's a week when we can, we bring a can as a simple symbol of all that we are giving.

**All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above.  
We thank the Lord, we thank the Lord, today for all his love**

*Gifts and offerings are received*

Generous God, in whose hands five loaves and two fish fed everyone in the crowd who wanted to eat, pour out your blessing upon the gifts and groceries that we have been given to give away, so that many more may find their seat at the feasting table of your kingdom.



*We share the Peace together*

For what we have given  
**O Lord we are truly thankful.**

God whose love  
reaches to the highest heavens  
**how can we keep silent?**

God whose righteousness  
stands like the tallest mountain  
**how can we keep silent?**

God whose justice  
is deeper than any ocean  
**how can we keep silent?**

God whose grace  
flows like a never-ending river  
**how can we keep silent?**

How can we not proclaim your majesty  
from generation to generation?

**How can we not raise  
the lamp of your Salvation  
for all the world to see?**

God whose love  
reaches to the highest heavens  
**we praise your mighty name!**

*Prayers at the Table*

My dear friends, as we come to this Table to celebrate the presence of Christ in the way that he asked us, let us call to mind the many ways in which we have fallen short of what we believe.

*Silence for reflection*

Christ came in humility to share our lives: forgive our pride.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ came with good news for all people: forgive our silence.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Christ came in love to a world of suffering: forgive our indifference.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May the Father forgive you by the death of his Son and strengthen you to live in the power of the Spirit all your days.  
**Amen.**

*In today's service we will use one of the two prayers that follow on pages 3 and 4*

*either* **The First Prayer**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

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**

It is always right to give you thanks, God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong. You made us and the whole universe, and filled your world with life. You sent your Son to live among us, Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child. He suffered on the cross; he died to save us from our sins; he rose in glory from the dead. You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world, and clothe us with power from on high. And so we join the angels to celebrate and sing:

**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.**

Father, on the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends. He took the bread, and thanked you. He broke it, and gave it to them, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me. After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love. Do this to remember me.

Father, as we bring this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection, send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ's body and his blood. Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another, work for the healing

of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus, as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen!**

*or* **The Second Prayer**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

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**

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever. From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation. You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

**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.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast. From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied. He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying: *Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.* At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: *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.*

Great is the mystery of faith!  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again**

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand. Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory. Remember, Lord, your Church in every land. Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace. Bring us at the last with all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen!**

*Our service continues as we say the Lord's Prayer together*

We break the bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world.  
**God here among us,  
light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

All are welcome: **none are excluded**  
None are excluded: **all are welcome**

*We share communion together*

*Blessings and Farewells*

O God of our ancestors, God of our people, before whose face the human generations pass away:

**We thank you that in you we are kept safe for ever, and that the broken fragments of our history are gathered up in the redeeming act of your dear Son, remembered in this holy sacrament of bread and wine. Help us to walk daily in the Communion of Saints, declaring our faith in the forgiveness of sins and the resurrection of the body. Now send us on in the power of your Holy Spirit to live and work for your praise and glory. Amen.**

May God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, shine in your hearts to give you the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ, his beloved Son. **Amen.**



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