

TOGETHER FOR EASTER SEASON WITH ST WULSTANS

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

May Christ, risen in glory,
scatter the darkness from our hearts
and minds and from this world
**The light of the risen Christ
shine upon us,
this day and always**

The candle is lit

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

An opening song



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

**Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo,
Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
peace you bring to us
we worship you we give you thanks,
we sing our song of praise**

Gloria, Gloria, ...

**Jesus, Saviour of all,
Lord God, Lamb of God
you take away our sins
O Lord have mercy on us all**

Gloria, Gloria, ...

**At the Father's right hand,
Lord, receive our prayer
for you alone are the holy one
and you alone are lord**

Gloria, Gloria, ...

**Glory, Father and Son,
Glory, Holy Spirit
To you we raise our hands on high,
we glorify your name**

last time:

**Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo,
Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo.
in excelsis Deo.
in excelsis Deo.**

The collect, today's special prayer

Today's Bible readings

A Reflection

A song of response

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Our intercessions for this week

Generosity and Gratitude

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.

For what we have given
O Lord we are truly thankful

We share the Peace together

The Risen Christ came and stood among the disciples and said 'Peace be with you'. Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia!

The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Words of Comfort and Commitment

EITHER:

Hear the words of comfort our Saviour Christ says to all who truly turn to him: Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Hear what Saint Paul says:

This saying is true and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Hear what Saint John says:

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the reconciliation for our sins.

OR PSALM 30:

I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have raised me up and have not let my foes triumph over me.

**O Lord my God, I cried out to you
and you have healed me.**

You brought me up, O Lord,
from the dead;

**you restored me to life from among
those that go down to the Pit.**

Sing to the Lord, you servants of his;
give thanks to his holy name.

**For his wrath endures but
the twinkling of an eye,
his favour for a lifetime.**

Heaviness may endure for a night,
but joy comes in the morning.

Blessèd be God, Source of all being,
Eternal Word and Breath of Life.

Blessèd be God for ever.

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Receiving Forgiveness

My dear friends, as we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb, let us call to mind the many ways in which we have not lived the fullness of what we believe.

Silence for reflection

We have lived by our own strength, and not by the power of your resurrection.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless and not believing.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone, and doubted our home in heaven.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

May the Father restore you by his Spirit and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers at the Table

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 indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gates of life eternal. And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

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.

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them 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.

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So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Jesus Christ is Lord!

Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.

You are the Saviour of the World.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

Amen!

The Lord's Prayer

The bread is broken

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.**

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover
is sacrificed for us.

Therefore

let us keep the feast.

Alleluia.

All are welcome

none are excluded

None are excluded

all are welcome

Here is the table of the Lord, we are gathered to his supper, a foretaste of the new creation. Come, when you are fearful, to be made new in love. Come, when you are doubtful, to be made strong in faith. Come, when you are regretful, and be made whole. Come, when you are at peace, to be deepened in joy. Come, old and young, there is room for all

Prayers after Communion

Father, your steadfast purpose is the completion of all things in your Son. May we who have received the pledges of the kingdom, live by faith, walk in hope and be renewed in love, until the world reflects your glory, and you are all in all; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; 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 the peace of Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia.

We end with a song