

Summer Sundays with St Wulstans

Welcome & Opening Prayers

God of wonder and of joy: grace comes from you, and you alone are the source of life and love. Send your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, that we may celebrate now with thankful hearts for all that has been and that is to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Once we were not a people, but now we are God's people; once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.

People of God, all of us together have received God's mercy in Christ.

In Christ we are forgiven, redeemed, and made to be a community united in faith. Thanks be to God.

We sing or say the Gloria, the Song of the Angels and hear today's special prayer

Today's readings

- ⊙ 24th July --- Luke 11:5-8 & Colossians 1:1-14
- ⊙ 31st July --- Luke 8:16-18 & Colossians 1:15-23
- ⊙ 7th Aug --- Luke 6:46-49 & Colossians 1:24-2:7
- ⊙ 14th Aug --- Luke 7:41-43 & Colossians 2:8-23
- ⊙ 21st Aug --- Luke 5:37-39 & Colossians 3:1-4:1
- ⊙ 28th Aug --- Luke 13:18-21 & Colossians 4:2-18

A reflection follows and 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

Prayers at the Table

Glory to God the Father, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ and crowned him with glory and honour.

Glory to God the Son, who lives to plead our cause at the right hand of God and who will come again to make all things new.

Glory to God the Holy Spirit, who brings us the taste of the good Word of God and the power of the age to come.

Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honour, power and might be to our Lord forever!

Let us be honest with ourselves, with one another and with God that we have not lived up to the fullness of what we believe.

We have not always worshipped God, our creator. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We have not always followed Christ, our Saviour. Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We have not always trusted in the Spirit, our guide. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sharing Bread and Wine

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.

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, saying

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.

We say the Lord's Prayer together

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.**

Blessing and Farewell

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.

All our hopes
and joys
**We send to the
cross of Christ!**
All our pains
and fears
**We send to the
cross of Christ!**
All we have been
and all
we shall be
**We set on the
risen Christ!**

