

**The All-Age Service in**  
**Lent**



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

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***Introduction***

The grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

HYMN

O Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

O God, make speed to save us.  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
**as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Praise the Lord.  
**The Lord's name be praised.**

Loving God, we have come to worship you.  
**Help us to pray to you in faith,  
to sing your praise with gratitude,  
and to listen to your word with eagerness;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

***The Ministry of the Word***

## The 1st Reading

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 27:1,9-12,16-end

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I fear?

**The Lord is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I be afraid?**

Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call;

**have mercy upon me and answer me.**

My heart tells of your word, 'Seek my face.'

Your face, Lord, will I seek.

**Hide not your face from me,  
nor cast your servant away in displeasure.**

You have been my helper;

leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

**I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord  
in the land of the living.**

Wait for the Lord; be strong and he shall comfort your heart;

**wait patiently for the Lord.**

God, our light and our salvation, illuminate our lives, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and, looking on your beauty, may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Second Reading

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

THE ADDRESS

## ***Saying Sorry***

Scripture says : If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8-9*

Father in heaven, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, we have sinned against you and against our neighbours. Father, have mercy.

**Father, forgive.**

The words of our worship have been barren for we have not sought the reconciliation we have proclaimed.

Father, have mercy.

**Father, forgive.**

We have called one another brother and sister and yet have not acted as a family should.

Father, have mercy.

**Father, forgive.**

We have declared your love but have not reached out in love to the uncertain, the lonely, the fearful and the angry.

Father, have mercy.

**Father, forgive.**

We have accepted your welcome, mercy and forgiveness yet have held on to our own prejudices and maintained the barrier of intolerance.

Father, have mercy.

**Father, forgive.**

We have made the right sounds with our lips but in our hearts there has been discord and conflict.

Father, have mercy.

**Father, forgive.**

May Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

Though he was divine,  
he did not cling to equality with God,  
but made himself nothing.  
Taking the form of a slave,  
he was born in human likeness.  
He humbled himself and was obedient to death,  
even the death of the cross.  
Therefore God has raised him on high,  
and given him the name above every name:  
that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bow,  
and every voice proclaim  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### *Our Prayers*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

#### 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.**

### *The Conclusion*

**Teach us good Lord,  
to serve you as you deserve;  
to give and not to count the cost,  
to fight and not to heed the wounds,  
to toil and not to seek for rest,  
to labour and not to seek reward,  
save that of knowing that we do your will. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

Christ crucified draw you to himself,  
to find in him a sure ground for faith,  
a firm support for hope,  
and the assurance of sins forgiven;  
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.**