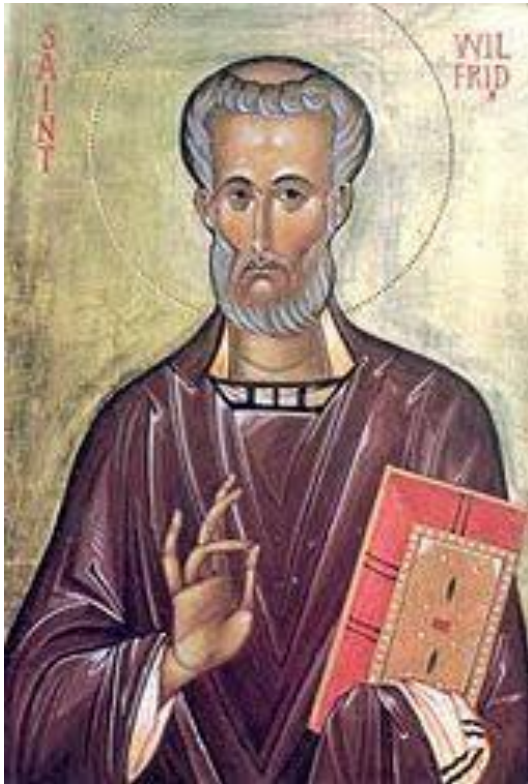


All Saints Church, Helmsley
The Deanery of Northern Ryedale

Morning Prayer



St Wilfrid of Ripon
Bishop, Missionary, 709
Monday 12th October, 10am

*Please join in where the print is **bold***

BEFORE THE SERVICE WE STILL OUR MINDS AND HEARTS. GENERAL CONVERSATION IS ENCOURAGED AFTER THE SERVICE RATHER THAN BEFORE.

Light a candle, if you have one, as the service begins:

Christ is the Light of the World, in him there is no darkness at all.

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

Let your ways be known upon earth, **your saving power among the nations.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation, to you be praise and glory for ever.

As a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief your only Son was lifted up that he might draw the whole world to himself. May we walk this day in the way of the cross and always be ready to share its weight, declaring your love for all the world. Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

Psalm 103.8-18

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

Pause for reflection as we offer the day to God.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever. **Amen.**

Psalm 80

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you that led Joseph like a flock;

**Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim,
before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.**

Stir up your mighty strength
and come to our salvation.

**Turn us again, O God;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?

**You feed them with the bread of tears;
you give them abundance of tears to drink.**

You have made us the derision of our neighbours
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

**Turn us again, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.

**You made room around it,
and when it had taken root, it filled the land.**

The hills were covered with its shadow
and the cedars of God by its boughs.

**It stretched out its branches to the Sea
and its tendrils to the River.**

Why then have you broken down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

**The wild boar out of the wood tears it off,
and all the insects of the field devour it.**

Turn again, O God of hosts,
look down from heaven and behold;

**Cherish this vine which your right hand has planted,
and the branch that you made so strong for yourself.**

Let those who burnt it with fire, who cut it down,
perish at the rebuke of your countenance.

**Let your hand be upon the man at your right hand,
the son of man you made so strong for yourself.**

And so will we not go back from you;
give us life, and we shall call upon your name.

**Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

**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.**

Acts 26.1-23

Agrippa said to Paul, ‘You have permission to speak for yourself.’ Then Paul stretched out his hand and began to defend himself:

‘I consider myself fortunate that it is before you, King Agrippa, I am to make my defence today against all the accusations of the Jews, because you are especially familiar with all the customs and controversies of the Jews; therefore I beg of you to listen to me patiently.

‘All the Jews know my way of life from my youth, a life spent from the beginning among my own people and in Jerusalem. They have known for a long time, if they are willing to testify, that I have belonged to the strictest sect of our religion and lived as a Pharisee. And now I stand here on trial on account of my hope in the promise made by God to our ancestors, a promise that our twelve tribes hope to attain, as they earnestly worship day and night. It is for this hope, your Excellency, that I am accused by Jews! Why is it thought incredible by any of you that God raises the dead?

‘Indeed, I myself was convinced that I ought to do many things against the name of Jesus of Nazareth. And that is what I did in Jerusalem; with authority received from the chief priests, I not only locked up many of the saints in prison, but I also cast my vote against them when they were being condemned to death. By punishing them often in all the synagogues I tried to force them to blaspheme; and since I was so furiously enraged at them, I pursued them even to foreign cities.

‘With this in mind, I was travelling to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests, when at midday along the road, your Excellency, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining around me and my companions. When we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It hurts you to kick against the goads.” I asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The Lord answered, “I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. But get up and stand

on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you to serve and testify to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you. I will rescue you from your people and from the Gentiles—to whom I am sending you to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.”

‘After that, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout the countryside of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God and do deeds consistent with repentance. For this reason the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me. To this day I have had help from God, and so I stand here, testifying to both small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would take place: that the Messiah must suffer, and that, by being the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light both to our people and to the Gentiles.’
This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Homily and Silence

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you; **by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

We preach Christ crucified, the power of
God and the wisdom of God.

By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of
our Lord Jesus Christ. **We adore you, O Christ,
and we bless you; by your holy cross, you have
redeemed the world.**

Benedictus

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, who
has come to his people and set them free.

**He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born
of the house of his servant David.**

Through his holy prophets God promised of old to
save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,

**To show mercy to our ancestors, and
to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: to
set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight all
the days of our life.**

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

**To give his people knowledge of salvation by
the forgiveness of all their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God the
dawn from on high shall break upon us,

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the
shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of
peace.**

Luke 1.68-79

**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.**

The Intercession

Almighty God,
who called our forebears to the light of the gospel
by the preaching of your servant Wilfrid:
help us, who keep his life and labour in remembrance,
to glorify your name by following the example
of his zeal and perseverance;

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.**

As our Saviour has taught us so we pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed
be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will
be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us
this day our daily bread. And forgive us
our trespasses, as we forgive those who
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 Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil, and
keep us in eternal life.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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