

*Solemn  
Evening Prayer  
Feast of St Wilfrid  
12 October 2012*



**To Mark The 50th Anniversary of  
the Opening of the II Vatican Council  
by Pope Blessed John XXIII and the  
Inauguration of the Year of Faith.**



*“There was a man  
sent by God whose  
name was John”*

**Presider  
The Most Rev Patrick A Kelly  
Archbishop of Liverpool**

Archbishop: God, come to our aid.  
 All: **Lord make haste to help us.**  
 All: **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son  
 and to the Holy Spirit,  
 as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall  
 be, world without end. Amen.**

*1*  
 We have a gospel to proclaim  
 Good news for men in all the earth;  
 The gospel of a Saviour's name:  
 We sing His glory, tell His worth.

*2*  
 Tell of His birth at Bethlehem,  
 Not in a royal house or hall  
 But in a stable dark and dim:  
 The Word made flesh, a light for all.

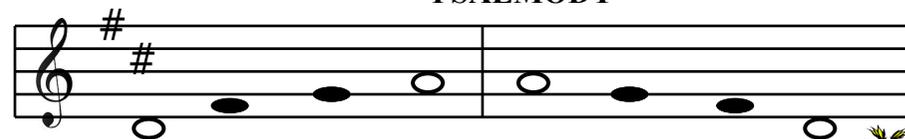
*3*  
 Tell of His death at Calvary,  
 Hated by those He came to save;  
 In lonely suffering on the cross  
 For all He loved His life He gave.

*4*  
 Tell of that glorious Easter morn:  
 Empty the tomb, for He was free.  
 He broke the power of death and hell  
 That we might share His victory.

*5*  
 Tell of His reign at God's right hand,  
 By all creation glorified;  
 He sends His Spirit on His Church  
 To live for Him, the Lamb who died.

*6*  
 Now we rejoice to name Him King:  
 Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
 This gospel message we proclaim:  
 We sing His glory, tell His worth.

PSALMODY



Antiphon 1  
*I have become a minister of the gospel according to  
 the bountiful gift of God.*

*Psalm 14(15)*

Lord, who shall be admitted to your tent  
 And dwell on your holy mountain.

**He who walks without fault;  
 He who acts with justice**

He who speaks the truth from his heart;  
 He who does not slander with his tongue;

**He who does no wrong to his brother,  
 Who casts no slur on his neighbour,**

He who holds the godless in disdain,  
 But honours those who fear the Lord;

**He who keeps his pledge come what may;  
 He who takes no interest on a loan**

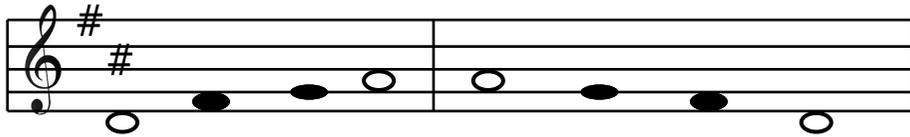
He who accepts no bribes against the innocent  
 Such a man will stand firm forever.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
 And to the Holy Spirit.**

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be  
 World without end. Amen.

Antiphon 1  
*I have become a minister of the gospel according to  
 the bountiful gift of God.*





Antiphon 2

*This is the wise and faithful servant whom the Master placed in charge of his household.*

Happy the man who fears the Lord,  
Who takes delight in all his commands.

**His sons will be powerful on earth;  
The children of the upright are blessed.**

Riches and wealth are in his house;  
His justice stands firm for ever.

**He is a light in the darkness for the upright:  
He is generous, merciful and just.**

The good man takes pity and lends,  
He conducts his affairs with honour.

**The just man will never waver:  
He will be remembered for ever.**

He has no fear of evil news;  
With a firm heart he trust in the Lord.

**With a steadfast heart he will not fear;  
He will see the downfall of his foes.**

Open-handed he gives to the poor;  
His justice stands firm for ever.

**His head will be raised in glory.  
The wicked man sees and is angry,**

He grinds his teeth and fades away;  
The desire of the wicked leads to doom.

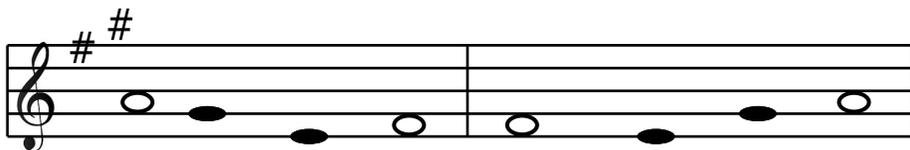
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Spirit.**

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be  
World without end. Amen.

Antiphon 2

*This is the wise and faithful servant whom the Master placed in charge of his household.*





Antiphon. 3

***The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;  
There will be only one flock and one shepherd.***

Great and wonderful are your deeds,  
O Lord God the Almighty!

**Just and true are your ways,  
O king of the ages!**

Who shall not fear and glorify your name, O Lord?  
For you alone are holy.

**All nations shall come and worship you,  
For your judgements have been revealed.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Spirit.

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World without end. Amen.**

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## SCRIPTURE READING

**First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.**

**15:1-11**

Now I would remind you, brethren, in what terms I preached to you the gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast - unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

*In response to the reading we sing the hymn which will accompany as we begin our journey through this Year of Faith...*

### **WE WALK BY FAITH, AND NOT BY SIGHT**

*Author: Henry Alford (1810-1871)*

1

We walk by faith, and not by sight:  
no gracious words we hear  
of Him Who spoke as none e'er spoke,  
but we believe Him near.

2

We may not touch His hands and side,  
nor follow where He trod;  
but in His promise we rejoice,  
and cry, "My Lord and God!"

3

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,  
and may our faith abound;  
to call on You when You are near,  
and seek where You are found.

4

That, when our life of faith is done  
in realms of clearer light  
we may behold You as You are  
in full and endless sight.

5

We walk by faith, and not by sight:  
no gracious words we hear  
of Him Who spoke as none e'er spoke,  
but we believe Him near.

**REFLECTION**  
**Archbishop Patrick Kelly**

**MAGNIFICAT**

1. My soul is filled with joy as I sing to God my Saviour:  
he has looked upon his servant, he has visited his people.

*And holy is his name through all generations!  
Everlasting is his mercy to the people he has chosen,  
and holy is his name!*

2. I am lowly as a child, but I know from this day forward  
that my name will be remembered and the world will call me blessed.
3. I proclaim the pow'r of God! He does marvels for his servants;  
though he scatters the proud-hearted and destroys the might of princes.
4. To the hungry he gives food, sends the rich away empty.  
In his mercy he is mindful of the people he has chosen.
5. In his love he now fulfils what he promised to our fathers.  
I will praise the Lord, my Saviour. Everlasting is his mercy.

**INTERCESSIONS**

Let us pray to Christ, the High Priest, who was appointed to  
represent the peoples of the world in their relations with God.

R/. *Lord, save your people.*

Lord Jesus, we are mindful on this solemn anniversary of the II  
Vatican Council that in times past you have lighted the way for  
your people through wise and holy leaders; through the intercession  
of pope Blessed John XXIII may Christians always enjoy this sign  
of your loving kindness. R/. *Lord, save your people.*

Lord Jesus, through the ministry and prayer of holy pastors  
you increased the family of the Church throughout the world;  
through the intercession of St Wilfrid strengthen our faith and give  
growth to the Church in our land. R/. *Lord, save your people.*

Lord Jesus, nothing could separate holy pastors from your  
love; in this Year of Faith enkindle with this same love the parents  
and families who are forming their children in the ways of faith  
through sacramental preparation. R/. *Lord, save your people.*

Lord Jesus, through your saving passion you have invited us to the  
festival of eternal life; may the dead, especially those who guided  
us in the ways of faith, come to share, with all the saints, the joys of  
your heavenly kingdom.

R/. *Lord, save your people.*

**Our Father,...**

**CONCLUDING PRAYER**

Almighty, ever-living God, strengthen your Church in our land  
with the same spirit with which you endowed St Wilfrid making  
him zealous in building your kingdom and heroic in his daily  
sufferings so that persevering in faith, we may, like him, grow ever  
more ardent in our following of Christ. Through our Lord Jesus  
Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN**



# SALVE REGINA



Our Lady of Walsingham  
Pray for us



*S* Alve, Regina, \* mātēr mi-se-ricōrdi-ae: Vī-ta, dulcē-  
do, et spes nōstra, salve. Ad te clamāmus, exsu-les, fi-  
li- i Hōrae. Ad te suspi-rāmus, gemēntes et flēntes in hac  
lacrimārum vālle. Ecce ergo, Advocāta nōstra, illos tū-es  
mi-se-ricōrdēs ōcu-los ad nos convērtē. Et Jēsum, benedi-  
ctum fructam vēntris tū-i, nōbis post hoc exsi-li-um ostēn-  
de. O clemens: O pi-a: O dūlcis \* Virgo Mari-a.

## ST. WILFRID, BISHOP OF YORK

(A.D. 709)

He was born in 634, son of a Northumbrian landowner. His mother died when he was a child. The unkindness of his stepmother led to him the court of Oswy, King of Northumbria, when he was thirteen and from here he went to the monastery of Lindisfarne. Following his time of study Wilfrid set off for Rome in 654; the first named Englishman to travel to Rome on 'pilgrimage'.

Wilfrid was detained at Lyon a year by bishop St. Annemund who offered Wilfrid his niece in marriage. But Wilfrid had already devoted himself to God. At Rome he studied under St Boniface (archdeacon & secretary to Pope St. Martin). Wilfrid returned to Lyons and received holy orders. His stay was cut short when St. Annemund's was murdered. Wilfrid returned to England, where King Alcfrith, hearing that Wilfrid had been instructed in the Roman manner, asked him to instruct his people. Wilfrid was made abbot of the monastery at Ripon, founded by Alcfrith, and shortly after he was ordained priest by St. Agilbert. He introduced the Rule of St. Benedict.

Wilfrid used his influence to win over the northern clergy to Roman practices. The principal trouble was the calculation of Easter. The dispute ended in 663 with a synod at St. Hilda's monastery at Whitby. Wilfrid triumphed and shortly afterwards was consecrated bishop of the Northumbrians in France by St. Agilbert. He was thirty years old. In 669 St. Theodore (archbishop of Canterbury) appointed Wilfrid to the see of York. He established in all the churches the use of Roman chant, he restored the cathedral, he made visitations of his large diocese on foot, and was deeply loved and respected by his people - but not by prince Egrith (Oswy's successor), he slandered Wilfrid's administration and demanded his deportation. St. Theodore listened to Egrith and divided York by consecrating three bishops in Wilfrid's own cathedral. Wilfrid protested, and in 677 appealed to the judgement of the Holy See - the first example of such an appeal in the history of the Church in England. He set out for Rome.

After a stay in France, Wilfrid reached Rome in 679, and found Pope St. Agatho already apprised of what had passed in England. The pope assembled a synod in the Lateran, which decided that Wilfrid was to be restored. Back in England, Wilfrid showed King Egrith the decrees of the pope. Egrith accused Wilfrid of bribery and imprisoned him for nine months. Wilfrid then went to Sussex being well received by King Ethelwath - recently baptised in Mercia.

Upon the death of King Egrith, St. Theodore, full of remorse for earlier wrongs, wrote to all concerned. This resulted in Aldfrith recalling Wilfrid in 685, and restoring him to the monastery at Ripon. But within five years there was disagreement again between Aldfrith and Wilfrid, and he was again banished in 691. The new archbishop of Canterbury, St. Berhtwald, was not sympathetic to St. Wilfrid, and in 703 he called a synod which decreed that Wilfrid should resign his bishopric and retire to his abbey at Ripon. Wilfrid vindicated all he had done for the Church in the north in an impassioned speech, and again appealed to the Holy See. The synod broke up, and he started on his third journey to Rome. He was in his seventieth year. Wilfrid's opponents also sent representatives to Rome and many sessions were held over a period of four months to examine the cause. Pope John VI finally sent letters to the kings of Mercia and Northumbria, charging Archbishop Berhtwald to call a synod which should do Wilfrid justice. Restitution, therefore, was agreed and Wilfrid took possession of the diocese of Hexham. In 709 St. Wilfrid made a visitation of the monasteries in Mercia which he had founded, dying at the monastery at Oundle in Northamptonshire. His body was buried in his church of St. Peter at Ripon.