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Service for Remembrance Sunday

8 November 2020 at 10am

followed by
an Act of Remembrance at the Roll of Honour

The Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Informal words of welcome are said.

Opening Hymn (sung by the choir)

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:

Beneath the shadow of thy throne,
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guide while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

Introduction

We come together in the presence of God. We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation between the nations, that all people may, together, live in freedom, justice and peace. We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror. We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present have been given and taken away.

An Act of Remembrance (at the Roll of Honour)

Let us remember before God, and commend to his safe keeping, those who have died for their country in war; those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure; those whose names are listed on this memorial and those known only to God and all who have lived and died in the service of the peoples of the world.

Invocation

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

We will remember them.

The Last Post is played, followed at 11am by

The Two Minutes Silence

which ends with the sounding of the Reveille

The Kohima Epitaph (from the memorial to the Second Infantry Division, Kohima 1944).

When you go home, tell them of us and say
For your tomorrow, we gave our today

The Laying of a Wreath

The National Anthem (sung by the choir)

The Blessing

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest,
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth and all people,
unity, peace and concord,
and to us and all God's servants, life everlasting.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all and remain with you always.

Amen

Dismissal

May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts and homes
In the name of Christ, Amen.

Closing Prayers

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining
and whose power we cannot comprehend:
show us your glory as far as we can grasp it,
and shield us from knowing more than we can bear
until we may look upon you without fear;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

**Eternal God,
our beginning and our end,
accompany us in this week's journey.
Dawn on our darkness,
open our eyes to praise you for your creation
and strengthen us for the challenges which lie before us.
Take us and use us to share with others
the love we find in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Notices

The Blessing

May the God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
comfort and assure you of his love in this world and the next;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

*Please turn to the next page for an
Act of Remembrance
which will begin just before 11am.*

The Prayers of Penitence

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of our world; its evil
divisions and hatreds. Let us confess our share in what is wrong,
and our failure to work for that peace which God wills for his children.

Silence is kept

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.**

We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.**

Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in
all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Collect

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of
Heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Old Testament Reading: Amos 5. 18 - 24

Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day
of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and
was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the
wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not
light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer
me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings, I will not accept them; and
the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon.
Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody
of your harps. But let justice roll down like water, and righteousness like
an ever-flowing stream.

This us the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 70 (sung by members of St Mary's choir)

New Testament Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4. 13 - end

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading Matthew 25:1-13

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus said 'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Prayers of Intercession

Merciful Father,
**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever.

Amen

The Peace

Jesus says: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled neither let them be afraid.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Spiritual Communion

Loving Lord, we know that you are with us wherever we are. Since we cannot at this moment receive you in the bread and wine of the Eucharist, we ask you to open our eyes to your presence now in these quiet moments and in our daily lives, leading and guiding us in the week ahead. May we know that though we are for a time physically separated from one another, we are united in your Spirit and we can never be separated from you.

Amen

A time of silence follows as we open our hearts to God.

Anthem (recorded by the choir) 'Thou knowest Lord' Henry Purcell