

Service of Morning Prayer.

8th November Remembrance Sunday



The Gathering of God's People

Welcome everyone by Revd Grant.

Remembrance Sunday is part of the Church of England and Anglican Church Calendar, to remember those who died in military service to bring freedom and stability. Canada, Belgium, France, Australia New Zealand also remember today. Other countries have different days for Remembrance – the Netherlands it is of course on May 4th. But the Church of England follows the Sunday closest to 11th November, remembering particularly those died in World War One and World War Two but those in subsequent wars and involvements. This year we remember 75 years since the end of World War Two and 80 years, since Dutch neutrality was breached in May 1940 and she was occupied.

In the brief silence we settle into prayer...

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you

All and also with you.



“This I call to mind and therefore I have hope. The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning.” (Lamentations 3:21-23)

Opening Song

We meet in the Presence of God

We commit ourselves to work
in penitence and faith
for reconciliation between 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.

What does the Lord require of you, but to do
justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly
with your God (Micah 6:8)

Prayers of Penitence

Therefore, since we are surrounded
by such a great cloud of witnesses,
let us throw off everything that hinders
and the sin that so easily entangles.
And let us run with perseverance the race
marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the
pioneer and perfecter of faith. (Hebrews 12:1-2).

Let us turn again to Christ, confessing our sins
in penitence and faith.

Silence

**All 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.**

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins.
Heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessed is the Lord,

All for he has heard the voice of our prayer;

therefore shall our hearts dance for joy

All and in our song will we praise our God.

We continue in prayer...

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, ruler and judge of all, to you be praise and glory for ever.
In the darkness of this age that is passing away, may the light of your presence, which the saints enjoy, surround our steps, as we journey on.
May we reflect your glory this day and so be made ready to see your face in the heavenly city where night shall be no more.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

All Blessed be God for ever.

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

Silence is kept.

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.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

Psalm 119 –*Over the coming weeks, we will each Sunday read a portion of this psalm 119.*

Daleth

- ²⁵ I am laid low in the dust;
preserve my life according to your word.
²⁶ I gave an account of my ways
and you answered me;
teach me your decrees.
²⁷ Cause me to understand the way of your precepts,
that I may meditate on your wonderful deeds.
²⁸ My soul is weary with sorrow;
strengthen me according to your word.
- ²⁹ Keep me from deceitful ways;
be gracious to me and teach me your law.
³⁰ I have chosen the way of faithfulness;
I have set my heart on your laws.
³¹ I hold fast to your statutes, LORD;
do not let me be put to shame.
³² I run in the path of your commands,
for you have broadened my understanding.

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- ³³ Teach me, LORD, the way of your decrees,
that I may follow it to the end.
³⁴ Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law
and obey it with all my heart.
³⁵ Direct me in the path of your commands,
for there I find delight.
³⁶ Turn my heart towards your statutes
and not towards selfish gain.
- ³⁷ Turn my eyes away from worthless things;
preserve my life according to your word.
³⁸ Fulfil your promise to your servant,
so that you may be feared.
³⁹ Take away the disgrace I dread,
for your laws are good.
⁴⁰ How I long for your precepts!
In your righteousness preserve my life.

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- ⁴¹ May your unfailing love come to me, LORD,
your salvation, according to your promise;
⁴² then I can answer anyone who taunts me,
for I trust in your word.
⁴³ Never take your word of truth from my mouth,
for I have put my hope in your laws.
⁴⁴ I will always obey your law,
for ever and ever.
- ⁴⁵ I will walk about in freedom,
for I have sought out your precepts.
⁴⁶ I will speak of your statutes before kings
and will not be put to shame,
⁴⁷ for I delight in your commands
because I love them.
⁴⁸ I reach out for your commands, which I love,
that I may meditate on your decrees.

**All Glory 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.**

NT : Romans 8:31-39
This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Gospel: John 15:9-17

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The Canticle 'Great and Wonderful'

All nations shall come and worship you,
O Christ,
And share in the feast of your kingdom.

Great and wonderful are your deeds,
Lord God the Almighty.

Just and true are your ways,
O ruler of the nations.

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

All nations shall come and worship
in your presence:
For your just dealings have been revealed.
(Revelation 15:3-4)

To the One who sits on the throne
and to the Lamb
Be blessing and honour and glory and might,
For ever and ever. Amen.

All nations shall come and worship you,
O Christ,
And share in the feast of your kingdom.

Sermon

Hymn



The Apostles Creed:

We declare our faith which unites us with
Christians across nations.

**All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen**

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray



Lord hear us,
Lord graciously hear us

Offertory Prayer for gifts to All Saints

Gracious God

Accept our financial gifts,
and with them our lives,
to be used in your service;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Collects

All Lord, in these dark and difficult times,
grant me grace to seek your face with
undiminished love. Replenish my reserves
for the road is long.
Surprise me in the coming week with glimpses of
your goodness, hints of your holiness, and a song
of hope in this very strange time. **Amen.**

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
on this Remembrance Sunday,
we ask you to govern
the hearts and minds of all those in authority,
and we long for you
to bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Amen.

*Bring our prayers and praises to a close,
we sing together...*

All 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.

Going out as God's People

Responding in Hope and Commitment.



The Act of Remembrance

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;
and all who have lived and died
in the service of the peoples of the world.

Person 1: They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.

Person 2: At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
we will remember them.

All: We will remember them.

The two minute silence

Prayer (please kneel):

Ever Living God,
We remember those whom you have gathered
from the storms of war into the peace of your
presence;
may that same peace calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples
and establish harmony among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Kohima Epitaph (*words on a British war
memorial at Kohima, the capital of Nagaland in
NE India*)

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

The Act of Commitment

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service of God and others.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

All: We will

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

All: We will.

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

All: We will.

Prayer (we pray together)...

**Merciful God,
we offer to you the fears in us
that have not yet been cast out by love:
may we be guided by your Spirit,
give us wisdom and help us
may we accept the hope
you have placed in the hearts of all
people, and live lives of justice,
courage and mercy;
through Jesus Christ our risen redeemer. Amen.**

The Peace

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.'

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Final Hymn



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Blessing – Remembrance Sunday

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage; hold fast that which is good;
render to no person evil for evil;
strengthen the faint hearted;
support the weak; help the afflicted;
honour all people; love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father,
the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you
and remain with you forever.

ALL: Amen.

We finish with praying the grace together...

**All The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all this day and evermore.
Amen.**

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