



Remembrance Sunday

11th November 2018

We warmly welcome you here today as we gather for worship and to remember. We gather not to glorify war but to remember the great cost of lives lost through the great wars and in conflicts past and sadly the on-going cost of current engagements. We gather also to challenge ourselves in our remembering to commit ourselves not to the way of war but to seek the ways of peace.

This year especially as we mark the 100th anniversary of the First World War Armistice we pause to reflect on the past and pray for the future of our World, our United Kingdom and our Nation. To often violence perpetuates more violence and a vicious cycle can erupt spreading out and causing more pain and grief. One of the most amazing things for me about Jesus is how he embraces the cross. Although I believe him to be our Lord and God, He is beaten and spat at and then forced to carry the very cross he will be nailed too. Yet there is no sign or indication given that he ever tried to retaliate. He was like a lamb to the slaughter. In doing so he endures the pain, and accepts the punishment that is laid on Him. Through which, in some mystical way, He breaks the cycle of violence, of sin and death. Through laying down his life for us Jesus brings us peace with God and calls us to lay down our lives and to live at peace with one another.

Peter

The Gathering

The Lord be with you
and also with you

I lift up my eyes to the hills –
where does my help come from?
**My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

(Psalm 121.1-2)

Hymn

O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Under 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.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

A prayer of confession

God of mercy,
we acknowledge that we have sinned.
We turn from the wrong that we have
thought, said and done and are mindful
of all that we have failed to do
Forgive us, and help us
to love and to forgive
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

May the Father forgive us
through the sacrifice of his Son
and strengthen us by the power of the
Holy Spirit to live as people of his peace
Amen

Hymn

I'M ACCEPTED, I'm forgiven,
I am fathered by the true and living God.
I'm accepted, no condemnation,
I am loved by the true and living God.
There's no guilt or fear as I draw near
To the Saviour and Creator of the world.
There is joy and peace
As I release my worship to You, O Lord.

An act of Remembrance

We stand as the names from our War Memorial are read:

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.

Silence is kept

Music The Last Post

Prayer

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

The National Anthem

God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen:
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us:
God save the Queen.

Reading Hebrews 9: 24-28

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss –
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many souls to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life –
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart –
His wounds have paid my ransom.

The Gospel Reading Mark 12: 38-44

When it is announced we say:
Glory to Christ our Saviour.

*At end: Give thanks to the Lord
for his glorious Gospel.*

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Sermon

Prayers

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you

Hymn

LONGING FOR LIGHT, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

The Eucharist

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise

Worship and praise belong to you, Father,
in every place and at all times.
You made us, all the people of the world,
and everything that is.

You give us the daylight. Your Word lights
up our minds. Jesus was born among us to
be light in our darkness.
**Your Spirit lives in us
so that we can look at the world
with your eyes.**

One day we will be with you in heaven,
but already we join with the saints and
angels, and sing their joyful song:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth
are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Father, you never forget us
or turn away from us,
even when we fail you.
You sent your Son Jesus
who gave his life for us.
**He healed those who were sick,
cared for those who were poor,
and cried with those who were sad.
He forgave sinners and taught us to forgive.**

For all your love we give you thanks
in the way that Jesus showed us.

On the night before he died,
while he was having supper with his friends,
he took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread, and gave it to them,
saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body:
it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup,
he offered you thanks,
and gave it to them saying:
"Drink this, all of you.
This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me."

**So, as we do what he told us,
we open our hearts to him;
we remember how he died
and rose again to live now in us.
Together with him we offer you these gifts;
in them we give you ourselves**

Lord, send your Holy Spirit on us
and on this bread and this wine, that they
may be the Body and Blood of Christ
and that sharing your life, we may travel in
your company to our journey's end.

**With all your people we give you thanks
and praise through the Son
and in the Spirit, now and for ever. Amen**

The living bread is broken
for the life of the world.
Lord, unite us in this sign.

Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has commanded
and taught us, we are bold to say:

**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.
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.**

Distribution of Communion

*All are welcome to come forward to the table
and receive communion or a blessing at this time*

AN ACT OF COMMITMENT

Let us commit ourselves to
responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

We will

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

We will

Will you work for a just future
for all of humanity?

We will

**Merciful God,
we offer to you the fears in us
that have not yet been cast out by love:
May we accept the call you have placed on
our hearts to act justly and to love mercy
as we walk humbly with you, our God. Amen**

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

Hymn

LORD, FOR THE YEARS
Your love has kept and guided,
Urged and inspired us,
cheered us on our way,
Sought us & saved us,
pardoned and provided
Lord of the years,
we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for our land in this our generation,
Spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:
For young and old,
for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land,
be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world
where we disown and doubt You,
Loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
Hungry and helpless, lost indeed without You:
Lord of the world,
we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves;
in living power remake us
Self on the cross
and Christ upon the throne,
Past put behind us,
for the future take us:
Lord of our lives,
to live for Christ alone.

The Dismissal

The Kohima Epitaph is said:

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

**Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
in the name of Christ Amen**



*This Liturgy is adapted from the
Churches Together in Britain & Ireland
Remembrance Service and from the 1982 Liturgy*

Annual General Meetings

Mon 12th Nov St Mary's AGM

6pm for Supper 6.30pm for Business

Wed 21st Nov St Leonard's AGM

6.30pm for Supper 7pm in the Church Hall

The Fellowship

Dance Band Days with Bill Elliot
Wed 14th November 7.30pm at St Mary's

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*Friday 16th November. 7.30 pm
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