



Where all find a welcome and are nurtured in their journey with Christ.

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 8 November 2020

10.00 am



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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you

and also with you.

Words of welcome and introduction

Hymn

**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.**

**Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
will bear us all away;
we fade and vanish, as a dream
dies at the op'ning 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.**

Thoughts at the War Memorial in the church

Invitation to confession

In life and in death we are with the Lord.
Let us turn to the Lord who is full of compassion and mercy,
and ask that he will forgive us our sins,
and extend his healing love upon our broken world.

Lord, you promise a place in paradise to all
who call to you in penitence and faith.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, you bring comfort to those who
mourn and have suffered loss.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, you speak your word of peace in
times of conflict and calm our fears.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Collect

The president introduces a time of silent prayer with the words

Let us pray

Silence is kept.

Lord of the nations,
Saviour and judge of all:
remove from human hearts all bitterness and hate,
grant to those who have died in war
your mercy and forgiveness
and bring us all to the peace of your eternal Kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who suffered and died,
and now lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Amen.

Bible Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

What then are we to say about these things?
If God is for us, who is against us? He who did
not withhold his own Son, but gave him up
for all of us, will he not with him also give us
everything else? Who will bring any charge
against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who

is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans (8.31-39)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

**Be still, my soul: the Lord is at your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief and pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in ev'ry change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly friend,
through thorny ways, leads to a joyful end.**

**Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake,
all now mysterious shall be clear at last.
Be still, my soul: the tempests still obey
his voice, who ruled them once on Galilee.**

**Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be for ever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
sorrow forgotten, love's pure joy restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessèd we shall meet at last.**

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever

you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

John (15.9-17)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Thoughts at the Lychgate

Anthem

We will remember them

John Madden

Prayers of Intercession

*Written and led by Chris Peat concluding
with the Lord's Prayer*

**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.**

Hymn

**Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm doth bind the restless wave,
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.**

**O Saviour, whose almighty word
the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walkèdst on the foaming deep,
and calm, amid its rage, didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.**

**O sacred Spirit, who didst brood
upon the waters dark and rude,
and bid their angry tumult cease,
and give, for wild confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.**

**O Trinity of love and pow'r,
our brethren shield in danger's hour.
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them whereso'er they go,
and ever let there rise to thee
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.**

An act of commitment.

Due to the current restrictions we are unable to have our usual Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial on Selby Road, however at just before 11.00 am an Act of Remembrance from there recorded earlier in the week will be broadcast.

This year it will be shorter than usual because of act of commitment we usually make there will take place now.

As people who follow in the way of Jesus we are committed to working for peace.

A peace for all people, a peace that begins with us.

For we know our capacity to make for war
even in our own home and hearts.

So, 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 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 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.

Hymn

All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tow'r and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tow'r.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

**Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.**

Closing Prayer and Blessing

O God of truth and justice,
we hold before you those whose memory we cherish,
and those whose names we will never know.
Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world,
and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm.

As we honour the past,
may we put our faith in your future;
for you are the source of life and hope,
now and for ever.

Amen.

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,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Join us for our Act of Remembrance

For the last century we have led the annual Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial on Selby Road, bringing the community together to grieve for those who were lost, to remember the horrors they went through and the mistakes that led to war, and to thank God for the peace we now enjoy.

2020 has been a challenging year for us all and our ability to meet together safely is limited, but we will still be marking Remembrance Sunday as a community.

This year we will be holding our Act of Remembrance online, and you can watch it on our website at **whitkirkchurch.org.uk/remembrance** from 10.50 am today, or at any point in the future.

We would usually be selling poppies in the church in the weeks leading up to Remembrance Sunday. This year we haven't been able to offer our support in the same way, but if you would like to donate to the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal you can do so online at **www.britishlegion.org.uk/donate**.

“Be still, my soul”

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