

Sunday 14th November 2021

Remembrance Sunday

Reading 1: Hebrews 10: 11 – 14, 19 - 25

Gospel: Mark 13: 1 - 8

Opening prayer:

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

Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40: 31

We meet 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.

Hymn: Praise my soul the King of heaven

<https://youtu.be/60JgQoJK9J8>

Psalm: 16

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

² I say to the LORD, 'You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you.'

³ As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble,
in whom is all my delight.

⁴ Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;
their drink-offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names upon my lips.

⁵ The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

⁶ The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.

⁷ I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

⁸ I keep the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.

- ¹⁰ For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your faithful one see the Pit.
- ¹¹ You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Invitation to Confession:

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world; it's pride, it's selfishness, it's greed; it's evil divisions and hatreds.

Let us confess our share of what is wrong, and our failure to seek and establish that peace which God wills for his children.

Confession:

God of peace, forgive us when we have participated in that which turns people against each other; for fuelling anger and harbouring vengeance, for not heeding your call to love one another. Inspire us never to give up on the hope that your life offers to us. Give us courage to see beyond war and desolation and to live for the day when there will be peace. Amen.

Absolution:

Almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading 1: Daniel 12: 1 – 3

12 "At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered. ² Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Mark 13: 1 - 8

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' ² Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

³ When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' ⁵ Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶ Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there

will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ.

Talk: (click link) <https://youtu.be/relu8E0j3YY>

Hymn: All my hope on God is founded <https://youtu.be/apta533UFV8>

Let us declare our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God may give us peace. For the servicemen and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God; May God give peace.

For those who love them in death as in life, offering the distress of our grief and sadness of our loss: May God give peace.

For all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day, remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return; May God give peace.

For civilian women children and men whose lives are disfigured by war or terror, calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatred of humanity; May God give peace.

For peacemakers and peace-keepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free; May God give peace.

For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, political, military and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace; May God give peace.

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 those who wish us harm.

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

Lord's Prayer:

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
and 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.

*Let us pause for a moment to bring ourselves
and all that we offer to God
and give Him thanks.*

Hymn: *(click link)* Great is thy faithfulness <https://youtu.be/r4ox4es1jo8>

2 Minutes silence

Kohima Epitaph

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

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 us, and remain with us
and all those whom we love,
now and forever.
Amen.

As we come to the end of this service, continue to pray for each other.

Post something on the Facebook page to bless others.