



Lest we forget

Service of Remembrance - Online
14th November 2021

Welcome

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.

Act of Remembrance

They shall not grow 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 ... followed by 2 minutes silence ... the Reveille.

Played by Imogen Whitehead. Recordings used with permission of the Church of England.

When you go home tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow we gave our today.
Ever-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 peoples and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect

let us pray ...

**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**

Confession

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess
our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from every kind
of wrong. (1 John 1:8-9)

**Almighty God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed:
we have not loved You with all our heart; we have not loved our neighbours as
ourselves. Have mercy upon us; cleanse us from our sins; and help us to overcome our
faults: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you. Pardon and
deliver from all evil, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life
eternal. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn

I vow to thee my country

sung by the Choral Scholars of St Martin-in-the-Fields

- 1 I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love:
the love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
that lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
the love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
the love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

- 2 And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,
most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
we may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;

and soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
and her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.

Cecil Arthur Spring-Rice (1859-1918)
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Scripture Reading Mark 13.1-8 read by Jon Homan

13 As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher!

What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!'

2 'Do you see all these great buildings?' replied Jesus. 'Not one stone here will be left on another; everyone will be thrown down.'

3 As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, 4 'Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?'

5 Jesus said to them: 'Watch out that no one deceives you. 6 Many will come in my name, claiming, "I am he," and will deceive many. 7 When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. 8 Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth-pains.

Address by Nigel Lowe

Hymn

For the healing of the nations

sung by St Martin's Voices

- 1 For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord,
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.
- 2 Lead us forward into freedom,
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.
- 3 All that kills abundant living,

let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.

- 4 You, Creator-God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind;
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.

Fred Kaan (1929-2009)
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Intercessions

Response:

That there may be peace in your Church and for the whole world:
We pray to you, O Lord.

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.

Final Hymn

O God our help in ages past

sung by the Choral Scholars of St Martin-in-the-Fields

- 1 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home;
- 2 Under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.
- 3 Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.
- 4 A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.
- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

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

Thank you for joining us today. Our collection this weekend,
both in church and via our app will go to the
the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal.



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Hidden promises

Mark 13.1-8

The disciples are so positive about how amazing the Temple looks, but Jesus warns them about what is to follow. He explains that there will be difficult times ahead. The disciples are keen to know when this might be and Jesus encourages them to always be looking out for these times of difficulty and always to be prepared.

Now read Mark 13.1-8 see p.2 for text.

A note on the passage

We may find ourselves in difficult times in life. We know that life may not always be easy, but we also know that God will be with us at all times. Often, the difficulties we face have been faced by others before us, and we can benefit from their experience and support.



Find out about this memorial cairn (do an internet search for 'Aignish cairn'). Why is it important to remember past events?

A-MAZE-ING

Have you ever done a maze puzzle – or been in a real maze? Did you manage to get through it? Did you take any wrong turnings along the way or hit a dead end? Have a go at some maze puzzles – there are lots to try out, and you can print them too.

<https://www.mathsisfun.com/games/mazes.html>



Sometimes we may feel as though life is like a maze: we may not be sure which way to go or where to get help. Can you think of things that make you feel as if you've reached a dead end? Or where you are not sure which path to choose? Talk to God about those things, asking for help to guide you on the right path and/or find the right people to help you.

LIGHT UP

Do you have a light/torch on your phone? Each day, turn on the light/torch, sit by it and say these words (from Psalm 119): God's word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. If you don't have a phone, you could use a small torch, or a battery-operated tealight, or a bedside lamp. Ask God to help guide you on your path of life. If you write a journal, note down the times you have felt God guiding you.

YOUR SHOES

On Remembrance Sunday, we think of the soldiers – and others – who faced very difficult times indeed. Part of soldiers' uniforms are the strong boots they wear to help them on their difficult paths. On a sheet of paper, draw round your shoe. Inside the shoe outline, write or draw times in your life that have been hard. Put a circle round those where you have known that God was with you, or when God provided someone to help you, or similar.



Create a path in your home or garden, using soft clothes or toys to make the edges. Make some parts narrow, others wide, with bends and straights. Put a few 'bumps' in the road to represent the difficulties in life that we may face. Walk your path from start to finish, slowly, heel to toe, stepping over the bumps. How many steps does it take you? What if you take bigger steps? Ask other people in your household or friends/neighbours to walk it – how many steps does it take them? Think about how you feel when you faced with the bumps (difficulties) of life? How might you ask God for help?

WALK

Reach for your coat (it is November!) and go for a walk. Along the way, how many different colours can you see? Notice bright colours among the darker ones. Thank God for the world, for creation. Tell God about things happening in your life. Ask God to help you see glimpses of hope around you, and for people to walk with you in your darker moments. Pray for others facing difficult times.