

Remembrance Sunday

Start time: 10.45am

Hymn 1 – Eternal Father, strong to save

Candle and prayer

We have come together in the presence of Almighty God to offer him our worship, praise and thanksgiving. On this day when we remember the end of the hostilities of the great wars and recent wars. Holding in mind those who suffered and died, we pray for those still scarred by conflict, and all who grieve for those they love. We earnestly ask God for peace and reconciliation wherever in the world there is violence and bloodshed. And we pledge ourselves to work and pray that justice with peace may prevail throughout the world.

Prayer, for why we are here (see notes)

Hymn 2 – O God, our Help

Act of Remembrance

In Memory (*Read by* _____)

Let us remember before God 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 mankind.

Royal British Legion Video

The Ode (*Read by* _____)

*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.*

In Flanders Fields (*Read by* _____)

Prayers

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day. Fulfil in us, as in them, the purpose of your love; and bring us all to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world; its pride, its selfishness, its greed; its evil divisions and hatreds. Let us confess our share in what is wrong, and our failure to seek and establish that peace which God wills for his children.

Short silence. Then say together

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading 1 – Malachi 1-2a

Reading 2 - 2 - 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Hymn 3 – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Lord God of the nations, whose sovereign rule brings justice and peace, have mercy on our broken and divided world. Pour out your peace into the hearts of all, that all races and peoples may learn to live as members of one family in obedience to your law, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading 3 – Luke 21:5-19

Sermon

Hymn 4 – Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son

Prayer and Intercessions

Hymn 5 – Be still for the presence of the Lord

Act of commitment

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and mankind, that we may be peacemakers in our homes, in our community, in our country and in our world.

Lord God, we pledge ourselves to serve you and all mankind in the cause of peace and for the relief of want and suffering. Give us wisdom; give us courage; give us hope; and keep us always faithful. Amen.

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

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.

Departing words (*Read by _____*)

O Trinity of love and power, Our brethren shield in danger's hour; From rock and tempest, fire and foe, Protect them whereso'er they go, and ever let their rise to thee Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

May God give to us and to those we love, in this world and the next, his comfort and his peace; his light and his joy; and the blessing of God almighty the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit rest upon us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

The National Anthem

God save our gracious King
Long live our noble King
God save the King
Send her victorious
Happy and glorious
Long to reign over us
God save the King