



Remembrance Sunday
9th November, 3.30pm
at St Leonard's Church,
Turners Hill

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Order of Service

Welcome (Minister)

Opening Hymn (*Colours and wreaths are processed to the Altar*)

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| 1. <i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is
thy health and salvation:
all ye who hear,
now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration</i> | 3. <i>Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things
so wondrously reigneth,
shieldeth thee gently from harm,
or when fainting sustaineth:
hast thou not seen
how thy heart's wishes have been
granted in what he ordaineth?</i> |
| 2. <i>Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper
thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy
shall daily attend thee:
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
if to the end he befriend thee.</i> | 4. <i>Praise to the Lord, O let all that
is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath,
come now, with praises before him!
Let the Amen
sound from his people again:
gladly for ay we adore him.</i> |

Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

Welcome and Introduction

Opening Prayer (Minister)

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We have come together to worship God and to remember those who have lived and died in war as they sought to serve others. We will confess with shame those occasions when nations have lightly chosen war rather than seeking peace. We will pray for all who still suffer as a result of war and we will commit ourselves to serve their needs and to work with all our strength to see peace and justice established throughout the world.

First, let us keep a moment of silence as we remember how we have fallen short of God's love and will for our lives, asking for God's help and blessing to do his will, and to pray that the whole world may acknowledge Christ as Lord and King.

(We keep a short silence, before praying)

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of the Kingdom of God. Lord, have mercy

All Lord, have mercy

Lord Jesus, you came in word and sacrament to make your people strong. Christ, have mercy

All Christ, have mercy

Lord Jesus, you will come in glory, with salvation for all your people.
Lord, have mercy

All Lord, have mercy

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins, and restore us in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, as we pray for the world you gave us.

**All 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.
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.**

Hymn

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| 1. <i>The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.</i> | 4. <i>My table thou hast furnishèd
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.</i> |
| 2. <i>My soul he doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for his own name's sake.</i> | 5. <i>Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forever more
My dwelling place shall be</i> |
| 3. <i>Yea, though I walk through death's
dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For thou art with me; and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.</i> | |

Psalm 23 - Jessie Seymour Irvine (1836 1887)
Tune - CRIMOND

Reading (Isaiah 49:13-17)

¹³ Heavens, raise the roof! Earth, wake the dead! Mountains, send up cheers!
God has comforted his people. He has tenderly nursed his beaten-up, beaten-down people.

¹⁴ But Zion said, "I don't get it. God has left me. My Master has forgotten I even exist."

¹⁵⁻¹⁷ "Can a mother forget the infant at her breast, walk away from the baby she bore?
But even if mothers forget, I'd never forget you—never. Look, I've written your names
on the backs of my hands. The walls you're rebuilding are never out of my sight.
Your builders are faster than your wreckers. The demolition crews are gone for good.

All Thanks be to God

Sermon (Minister)

Hymn

(Colours and Wreaths are processed to the War Memorials)

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

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)
Tune St Anne

(Please remain standing)

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

(Please turn to face the Tower War Memorials)

(Minister stands at the memorial sand prays)

Let us remember before God, and commend to God's sure keeping:
those who have died for their country in war.

Lord God, we ask your blessing on these wreaths. May they serve as a
reminder to us of all those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure;
and all who have lived and died in the service of humanity.

(The names of those to be remembered from the Parish are read).

The Exhortation

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.

'For the Fallen' Laurence Binyon (1869-1943)

All We will remember them

- The Last Post is played
- Here follows the SILENCE
- The Reveille is played

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

Kohima Epitaph

Hymn

1. *Abide with me, fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens Lord, with me abide
When other helpers fail and comforts flee
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me*
2. *Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away
Change and decay in all around I see
O Thou who changest not, abide with me*
3. *I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me*
4. *Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee
In life, in death, o Lord, abide with me*

Prayers

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict and ask that God may give us peace.

God of peace

All Give peace we pray.

For the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God.

God of peace

All Give peace we pray.

For those who love them in death as in life, offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss;

God of peace

All Give peace we pray.

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

God of peace

All Give peace we pray.

For civilian women, children and men who lives are lost or disfigured by war or terror, calling to mind in penitence the angers and hatreds of humanity;

God of peace

All Give peace we pray.

For peacemakers and peacekeepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free. For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, political, military and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search of reconciliation and peace;

God of peace

All Give peace we pray.

Minister

Risen, reigning Christ, in you, past, present and future are brought together in one great hope. Renew our faith in you, so that the past may not hinder us, nor the present overwhelm us, or the future frighten us. You have brought us this far, continue to lead us until our hope is fulfilled and we join with all God's people in never-ending praise; for your name's sake.

Amen

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Hymn

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| 1. <i>Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.</i> | 4. <i>Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and
stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.</i> |
| 2. <i>In simple trust like theirs who heard
beside the Syrian sea
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.</i> | 5. <i>Breathe through the heats of our
desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind,
and fire,
O still, small voice of calm!</i> |
| 3. <i>O Sabbath rest by Galilee,
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!</i> | |

John Greenleaf Whittier, (1807-1892)

Act of Commitment (Minister)

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and all peoples, that we may help, encourage, and comfort others, and support those working for the relief of the needy and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

**All Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
Where there is injury, let there be pardon;
Where there is discord, union;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy; for your mercy and for your truth's sake.
AMEN**

Blessing

GO FORTH into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast to that which is good. Render to no-one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint-hearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Honour all people. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; be with us all, this day and for evermore.

National Anthem

1. *God save our gracious King,
long live our noble King,
God save the King.
Send him victorious,
happy and glorious,
long to reign over us:
God save the King.*
2. *Thy choicest gifts in store
on him be pleased to pour,
long may he reign.
May he defend our laws,
and ever give us cause
to sing with heart and voice:
God save the King.*

Unknown 17th or 18th century

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