

REQUIEM EUCHARIST

FOR THE FALLEN

Remembrance Sunday 8 November 2026

6.00 pm

President: The Rev'd Peter Pathikrit Das, Vicar
Deacon & Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Stuart Cradduck, Rector of Grantham & Patron
Subdeacon: Nick Kerry, Reader

Sung by the joint choir of St John's & St Wulfram's

Welcome

Welcome to the Parish Church of St John the Evangelist, Spitalgate with Earlsfield.

This evening, we gather for a particularly significant moment in the life of our church and our nation. As the national church leads the nation in observing Remembrance Sunday, here at St John's we gather for a Requiem Eucharist remembering before God all those who have lost their lives in war.
Many who died in conflict were never afforded a proper funeral or the dignity of a memorial service. Some faced death far from home, without the comfort of their loved ones or the opportunity for a final farewell. Tonight, we remember them all.
In particular, we shall hear the names of those from within this parish who have died, and commend them to God's eternal keeping. We also remember all those across the world who have lost their lives through war and human conflict, and those who continue to bear its terrible consequences.
Although the great wars of the last century have passed into history, the reality of conflict has not. Wars continue to be fought on many fronts, and ordinary people continue to pay the heaviest price. It is in this spirit of remembrance, prayer and hope that we gather this evening.

A few notices before we begin:
Please ensure that mobile phones are switched off throughout the service.
The service will be sung entirely by the choir. This offers us a special opportunity to sit in silence to listen, remember and reflect.
All who wish to receive Holy Communion are warmly invited to come forward.
Those who do not normally receive Communion are equally welcome to come forward for a blessing. If you would like to receive a blessing, please bring this service booklet with you as an indication to the clergy.
Finally, I extend a very warm welcome and our grateful thanks to our visiting preacher, the Revd Canon Stuart Cradduck, who is also our patron, for joining us this evening. We are grateful for the continuing partnership of St Wulfram's Church which we greatly value.
Thank you for being here, and may this evening be a time of prayerful remembrance, consolation and hope.



Vicar

The Gathering

*Please **stand** at the entrance of the Sacred Three.*

Introit and Kyrie

Requiem aeternam dona eis,	*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord:*
Domine:	*and let perpetual light shine upon them.*
et lux perpetua luceat eis.	*It is fitting, O God, to praise you in Sion,*
Te decet hymnus, Deus, in Sion,	*and a vow shall be paid to you in*
et tibi reddetur votum in Jerusalem.	*Jerusalem.*
Exaudi orationem meam,	*Hear my prayer,*
ad te omnis caro veniet.	*to you shall all flesh come.*
Kyrie eleison.	*Lord, have mercy.*
Christe eleison.	*Christ, have mercy.*
Kyrie eleison.	*Lord, have mercy.*

The president says:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All **and also with you.**

Prayers of Penitence

The deacon says:

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.

*Please **sit** or **kneel**.*

All **Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
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, our God.
Amen.**

The president says:

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.

All **Amen.**

The Collect

The president sings:

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon.

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

Wisdom 6.12–16

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

*Please **stand**.*

Gospel Reading

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

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

Matthew 25.1–13

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please **sit** for the sermon.*

Sermon

The Revd Canon Stuart Cradduck, Rector of Grantham & Patron of St John's.

*Please **stand**.*

The Creed

Let us affirm our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **We believe in one God,**
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

*Please **kneel** or **sit.***

Commemoration of the fallen

*The names of those fallen during the war from this parish are read aloud, following which the **Russian Kontakion of the Departed** is sung.*

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The President introduces the Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
All **and also with you.**
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All are invited to exchange a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table

The altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.
During the Offertory, which is sung by the choir, the congregation is invited to sit.

O Domine Jesu Christe, Rex gloriae,	*O Lord Jesus Christ, King of Glory,*
libera animas defunctorum	*deliver the souls of the departed*
de poenis inferni,	*from the pains of hell,*
et de profundo lacu,	*and from the deep lake,*
de ore leonis,	*from the mouth of the lion,*
ne absorbeat eas Tartarus,	*that Tartarus may not engulf them,*
ne cadant in obscurum.	*that they may not fall into darkness.*
Hostias et preces tibi, Domine,	*Sacrifices and prayers we offer to thee,*
laudis offerimus:	*O Lord:*
tu suscipe pro animabus illis,	*receive them on behalf of those souls*
quarum hodie memoriam facimus;	*whom we commemorate this day;*
fac eas, Domine, de morte transire	*grant them, O Lord, to pass from death*
ad vitam:	*unto life:*
quam olim Abrahae promisisti	*as you once promised to Abraham*
et semini ejus.	*and his seed.*
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ne absorbeat eas Tartarus,	*that Tartarus may not engulf them,*
ne cadant in obscurum.	*that they may not fall into darkness:*
Amen.	*Amen.*

The president prays:

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement;
draw us from hatred to love;
make the frailty of our praise
a dwelling place for your glory.
All **Amen.**

*Please **stand.***

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**
Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth,
giver of life and conqueror of death.
By his death on the cross,
your Son Jesus Christ
offered the one true sacrifice for sin,
breaking the power of evil
and putting death to flight.
Through his resurrection from the dead
you have given us new birth into a living hope,
into an inheritance which is imperishable,
undefiled and unfading.
The joy of resurrection fills the universe,
and so we join with angels and archangels,
with all your faithful people,
evermore praising you and singing:

The choir sings:

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,	*Holy, holy, holy Lord,*
Dominus Deus Sabaoth,	*God of power and might,*
pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.	*heaven and earth are full of your glory.*
Hosanna in excelsis.	*Hosanna in the highest.*

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body
and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
TAKE, EAT; THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU;
DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.
In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
DRINK THIS, ALL OF YOU; THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW COVENANT,
WHICH IS SHED FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.
DO THIS, AS OFTEN AS YOU DRINK IT, IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

Great is the mystery of faith.

All **Christ has died:**
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.
Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of our most glorious lady- the Blessed Virgin Mary,
St John the Evangelist, St Wulfram of Sens and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

*Please **kneel** or **sit**, and the choir sings:*

Pie Jesu, Domine,	*Blessed Jesus, Lord,*
dona eis requiem.	*grant them rest.*
Pie Jesu, Domine,	*Blessed Jesus, Lord,*
dona eis requiem sempiternam.	*grant them eternal rest.*

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

All **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.

*Please **sit.***

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread and says:

Jesus is the living bread which came down from heaven:
if anyone eats of this bread, they will live for ever.

All **Lord, give us this bread always.**

Giving of Communion

The President says:

I am the bread of life, says the Lord;
Whoever comes to me will never hunger;
whoever believes in me will never thirst.

All **I am the vine: you are the branches.**
May we dwell in him as he lives in us.

The Sacred Three and people receive communion.

During the distribution of Communion the choir sings:

Agnus Dei,	*O Lamb of God,*
qui tollis peccata mundi,	*who takes away the sins of the world,*
dona eis sempternam requiem.	*grant them eternal rest.*
Lux iscuss luceat eis, Domine,	*May eternal light shine upon them, O Lord,*
cum sanctis tuis in aeternum,	*in the company of thy saints for eternity,*
quia pius es.	*for you are full of goodness.*
Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine,	*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord:*
Et lux perpetua luceat eis.	*and let perpetual light shine upon them.*
Libera me, Domine, de morte iscuss,	*Deliver me, O God, from everlasting death*
in die illa tremenda,	*on that dread day,*
quando coeli movendi sunt et terra;	*when the heavens and the earth shall quake;*
dum veneris judicare saeculum	*when you will come to judge the world*
per ignem.	*by fire.*
Tremens factus sum ego, et timeo,	*I am seized with trembling, and am afraid,*
dum iscussion venerit,	*until the day of reckoning shall arrive*
atque ventura ira.	*and the wrath shall come.*
Dies illa, dies irae,	*That day, a day of wrath,*
calamitatis et miseriae,	*calamity and misery,*
dies magna et amara valde.	*a great and exceedingly bitter day.*
Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine,	*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,*
et lux perpetua luceat eis.	*and let perpetual light shine upon them.*
Libera me . . .	*Deliver me . . .*

*Please **stand.***

Prayer after Communion

The president sings::

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

Blessing

May God give you
his comfort and his peace,
his light and his joy,
in this world and the next;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Dismissal

The deacon says:

Neither death nor life can separate us from the love of God
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

While the ministers depart, the choir sings:

In Paradisum deducant te angeli,	*May angels lead you into Paradise;*
in tuo adventu suscipiant te martyres,	*at your coming may the martyrs receive you,*
et perducant te	*and bring you*
in civitatem sanctam Jerusalem.	*into the holy city of Jerusalem.*
Chorus angelorum te suscipiat,	*May the choir of angels receive you,*
et cum Lazaro quondam paupere	*and with Lazarus, who was once a beggar,*
aeternam habeas requiem.	*may you have eternal rest.*

*Please leave **quietly** after the service.*

Thank you for joining us

We warmly thank you for being with us today at St. John's.

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To keep the sacred and solemn liturgy flowing seamlessly, we do not take a collection during this service. Instead, we invite you to make your offering as you leave. A retiring collection dish is at the back of the church, and we also have card payment facilities there.

Alternatively, you can scan this QR code from your pew to give easily and generously. Your support sustains all that we do for God's glory and for the life of this church.

Thank you.

AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN THE MORNING, WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

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