ST ANDREW'S CHURCH - MOSCOW
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



A SERVICE OF THE WORD

8th November, 2026.

Welcome and Greetings

Call to worship

The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness and let us put on the armour of light. *(Romans 13:12)*

We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Invitation to Confession

'The axe is laid at the root of the trees; every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down.'

But confident in God's mercy we confess our sins. (*cf Matthew 3:10)*

A moment of silence.

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations
into the peace of your kingdom:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

You come in word and sacrament
to strengthen us in holiness:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You will come in glory
with salvation for your people:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive you your sins and make you holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

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. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

Wisdom of Solomon 6:17–20

17 The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for instruction,
and concern for instruction is love of her,
18 and love of her is the keeping of her laws,
and giving heed to her laws is assurance of immortality,
19 and immortality brings one near to God;
20 so the desire for wisdom leads to a kingdom.

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

1 Thessalonians 4:13–end

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not
grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus,
God will bring with him those who have died.15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who
are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died.16 For the Lord
himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from
heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds
together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. 18 Therefore encourage
one another with these words.

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Thanks be to God.

Matthew 25:1–13

Jesus said to his disciples, ‘The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to
meet the bridegroom.[2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the foolish took their lamps, they took
no oil with them; [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them
became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a shout, “Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet
him.” [7] Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, “Give us some of
your oil, for our lamps are going out.” [9] 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.” [10] 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. [11] Later the other
bridesmaids came also, saying, “Lord, lord, open to us.” [12] But he replied, “Truly I tell you, I do not know you.” [13] Keep
awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.’

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Nicene Creed

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 with 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.

Prayers of Intercession

Watchful at all times, let us pray for strength to stand with confidence before our Maker and Redeemer.
That God may bring in his kingdom with justice and mercy,
let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**
That God may establish among the nations his sceptre of righteousness,
let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**
That we may seek Christ in the Scriptures and recognize him in the breaking of the bread,
let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**
That God may bind up the broken-hearted, restore the sick and raise up all who have fallen,
let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**
That the light of God's coming may dawn on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death,
let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**
That, with all the saints in light, we may shine forth as lights for the world,
let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**
We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray to the mercy and protection of our heavenly Father:

Silence is kept.

Almighty God, as your blessed Son Jesus Christ first came to seek and to save the lost; so may he come again to find in us the completion of his redeeming work; for he is now alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

May the God of peace make you completely holy, ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

A time of silent reflection on the Word of God and the Gifts of Christ's Presence:

Act of Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your church,
where the Holy Eucharist is now celebrated,
I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving.
I present to you my soul and body,
with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you.
Since now I cannot receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
I unite myself to you, Lord Jesus,
and embrace you with all the affection of my soul.
Let nothing separate me from you,
may I live and die in your life. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Believing the promises of God, 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 and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer after Spiritual Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, you have nourished me in this moment with your presence.
Though I have not received you in bread and wine,
you have fed me with the manna of your Spirit
and refreshed my soul with the living water of your Grace.
Keep me steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and fervent in love
until I feast with you in your Kingdom. Amen.

The Blessing

May God the Father, judge all-merciful, make us worthy of a place in his kingdom.
Amen.
May God the Son, coming among us in power, reveal in our midst the promise of his glory.
Amen.
May God the Holy Spirit make us steadfast in faith, joyful in hope and constant in love.
Amen.
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Dismissal

As we await our coming Saviour, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.