Liturgy

Remembrance Sunday 8th November 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

COLLECT

Almighty God from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: kindle we pray in the hearts of all people the true love of peace; and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

The FIRST READING Micah 4: v 1 - 5

A reading from the book of Micah

In the last days, the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and peoples will stream to it.

Many nations will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the temple of the God of Jacob.

He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He will judge between many peoples and will settle disputes for strong nations far and wide. They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. Everyone will sit under their own vine and under their own fig tree, and no one will make them afraid, for the Lord Almighty has spoken. All the nations may walk in the name of their gods, but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 72 v 1 - 7

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, with your judgment endow the king,
and with your justice, the king's son;
He shall govern your people with justice
and your afflicted ones with judgment. ***R.***

Justice shall flower in his days,
and profound peace, till the moon be no more.
May he rule from sea to sea,
and from the river to the ends of the earth. ***R.***

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts;
the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute.
All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him. ***R.***

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out,
and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.
He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor;
the lives of the poor he shall save. ***R.***

The SECOND READING 1 Timothy 2 v 1-6

A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy

I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth. For, there is one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity—the man Christ Jesus. He gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone. This is the message God gave to the world at just the right time.

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

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia
Blessed are those who die in the Lord; for they rest from their labour.
Alleluia, alleluia

GOSPEL Matthew 5: v43 to the end

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant, O heavenly Father, that the sacrifice of Christ, who laid down his life for his friends, may raise all those who have died in war to the victory of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Greater love has no one, than to lay down his life for his friends, says the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored those who were 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 Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Amen.