

14<sup>th</sup> November 2021



10.30am Remembrance Service & HC

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent



## The day death is swallowed up

Isaiah 25:6-9 John 11:32-44

Revelation 14:13 & 21:1-4

Philip Robertson

Please follow the one-way circulation and sit in spaces noted 'SIT HERE'.

Facemasks: we request masks are worn when we sing.

Please speak aloud words in **bold text**. Sing songs indicated & listen to others.

### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Today we remember those who have passed away in the service of God and other people in the fight against evil in our world. When we think of the price and pain that has to be endured, it is encouraging to remember the good news of God's conquest of death in Jesus Christ and to embrace his victory in our lives today. We look forward to the day when death is swallowed up.

### NEWS

### SAMARITAN PURSE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather before God, to worship him, for his purposes are good;  
his power sustains the world;  
he loves us, though we have failed  
in his service;  
he gave Jesus Christ to bring us the  
hope of salvation;  
and by his Holy Spirit he leads us in his  
way.

As we give thanks for his great works, we remember those who have lived and died in his service and in the service of others.

We pray for all who have suffered through war, and are in need; we ask for God's help and his blessing, that we may do his will, and that the whole world may one day soon acknowledge him as Lord and King.

Let us always remember that Jesus Christ... was raised from the dead. This is the Good News proclaimed in the Bible. *2 Timothy 2.8*

We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed;

**Perplexed, but not in despair;**

Persecuted, but not abandoned;

**Struck down, but not destroyed**

We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus

**So that the life of Jesus may be revealed.**

We fix our eyes not on what is seen,

**But on what is unseen and eternal.**

**Amen.** *2 Corinthians 4*

**1<sup>ST</sup> BIBLE READING** *Isaiah 25:6-9 GNB*

<sup>6</sup> Here on Mount Zion the Lord Almighty will prepare a banquet for all the nations of the world—a banquet of the richest food and the finest wine.

<sup>7</sup> Here he will suddenly remove the cloud of sorrow that has been hanging over all the nations. <sup>8</sup> The Sovereign Lord will destroy death forever! He will wipe away the tears from everyone's eyes and take away the disgrace his people have suffered throughout the world. The Lord himself has spoken.

<sup>9</sup> When it happens, everyone will say, "He is our God! We have put our trust in him, and he has rescued us. He is the Lord! We have put our trust in him, and now we are happy and joyful because he has saved us."

### **1<sup>ST</sup> SONG – O GOD, OUR HOPE IN AGES PAST**

*Isaac Watts*

#### **FACEMASKS ON TO STAND & SING**

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Your throne  
Your saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is Your arm alone,  
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting You are God,  
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Your sight  
Are like an evening gone,  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.  
Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Bears all its sons away;  
They fly forgotten, as a dream  
Dies with the dawning day.

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be our defence while life shall last,  
And our eternal home.

### **2<sup>ND</sup> BIBLE READING** *John 11:32-44 GNB*

<sup>32</sup> Mary arrived where Jesus was, and as soon as she saw him, she fell at his feet. "Lord," she said, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died!"

<sup>33</sup> Jesus saw her weeping, and he saw how the people with her were weeping also; his heart was touched, and he was deeply moved. <sup>34</sup> "Where have you buried him?" he asked them.

"Come and see, Lord," they answered.

<sup>35</sup> Jesus wept. <sup>36</sup> "See how much he loved him!" the people said.

<sup>37</sup> But some of them said, "He gave sight to the blind man, didn't he? Could he not have kept Lazarus from dying?"

<sup>38</sup> Deeply moved once more, Jesus went to the tomb, which was a cave with a stone placed at the entrance.

<sup>39</sup> "Take the stone away!" Jesus ordered.

Martha, the dead man's sister, answered, "There will be a bad smell, Lord. He has been buried four days!"

<sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, "Didn't I tell you that you would see God's glory if you believed?" <sup>41</sup> They took the stone away. Jesus looked up and said, "I thank you, Father, that you listen to me. <sup>42</sup> I know that you always listen to me, but I say this for the sake of the people here, so that they will believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup> After he had said this, he called out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup> He came out, his hands and feet wrapped in grave

cloths, and with a cloth around his face. "Untie him," Jesus told them, "and let him go."

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** *Simon Fenner*

#### *Collect*

**God our Creator,  
we so often fail to seek your justice,  
and swerve from the way of your  
righteousness:  
look with compassion upon those  
facing danger, disaster, and  
devastation.  
Guide us all along the path of life,  
and make us valiant for truth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

### **ACT OF REMEMBRANCE** **PLEASE STAND**

Let us remember before God all who have died for their country in war; and those who have died as a result of war, oppression and tyranny. We remember those whom we knew and loved, and whose memory we treasure; those who have lived and died in the service of mankind; and those whose names are inscribed on the memorial plaque in this church:

Bernard Atkinson	Thomas Barker
Stanley Chambers	Thomas Cheadle
Arnold Duddell	Bernard Everall
Edward Hodgkins	Alfred Holland
Cyril Hurdman	George Jeffery
Edwin Jones	Samuel Jones
Arthur Lampitt	Fredrick Lockley
Reginald Manley	Ronald Minors
Neville Parton	James Pearman
Samuel Plant	Kenneth Shaw
Arthur Targett	Farrington Warner
Robert Willcock	

#### *Last Post*

They shall grow not old,  
as we that are left grow old.  
Age shall not weary them,  
not the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning,  
We will remember them.

#### *Silence*

#### *Reveille*

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

### **ACT OF COMMITMENT**

We are all children of the same heavenly Father, whatever our age, whatever our nationality or race. We all have a responsibility under God to care for one another.

Will you remember the causes for which so many endured adversity, and for which many fought and died, by promoting peace, justice and harmony among all people?

**By the help of God, I will.**

Will you always acknowledge how precious are the gifts which God has entrusted to us, and exercise the freedoms and opportunities you have with gratitude and humility?

**By the help of God, I will.**

God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself:

**He has entrusted me with the message of reconciliation.**

When anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation:

## **The old order has gone: a new order has already begun.**

I beseech you then, brothers and sisters:

**In Christ's name, be reconciled to one another and to God.**

May Almighty God, who has given you the will to undertake these things, give you also the strength to perform them: for his name's sake.

**Amen.**

### **3<sup>RD</sup> SONG - REMEMBRANCE HYMN**

*Tim Chester, Phil Moore, Colin Webster*

O Lord, we look upon the past,  
Remembering those who went before.  
Who heard the call and bore for us  
The brutal, bloody face of war.  
We think of them and think of you,  
Who came to earth as one of us,  
To share our pain and bear our wounds,  
And make the final sacrifice.

O Lord, we look around today  
And see a world in conflict still.  
We pray for those who strive for peace,  
Who stand for truth or lives rebuild.  
We weep with those whose hearts are  
scarred,  
Whose way is hard, whose hope is weak.  
To refugees whose homes are lost,  
God of all comfort, comfort speak.

O Lord, we look ahead in hope.  
To see the dawning of the day  
When swords are beaten into ploughs,  
And every tear is wiped away;  
When wounds are healed and fear  
dispelled  
And all who trust in you arise;  
When Christ, the Prince of Peace, has  
come  
And glory, glory fills the skies.

### **3<sup>RD</sup> BIBLE READING** *Revelation 14:13; 21:1-4 GNB*

<sup>13</sup> Then I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Happy are those who from now on die in the service of the Lord!"

"Yes indeed!" answers the Spirit. "They will enjoy rest from their hard work, because the results of their service go with them."

<sup>21:1</sup> Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The first heaven and the first earth disappeared, and the sea vanished. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared and ready, like a bride dressed to meet her husband. <sup>3</sup> I heard a loud voice speaking from the throne: "Now God's home is with people! He will live with them, and they shall be his people. God himself will be with them, and he will be their God. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe away all tears from their eyes. There will be no more death, no more grief or crying or pain. The old things have disappeared."

### **THE DAY DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP**

#### **CONFESSION**

A teacher of the law asked Jesus, "Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?"

Jesus replied, "'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments." *Matthew 22:36-40*

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Let us never forget that all have sinned  
and fallen short of the glory of God.

*Romans 3.23*

So let us confess our sins in penitence  
and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's  
commandments  
and to live in love and peace with all.

For the hatred which divides nation  
from nation, race from race, class from  
class,

**Father forgive us.**

For the covetous desires of people and  
nations to possess what is not their  
own,

**Father forgive us.**

For the greed which exploits the work  
of human hands and lays waste the  
earth,

**Father forgive us.**

For our envy of the welfare and  
happiness of others,

**Father forgive us.**

For our indifference to the plight of  
the imprisoned, the homeless, the  
refugee,

**Father forgive us.**

For the lust which dishonours the  
bodies of men, women and children,

**Father forgive us.**

For the pride which leads us to trust in  
ourselves and not in God,

**Father forgive us.**

**Let us be kind to one another, tender-  
hearted, forgiving one another, as  
God in Christ forgave us.**

*From the Coventry Cathedral Litany*

Almighty God

who in Jesus Christ has given us  
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,  
forgive us our sins,  
open our eyes to God's truth,  
strengthen us to do God's will  
and give us the joy of his kingdom,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**4<sup>TH</sup> SONG – HOLY SPIRIT, LIVING BREATH OF  
GOD** *Stuart Townend & Keith Getty*

Holy Spirit, living breath of God,  
Breathe new life into my willing soul.  
Bring the presence of the risen Lord,  
To renew my heart and make me  
whole.

Cause Your Word to come alive in me;  
Give me faith for what I cannot see,  
Give me passion for Your purity;  
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within,  
May Your joy be seen in all I do.  
Love enough to cover every sin,  
In each thought and deed and attitude.  
Kindness to the greatest and the least,  
Gentleness that sows the path of  
peace.

Turn my strivings into works of grace;  
Breath of God show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,  
Giving life to all that God has made,  
Show Your power once again on earth,  
Cause Your church to hunger for your  
ways.

Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;  
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,  
That in unity the face of Christ  
Will be clear for all the world to see.



**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Taken from Psalm 145*

**We believe in God who is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.**

**We believe in God whose kingdom is everlasting, whose dominion endures forever.**

**We believe in God, who is faithful to all his promises, and loving towards all he has made.**

**We believe in God who opens his hand and satisfies the needs of all things living. Amen.**

**THE PEACE**

Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." *John 14:27*

The peace of the Lord be with you **and also with you.**

**5<sup>TH</sup> SONG – CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH** *Matt Papa, Matt Boswell*

What is our hope in life and death?  
Christ alone, Christ alone.

What is our only confidence?  
That our souls to him belong.

Who holds our days within his hand?  
What comes, apart from his command?  
And what will keep us to the end?  
The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*O sing hallelujah!*

*Our hope springs eternal.*

*O sing hallelujah!*

*Now and ever we confess:*

*Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul?  
God is good, God is good.  
Where is his grace and goodness  
known?

In our great Redeemer's blood.  
Who holds our faith when fears arise?  
Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

*O sing...*

Unto the grave, what will we sing?  
"Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!"  
And what reward will heaven bring?  
Everlasting life with him.  
And we will rise to meet the Lord.  
Then sin and death will be destroyed  
And we will feast in endless joy  
When Christ is ours forevermore.

*O sing... (and repeat)*

Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death.  
Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death.

**HOLY COMMUNION** *CW Eucharistic Prayer E*

The Lord is here  
**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, you made the world and love  
your creation.

You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be  
our Saviour.

His dying and rising have set us free  
from sin and death.

And so we gladly thank you,  
with saints and angels praising you,  
and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,

through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit upon us,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of  
your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had  
supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them  
and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is  
given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the  
cup of wine.

Again he praised you, gave it to them  
and said:

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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus  
did,  
in him we plead with confidence his  
sacrifice made once for all upon the  
cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life  
and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

Praise you, Lord Jesus:  
**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in  
all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in  
Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours,

O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

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

**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 for ever. Amen.**

Every time we eat this bread  
and drink this cup,

**we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.**

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus  
Christ

which he gave for you,

and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink

in remembrance that he died for you,

and feed on him in your hearts

by faith with thanksgiving.

**Most merciful Lord,**

**your love compels us to come in.**

**Our hands were unclean,**

**our hearts were unprepared,  
we were not fit  
even to eat the crumbs under your  
table.  
But you, Lord, are the God of our  
salvation,  
and share your bread with sinners.  
So cleanse and feed us  
with the precious body and blood  
of your Son,  
that he may live in us and we in him;  
and that we, with the whole company  
of Christ,  
may sit and eat in your kingdom.  
Amen.**

### *We Eat & Drink*

*As we receive bread and wine a song...*

### **6<sup>TH</sup> SONG - TASTE AND SEE**

*Jo Boyce, Aidan Pepper & Mike Stanley*

Taste and see the goodness of the  
Lord.

Come to him, come to him all who  
are hungry;  
Come to him, come to him all  
who thirst:  
(He says) "I am your God and you  
are my people".

I am the Living Bread, I am the New  
Wine.  
Blessed, broken, poured-out, shared  
for all.

Blessed, broken, poured-out,  
shared.

*Repeated in various combinations*

### *Commendation*

I am convinced that nothing can ever  
separate us from God's love. Neither  
death nor life, neither angels nor  
demons, neither our fears for today  
nor our worries about tomorrow—not

even the powers of hell can separate  
us from God's love. No power in the  
sky above or in the earth below—  
indeed, nothing in all creation will ever  
be able to separate us from the love of  
God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our  
Lord. *Romans 8:38-39*

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son  
Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls  
and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out  
in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory. Amen.**

### **7<sup>TH</sup> SONG – IN CHRIST ALONE**

*Keith Getty & Stuart Townend*

### **FACEMASKS ON TO STAND & SING**

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song,  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought  
and storm.

What heights of love, what depths  
of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when  
strivings cease,  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless Babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live.



There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,  
Up from the grave He rose again.  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.  
For I am His and He is mine,  
Bought with the precious blood  
of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Could ever pluck me from His hand,  
'Til He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I stand.

### **BLESSING**

May God your Father bless your past  
and remind you of his promises.

May Jesus, his Son, reassure your heart  
and mind of joys to come.

May God the Holy Spirit fill your  
present with the will to trust and  
serve.

And the blessing of God, who is Father,  
Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you  
always.

**Amen.**

# Prayer Topics for the week

If you would like the vicar to pray with you on the phone, call him on 01902 827214; or alternatively you can place a prayer request on our 'Prayer Chain' by phoning Brian on 01902 788017. He will have several people pray, in confidence, for your request.

**Come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the LORD our maker, for he is our God.**

*Psalm 95:6-7a NLT*

## For the World and our Nation and our City

**Poland-Belarus border crisis** – Pray for the 4000 people, mostly migrating from the Middle East, trapped at the border in freezing temperatures. Pray for compassion by the leaders of the countries involved to resolve this urgent situation to help those in need of safe shelter.

**COP26** – Pray that the world leaders will keep the pledges made and continue to work together to achieve the necessary targets to avert a global climate disaster. Pray for us all to help make changes in our own lifestyles so others do not suffer.

**COVID** cases are increasing as winter approaches, pray for governments throughout the world as they try to manage infection rates and medical services.

## For our Mission Partners – PCF Romania (Word made Flesh centre) @ Vis de Copil

Life in Romania is difficult; with the sharp increase in Covid cases; increased heating and electricity costs; and the Government has had to be dissolved and so far hasn't failed to reform. *Our prayer points:*

**Access** - Thanks that our centre is still able to be open and function when many places have closed.

**Healthcare** – Pray that we can help Anita with the ventilator to help her recover from covid. Pray for people in the coming months as days get colder and the COVID cases increase, that people will remain healthy. Pray too for our volunteers & staff team.

Pray that we will be able to provide **Christmas gifts or supplies** to families.

Pray for our **Christmas Meal Vouchers** to be purchased for the children and families using the two centres; support is invaluable to ensure they too receive a special meal at Christmas.

## For St Jude's Church

**Occasional Leaders and Preachers:** Give thanks for those involved (see News), and for their gifts to grow.

**St Jude's School:** Pray for Phil taking an assembly for years 5 & 6 on Tuesday morning. The requested theme is 'Helping Others' (which ties in with 'Children in Need').

**Those you know suffering in Body or Spirit:** Pray for them and for wisdom how to best help them.

**Particular people to pray for:** Osa Osunde (see News). Pray for Alison Fewtrell, that her hospitalisation and treatment will calm her anxieties. Pray for family and friends of the late Berris Thomas (funeral here in September) as they try to come to terms with Berris' son being charged with his murder.

**Revelation 2:18-29** (*The next of the seven churches of Revelation. We continue next week with Sardis.*)

A word of explanation: "Jezebel" is probably Christ's name for an influential woman in the church. In the OT Jezebel was the foreign queen king Ahab married. She introduced Baal-worship to the Israelites and persecuted God's prophets (1Kings 16:29-33; 18:4,19 & 19:1-2). Israel ended up worshipping Baal and the Lord. Elijah called them to stop doing this (1 Kings 18:21). Christ uses the name Jezebel to describe the same divided loyalties present in Thyatira. From the description in vs.18-20, what might a visit to the church at Thyatira have been like? How would life in this church differ from life in the church in Ephesus? Verses 22-23 may be literal (in the OT Jezebel's children were all killed) or symbolic. They are stern words of judgement from the one who's blazing eyes see through outward respectability into our hearts. Their meaning is clear: compromise leads to judgement. What judgements and promises does Christ offer this church? What does Jesus urge us to do? Ask the Lord to show you where you are prone to compromise. Pray for his help to hold on to the truth of the eternal gospel revealed in Christ's words.

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