

St Luke's Church, Dunham-on-the-Hill

10-minute worship



8th November 2020

Remembrance Day

Aware of the voices clamouring to be heard on Remembrance Day:

- those who demand that gratitude be shown to those who have made the supreme sacrifice and given lives for sovereign and country,
- those to whom this is irrelevant past history,
- those who wish to remember and expect others to do so,
- those for whom today is but a re-opening of wounds and a delay in healing,
- those who glory in war and those who loathe it,
- those who see war as a cruel necessity and those who see it as an evil in which no-one should participate,

God of all, help us to understand each other's point of view.

Amen

Psalm 70

¹ Be pleased, O God, to deliver me. O Lord, make haste to help me!

² Let those be put to shame and confusion who seek my life. Let those be turned back and brought to dishonour who desire to hurt me.

³ Let those who say, 'Aha, Aha!' turn back because of their shame.

⁴ Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you. Let those who love your salvation say evermore, 'God is great!'

⁵ But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

Matthew 25: 1-13

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.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

A collect for the 3rd Sunday before Advent

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.

Intercessions (from the Baptist Peace Fellowship)

Living Lord, in a dark hour you spoke of the gift of peace, we seek that gift for ourselves. Grant us, we pray, the inner serenity which you alone can give, that we may become messengers of peace to a strife-torn world.

Give peace in our time, O Lord. **Give peace in our hearts, O Lord.**

We pray for all who suffer for their fidelity to the calling to be your witnesses; all who suffer for trying to live by the truth they have received, and all who are slandered, ill-treated, falsely imprisoned or tortured. Crucified and risen Lord, may they, sharing your anguish, know that they will also share your victory.

Give peace in our time, O Lord. **Give peace in our hearts, O Lord.**

We pray for all who suffer as a result of the wickedness and folly of others. We especially pray for those who suffer from the breakdown of law and order, or from the absence of just and humane laws and are thus denied the freedom to realise their birthright as your children on this earth.

Give peace in our time, O Lord. **Give peace in our hearts, O Lord.**

We pray for those who are fighting; injury, disfigurement, death, their constant companions; nerves and bodies strained beyond endurance, the streams of compassion drying up within them, their only goal the destruction of the 'enemy'. Whatever the colour of their skin - we pray for them. Whatever the sound of their tongue - we pray for them. Whatever the insignia they wear - we pray for them.

Give peace in our time, O Lord. **Give peace in our hearts, O Lord.**

We pray for all those who have been broken in battle; for those who weep and for those who can no longer weep; for those who feel the anguish and for those who have lost the capacity to feel; for all prisoners and for all jailers; for those who exist in war-torn lands and for those who no longer have a homeland.

Give peace in our time, O Lord. **Give peace in our hearts, O Lord.**

We pray for all those who stir up strife; for all who make a profit out of the misery of others; for all who are led into vice as they seek a momentary forgetfulness; and for all who believe that war is inevitable. In silence, we bring to you particular needs and we remember those who have died. Lord, we pray that you may hold us fast amidst all the evils of this world that at the last we may enter into the peace and joy of your kingdom.

Give peace in our time, O Lord. **Give peace in our hearts, O Lord.**

AMEN.

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

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.

Grace and mercy, righteousness and truth have come to us from God. Jesus has declared it, and the Spirit has made it known. The light shines, and the darkness cannot overcome it

Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth. Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace. Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe. Amen.

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Words to hymns

A New Commandment – Richard Shephard sung by St Martin's Voices

A new commandment I give unto you:
that you love one another as I have loved you.
By this shall all men know that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another.

John 13. 34-35

Deep peace of the running wave to you,
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,
Deep peace of the gentle night to you,
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you,
Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world to you,
Deep peace of Christ to you.

William Sharp (1855-1905) adapted by John Rutter

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