

# **Remembrance Sunday**

**14 November 2021**



**Parish Eucharist  
for St John the Divine, Merton &  
Christ Church, Colliers Wood**

## ***The Gathering***

### **Hymn**

*Please stand*

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

Beneath the shadow of thy throne,  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is thine arm alone,  
And our defense is sure.

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

A thousand ages in thy 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 at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be thou our guide while troubles last,  
And our eternal home!

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

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

*Welcome and Introduction*

### **Prayer of Preparation**

**Almighty God,**  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your **Holy Spirit,**  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through **Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen.**

### **Prayers of Penitence**

*We turn to God in sorrow as we acknowledge before him the suffering of his world  
and the pain of his people.*

When hatred causes division between nations  
and alienates races and cultures,  
Lord, have mercy  
**Lord, have mercy**

When indifference diminishes the dignity  
of the imprisoned, the homeless and the refugee,  
Christ, have mercy  
**Christ, have mercy**

When pride leads us to trust ourselves and to disregard the demands of your  
word and your law,  
Lord, have mercy  
**Lord, have mercy**

May God, who has called us to be kind to one another, tender-hearted and forgiving of one another, pour upon us the riches of his grace, free us from evil, and strengthen us to live in love and peace with all the peoples of the earth.

**Amen**

## **COLLECT**

Lord of the nations,  
Saviour and judge of all:  
remove from human hearts all bitterness and hate,  
grant to those who have died in war  
your mercy and forgiveness  
and bring us all to the peace of your eternal Kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who suffered and died,  
and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end. Amen.

## ***The Liturgy of the Word***

First Reading

*At the end the reader may say*

For the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Hymn**

*Please stand*

Once we had dreams, dreams of a new beginning  
when we had fought the war to end all war;  
a world of peace, where people live in freedom,  
A world where justice reigns for evermore.  
And yet, and yet, each year as we remember  
We know too well how subtly dreams can fade.

In this our world where peace is often fragile,  
Where war and hatred grip, where children die,  
Too easily our hearts are dulled to suffering,

Our ears are deafened to the hopeless cry;  
We fail to grasp the call to be peace-makers,  
We act in fear and let the vision fade.

Still we need dreams; O God, make us your dreamers,  
Inflame our passion for a world made whole,  
A world where love extends to all a welcome,  
Where justice, like a powerful stream, will roll.  
Come, Prince of Peace, our fading hope rekindle,  
'Your kingdom come' we pray, let peace be made.

### **Gospel Reading**

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Sermon**

### **Prayers for Peace and Reconciliation**

### **Act of Remembrance**

### **Reflection**

Let us remember before God, and commend to his sure keeping:  
those who have died for their country in war;  
those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure;  
and all who have lived and died in the service of humankind.

*And let us today think especially of those who died in the wars of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century and all who continue to serve in the armed forces.*

*The poppy wreath is laid*

## **THE EXHORTATION**

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them

**We will remember them.**

*The Last Post is sounded*

**[2 MINUTES SILENCE]**

*Reveille is played*

When you go home tell them of us and say -  
For your tomorrow we gave our today.

### **National Anthem**

**God save our gracious Queen,  
Long live our noble Queen,  
God save the Queen!  
Send her victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us,  
God save the Queen!**

*Clergy and readers return to their places*

### **The Commitment to Peace**

*Let us pledge ourselves today to live as good neighbours, to honour the past, to care for all who are in need, and to live at peace among ourselves and with all people.*

**Lord God, Father of all,  
we pledge ourselves  
to serve you and this neighbourhood,  
to bring relief to all who are in need,  
and comfort to the sad, lonely, and distressed;  
Keep us ever mindful of the struggles  
and achievements of former generations,**

**and of this place where we make our home,  
now, and in the days to come. Amen.**

Strengthen our hearts, and hands, and minds, O Lord,  
to work together for peace;  
to see you in one another;  
and to seek your kingdom above all things;  
that your will may be seen to be done  
and your kingdom come,  
through Jesus Christ,  
the Lord of lords and King of kings. **Amen.**

### ***The Liturgy of the Sacrament***

#### **The Peace**

*Remain standing*

Jesus says: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled neither let them be afraid.

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

#### **Hymn**

For the healing of the nations,  
Lord, we pray with one accord;  
For a just and equal sharing  
Of the things that earth affords.  
To a life of love in action  
Help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us, Father, into freedom,  
From despair the world release;  
That, redeemed from war and hatred,  
Men may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness  
Fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living,  
Let it from the earth be banned;  
Pride of status, race or schooling,  
Dogmas keeping man from man.  
In our common quest for justice  
May we hallow life's brief span.

You Creator-God have written  
Your great Name on all mankind;  
For our growing in Your likeness  
Bring the life of Christ to mind;  
That, by our response and service  
Earth its destiny may find.

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

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.**

Blessed are you, Lord of life,  
creator of heaven and earth,  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
For through his death on the cross,  
your Son Jesus Christ has broken the power of evil,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
has opened for us the gate of life eternal.  
In him you seek the lost, restoring those whose lives  
have been shattered and torn apart.  
In the fullness of time, he will gather all things to himself,  
enfolding us and all who have died in war in his undying love.  
And so we pray that we who have set our hope on Christ  
may come to the peace of heaven,  
there, with angels and archangels,  
to sing your praise for ever:



**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, 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,  
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.

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

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 [*N and*] 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.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray  
**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.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

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you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

### **Giving of Communion**

Jesus said: Gather up the fragments that nothing may be lost.  
**Lord, feed us with the bread of heaven.**

### **Hymn during Communion**

Make me a channel of your peace  
Where there is hatred let me bring your love  
Where there is injury your pardon Lord  
And where there's doubt true faith in you

*Oh master grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console  
To be understood as to understand  
To be loved as to love with all my soul*

Make me a channel of your peace  
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope  
Where there is darkness, only light  
And where there's sadness ever joy

*Oh master grant...*

Make me a channel of your peace  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned  
In giving to all men that we receive  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life

'Nimrod' from Edward Elgar's Enigma Variations  
played by Merton Music Foundation Sinfonia

## **Prayer after Communion**

Lord God, in this Eucharist which we have shared,  
you have spoken your word of life  
and nourished us with the mysteries of Christ's body and blood;  
bring us with all who have died in combat or through the injuries of war,  
to know the joys of heaven.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lived and died  
and was raised to newness of life,  
to whom be glory in every age and for eternity. **Amen.**

## **NOTICES**

### ***The Dismissal***

### **Blessing**

The God of peace fill you with all joy and hope in believing;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. Amen

### **Hymn**

Thy kingdom come, O God!  
Thy rule, O Christ begin!  
Break with thine iron rod  
the tyrannies of sin!

Where is thy reign of peace,  
and purity and love?  
When shall all hatred cease,  
as in the realms above?

When comes the promised time  
that war shall be no more,  
oppression, lust, and crime  
shall flee thy face before?

We pray thee, Lord, arise,  
and come in thy great might;  
revive our longing eyes,  
which languish for thy sight.

Men scorn thy sacred Name,  
and wolves devour thy fold;  
by many deeds of shame  
we learn that love grows cold.

O'er lands both near and far  
thick darkness broodeth yet:  
arise, O Morning Star,  
arise, and never set!

Go in peace to love your neighbour.  
Go in power to work for reconciliation.  
Go in hope to proclaim the resurrection.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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