

# CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



**SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2020**

**10.30 AM EUCHARIST**

## **WELCOME**

### **Processional Hymn 157**

When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
save in the cross of Christ my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorry and love flow mingled down;  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown!

His dying crimson, like a robe,  
spreads o'er his body on the tree:  
that am I dead to all the globe,  
and all the globe is dead to me.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

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

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
**and also with you.**

## **INTRODUCTION**

We meet today to remember all who have died as a result of war;  
to reflect, with sadness, on the lack of peace in our world;  
and to pledge ourselves to work for the peace and welfare of all people.

So let us pray:

**Loving God, father of all:**

**We pledge ourselves to serve you and all humankind,  
in the cause of justice and peace.**

**Give us, we pray, wisdom courage and hope  
through Jesus Christ our Lord**

**Amen**

## **PENITENTIAL PRAYERS**

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world;  
its pride, its selfishness, its greed;  
its evil divisions and hatreds.

Let us confess our share in what is wrong,  
and our failure to seek and establish that peace  
which God wills for his children.

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**We confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.**

**Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,

have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **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.

### **READINGS**

#### **First Reading: Amos 5:18-24**

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Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your

songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **THE GOSPEL: Matthew 25.1-3**

hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord**

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 Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **SERMON**

## **ACT OF COMMITMENT**

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

**We will.**

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

**We will.**

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

**We will.**

Merciful God, we offer to you the fears in us  
that have not yet been cast out by love:

may we accept the hope you have placed in the hearts of all people,  
and live lives of justice, courage and mercy;  
through Jesus Christ our risen redeemer.

**Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

The response to the prayer is:

May God give peace.

**God give us peace.**

## **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.'

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## **OFFERTORY**

*Choir to sing an anthem*

## **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

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

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.**

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

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

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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.**

## **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.**

## **AGNUS DEI**

**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,  
grant us peace.**

## **GIVING OF COMMUNION**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,**

**but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God of peace,  
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom  
and restored the 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 our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

## **Hymn 70**

It came upon a midnight clear,  
that glorious song of old,  
from angels benign near the earth  
to touch their harps of gold:  
'Through all the earth, goodwill and peace  
from heaven's all-gracious king!'  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
to hear the angels sing.

With sorrow brought by sin and strife  
the world has suffered long  
and, since the angels sang, have passed  
tew thousand years of wrong:  
the nations, still at work, hear not  
the love-song which they bring;  
O hush the noise and cease the strife,  
to hear the angels sing!

And those whose journey now is hard,  
whose hope is burning low,  
who tread the rocky path of life  
with painful steps and slow:

O listen to the news of love  
which makes the heavens ring!  
O rest beside the weary road  
and hear the angels sing!

And still the days are hastening on –  
by prophets seen of old –  
towards the fulness of the time  
when comes the age foretold:  
then earth and heaven renewed shall see  
the prince of peace, their king;  
and all the world repeat the song  
which now the angels sing.

## **NOTICES**

*We gather outside, at the War Memorial, for an Act of Remembrance.*

## **ACT OF REMEMBRANCE**

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God? *Micah 6:8*

We meet in the presence of God.

We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith  
for reconciliation between the nations,  
that all people may, together, live in freedom, justice and peace.

We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain  
continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow  
those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts; past and present,  
have been given and taken away.

## **REMEMBERING**

*An older person says*

They shall grow not old,  
as we that are left grow old;  
age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.

*A younger person replies*

At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning,  
we will remember them.

**We will remember them.**

*The trumpeter plays the Last Post.*

*Silence is kept.*

*The trumpeter plays the Reveille*

Ever-living God, we remember those  
whom you have gathered from the storm of war  
into the peace of your presence;  
may that same peace calm our fears,  
bring justice to all peoples  
and establish harmony among the nations,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

God grant to the living: grace;

to the departed: rest.

to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth and all people:  
unity, peace and concord.

And to us and all God's servants: life everlasting.

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

## **DISMISSAL**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Thanks to: Alex Lake (Trumpet) for *The Last Post* and *Reveille*.

