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in the Diocese of Birmingham



ALL SAINTS  
KINGS HEATH

# Remembrance Sunday

Holy Communion 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024



## We gather

*At home, have ready in an honoured place a portion of food and something to drink. It may be bread and wine or something else. Perhaps light a candle to mark the beginning of our shared act of worship.*

*Have ready, too, a way of timing two minutes and a remembrance poppy or another flower.*

*We imagine everyone in their homes around the parish, and those in Church, united in preparing for prayer.*

SONG as we gather [What shall we pray?](#)

1. What shall we pray for those who died,  
those on whose death our lives relied?  
Silenced by war but not denied,  
God give them peace.

2. What shall we pray for those who mourn  
friendships and love, their fruit unborn?  
Though years have passed, hearts still are torn;  
God give them peace.

3. What shall we pray for those who live  
tied to the past they can't forgive,  
haunted by terrors they relive?  
God give them peace.

4. What shall we pray for those who know  
nothing of war, and cannot show  
grief or regret for friend or foe?  
God give them peace.

5. What shall we pray for those who fear  
war, in some guise, may reappear  
looking attractive and sincere?  
God give them peace.

6. God give us peace and, more than this,  
show us the path where justice is;  
and let us never be remiss  
working for peace that lasts.

*(words: Carnwadric Parish Church [Glasgow] Worship Group; music: John L Bell)*

*When the song ends, we stand to sing:*

HYMN

1. [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.

2. Lead us, Father, into freedom,  
from despair your world release;  
that, redeemed from war and hatred,  
all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness  
fear will die and hope increase.

3. All that kills abundant living,  
let it from the earth be banned;  
pride of status, race or schooling  
dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice  
may we hallow life's brief span.

4. You, creator-God, have written  
your great name on humankind;  
for our growing in your likeness  
bring the life of Christ to mind;  
that by our response and service  
earth its destiny may find.

*(words: Fred Kaan; music: 'Essay on the Church Plain Chant' [1782])*

Priest: Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you all. **Amen.**

## NOTICES

*We pray:* **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.**

## We seek forgiveness

### CONFESSION

Deacon: We confess to God all that has made Remembrance Day necessary.

### *Silence*

When humanity takes pleasure in falsehood,  
Lord, have mercy.

[Kyrie eleison.](#) (Lord, have mercy.)

When we bless with our mouths but inwardly we curse,  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christe eleison.**

When we set vain hope on riches and doubt the protective power of  
your love, Lord, have mercy.

**Kyrie eleison.**

*(cf Psalm 62; music: Orthodox chant from Ukraine)*

*FORGIVENESS is prayed for at home and in church is declared by the priest:*

*[May] the God of love and power forgive us and free us from our sins, heal and strengthen the nations by his Spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

*We pray* THE COLLECT for Remembrance Sunday

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.  
**Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 62

HYMN      1. When I needed a neighbour, were you there, were you there?  
When I needed a neighbour, were you there?  
*And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,  
were you there?*

2. I was hungry and thirsty, ...

3. I was cold, I was naked, ...

4. When I needed a shelter, ...

GOSPEL READING Mark 1:14-20

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark%201%3A14-20&version=NRSVA>

Reader:    Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

**All:        Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON in Church is from David

*At home: Notice what prompts Jesus to start drawing together a learning community, a preaching community, a neuro-diverse community. It is the arrest of his cousin John by Herod. (v14) When worldly leadership is capricious, threatening, egotistical and dependent on belittling those who disagree, we might well be tempted to hide away and home the storm passes. Jesus, however, defiantly sets about creating an alternative community in plain sight. He calls impulsive Peter,*

*talkative, sociable Andrew, and two brothers James and John whom he will nick name "sons of thunder" as their fiery character shows through. There's no hint of perfectionism about Jesus' alternative community. There is a defiant hope about it, though. Good news. There **is** good news. There is **good news**. Mark doesn't say much about what the good news is. Jesus says the "Kingdom of God has come near" but nothing more specific. He goes on to show us the life of Jesus until we realise Jesus is the good news. His life is one where God alone is the source of his confidence and sense of shelter. Look at him, and we see what a human being looks like when they are not in thrall to earthly hierarchies and powers. We know from recent weeks' readings later in the Gospel that the followers of Jesus are competitive and clumsy like everyone else, but they at least turn to look to him to re-orientate and recalibrate their behaviour. That's what it means to "repent" – to turn around. There's nothing wrong with earning a living fishing, but telling them they'll be fishing for people from now on is a playful metaphor with which Jesus draws the disciples to care more for people than for money. (If riches increase, do not set your heart on them, as the Psalm said.) Jesus seems deliberately to be ignoring Herod, about whom he can do little. Rather, he puts his energy into getting on with the work of community building among the people he can reach. Instead of bemoaning the threat of Herod, he pushes back the shadow with the brightness of his hope and attentiveness to the poor and marginalised. Imprisoning a popular preacher, Herod attempts to draw all loyalty, or at least obedience, to himself. Instead of the fragmentation of community which authoritarianism works at, Jesus defiantly forges connections with people.*

*I wonder what you make of the American election result. Half of America think Trump is Herod; half think he's Moses. If we feel helpless in prayer for America, Jesus invites us to get on with what we can shape and do: to forge generous, diverse community and talk about something other than the vain hopes and promises of those who seek our loyalty through flattery, deceit or fear. Hopeful, generous lives outshine selfishness and fear; healthy community makes dictatorship look ridiculous and banal; diversity in community challenges prejudice and unravels the confidence trick of autocracy. God's Kingdom is near whoever is in charge. It's within the reach of ordinary, flawed people like us. Ordinary, flawed US citizens who have cast their ballot.*

## We affirm our faith

*We stand and at home, if able, we turn to look in the direction of Church,*

Deacon: Brothers, sisters, siblings, we stand to affirm our faith:

**All: 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.**

INTERCESSIONS in Church are led by Des Workman.

*At home:*

*Contrasting the promises and curses that have marked recent elections near and far, pray in silence for America; for Britain; for countries longing for the freedom to hold an election.*

*This Remembrance Sunday we pray for all armed forces engaged in rescue, in conflict, in training, in peace-keeping.*

*We pray for professional military personnel to be surrounded by communities and tender relationships that might protect them in heart and soul.*

*We pray for all grieving violent death.*

## THE PEACE

Deacon: We pause to remember the places where violence is been counted a solution, or become a norm. *(silence)* Jesus said, "blessed are the peacemakers. They shall be called the Children of God. "We turn outwards and say for all these places:

**All: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## HYMN

1. We sing the praise of him who died,  
of him who died upon the cross;  
the sinner's hope, though all deride,  
will turn to gain this bitter loss.

2. Inscribed upon the cross we see  
in shining letters, "God is love";  
he bears our sins upon the tree;  
he brings us mercy from above.

3. The cross! It takes our guilt away:  
it holds the fainting spirit up;  
it cheers with hope the gloomy day,  
and sweetens ev'ry bitter cup.

4. It makes the coward spirit brave  
to face the darkness of the night;  
it takes the terror from the grave,  
and gilds the bed of death with light.

5. The balm of life, the cure of woe,  
the measure and the pledge of love,  
the sinner's refuge here below,  
the angels' theme in heav'n above.

*(words: Thomas Kelly alt; music: 'As Hymnodus Sacer' [1625], arr Felix Mendelssohn)*

*The Table is prepared in Church. At home, now is the time to say the Lord's Prayer (below) and consume the food and drink you have prepared.*

## We tell the story of God's faithfulness

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**All: 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.**

Yet even as we praise you, O God, relishing the dazzling fact of our existence, we mourn that when you wove difference into the fabric of creation, we turned it into conflict. As soon as we organised ourselves into communities, we began to enslave, to invade, to steal. Your people reaching the promised land involved the displacement of others. We let our righteous anger at present day invasion eclipse our own recent history of conquest. But into our turmoil you plunged, in Christ preaching peace and reconciliation. He was tortured, executed and buried by jealous human powers. You raised him again with the mightier power of love to prove once and for all that you can always lead us from senseless conflict to the peace and reconciliation of heaven. Your wounded hands raised in blessing at the Ascension teach us the healing power of good remembrance. With hope, therefore, we boldly join the eternal song of heaven:

**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.**

(Shepherd)

We praise you, we 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."

*A bell is rung*

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."

*A bell is rung*

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.

Deacon: Great is the mystery of faith:

**All: 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 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

Deacon: 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**

Priest: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All: Though we are many, we are one body.  
For we all share in one bread.**

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which was given for you. Eat in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your heart with thanksgiving. **Amen.**



AGNUS DEI [Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.](#)

**Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world: grant us peace.**

*We pause to remember all who pray at home, then share the bread, now for us the body of Christ.*

ANTHEM *during Communion*

1. Peace is flowing like a river,  
flowing out through you and me,  
spreading out into the desert,  
setting all the captives free.

*Let it flow through me, I  
et it flow through me,  
let the mighty peace of God  
flow out through me. (x2)*

2. Love is flowing like a river,  
flowing out through you and me,  
spreading out into the desert,  
setting all the captives free.

3. Joy is flowing like a river,  
flowing out through you and me,  
spreading out into the desert,  
setting all the captives free.

4. Hope is flowing like a river,  
flowing out through you and me,  
spreading out into the desert,  
setting all the captives free.

5. Christ brings peace to all creation,  
flowing out through you and me,  
love, joy, hope and true salvation,  
setting all the captives free.

*(words: vv1-4 unknown; v5 editors of 'Complete Anglican Hymns Old & New';  
music: unknown, arr Andrew Moore)*

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with your Word [*and with the body of Christ*]. Strengthen us in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

## We remember and we encourage hope

*We follow the cross out to the Memorial at the East end of Church for an ACT of REMEMBRANCE.*

***If worshipping at home***, you may wish to stand and face the direction of Church once again. At the end of the two minutes' silence you keep, you can place your poppy beside your candle.

Priest: Let us remember before God, and commend to his sure keeping, those who have died for their country in war; those we knew and whose memory we treasure and all who have lived and died in the service of mankind. They shall not grow 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.

**All: We will remember them.**

TWO MINUTES' SILENCE

*ending with*

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

*Wreaths are laid by representatives of local groups.*

Ever living God, we remember those overcome by the storm of war, and those engulfed by the tempestuous delusions of terrorism, and migrant families lost in the stormy sea, whom you have gathered into the peace of your presence. May that same peace calm our fears, deepen our generosity, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



(Adapted from Common Worship)

FINAL HYMN [Make me a channel of your peace](#)

1. 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.

*O 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.*

2. 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.

*O Master, grant that I may never seek ...*

3. Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving of ourselves that we receive,  
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

*(words & music: Sebastian Temple)*

## THE BLESSING

Priest: Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage, hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour everyone, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

*Come into church, if you wish, for coffee and to see a display  
about our war memorials*



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