

Service of Remembrance



Sunday 8th November 2020
at 10.45 am
via Zoom

Greeting (*stand*) - Rev Canon Verena Breed

We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**

Hymn – Praise, my soul, the King of heaven – sung by Choir

*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King.*

*Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.*

*Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him;
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace.*

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847), based on Psalm 103

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Let us offer our thanksgivings to Almighty God, for the victory achieved on land, at sea, and in the air, and for the liberation of so many from the cruelty of occupation and oppression.

Let us give thanks for the heroism and courage of those who served in the armed services; who worked on the home front in civil defence, hospitals and relief agencies; in factories, shops and farms. And let us pray for those who endured captivity, torture, or death that others might be free.

Reading: James 3:13-18

Joe Ottaway, Mayor's Cadet

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceful, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

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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.

We remember those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure; and all who have lived and died in the service of humanity.

Silent pause

Exultation

Royal British Legion says:

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.

All affirm:

We will remember them.

Last Post

2 minute silence

Reveille ends the silence

Rev Canon John Batthula

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ
we cannot be parted, either by death or life;
Hear our prayers and thanksgivings for
all whom we remember this day;
fulfil in them the purpose of your love;
and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen**

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.

All **Amen**

We are come together on this day in the presence of God
to seek his blessing on our town.

To offer our thanksgiving for all that has been achieved in
the past.

To pray for all who bear responsibility in our community
today, especially in local government.

To seek strength from God for more faithful service in
years to come.

All **We come to God as one from whom no secrets are
hidden to ask for his forgiveness and peace.**

Penitence – Rev Canon Verena Breed

Lord God our Father, maker of all:
we praise you for your great work creating the world.
Give us the skill to build a society where all may thrive,
and forgive us when we use your gifts poorly.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God
Prince of Peace as we thank you for your life among us,
forgive us when we fail to live together as one family.
Help us to dwell together in love and peace,
seeking one another's welfare,
bearing one another's burdens,
and sharing one another's joys.
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Holy Spirit, Lord of grace,
fulfiller of humanity:
give us strength to face the future,
and wisdom to learn from the past as
we remember those who have given their lives
in the service of justice and peace.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

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

All **Amen.**

**Reading: Acts 10.34-43 - Lt Col Alex Atherton,
Commander Bicester Garrison**

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: ‘I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one

ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Hymn – There is a Redeemer – sung by Choir

*There is a redeemer
Jesus, God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah
Holy One.*

*Thank you, oh my father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit
'Til the work on Earth is done.*

*When I stand in Glory
I will see His face
And there I'll serve my King forever
In that Holy Place.*

*Thank you, oh my father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit
'Til the work on Earth is done.*

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Reading: Philippians 4.4-9 – Miranda Markham, Deputy Lieutenant Oxfordshire

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

⁹ Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon by Revd Canon Michael Kingston

Hymn – Be thou my vision – sung by Choir

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.*

*High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won;
great heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O ruler of all.*

Irish 8th century, trans. Mary Byrne (1880-1931) and Eleanor Hull (1860-1095)



The Prayers – Rev Nathan King, Regimental Chaplain, 1RLC

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict,
and ask that God may give us peace:

for the service men and women
who have died in the violence of war,
each one remembered by and known to God;

for those who love them in death as in life,
offering the distress of our grief
and the sadness of our loss;

for those who came back;
those whose lives still bear the scars of war;
those who lost sight or limbs or reason;
those who lost faith in God
and hope for humanity.

May God give peace.

All **God give peace.**

For all members of the armed forces
who are in danger this day,
remembering family, friends
and all who pray for their safe return;
For civilian women, children and men
whose lives are disfigured by war or terror,
whose homes and livelihoods have been destroyed,
who have become refugees.

May God give peace.

All **God give peace.**

For the United Nations Organization and other international organizations which serve peace and understanding, that they may be strong in helping settle differences fairly, with respect for the rights of people, and without recourse to violence.

for those who negotiate peace, that they may learn to trust each other and that the agreements they achieve may be respected.

For the powerful nations that they may be aware of the value and responsibility of each nation in the family of nations and that they may turn from the paths that could lead to war.

May God give peace.

All

God give peace

Most holy God and Father,
hear our prayers for all who strive for peace
and all who fight for justice.

Help us, who today remember the cost of war,
to work for a better tomorrow;
and, as we commend to you lives lost in terror and
conflict,
bring us all, in the end, to the peace of your presence;
through Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Hymn – Go forth and tell – sung by Choir

*Go forth and tell! O church of God, awake!
God's saving news to all the nations take;
proclaim Christ Jesus, saviour, Lord, and king,
that all the world his worthy praise may sing.*

*Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all;
he will in grace respond to all who call:
how shall they call if they have never heard
the gracious invitation of his word?*

*Go forth and tell! O church of God, arise!
go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies;
go till all nations his great name adore
and serve him, Lord and king for evermore*

James Edward Seddon (1915 - 1983)

Our Commitment – Rev Canon Verena Breed

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

All **We will.**

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

All **We will.**

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

All **We will.**

Lord God our Father,
we pledge ourselves to serve you and all your peoples
in the cause of peace,
for the relief of want and suffering,
and for the praise of your name.
Guide us by your Spirit;
give us wisdom;
give us courage;
give us hope;
and keep us faithful
now and always.

All **Amen.**

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.

The Kohima Epitaph

The Royal British Legion

When you go home
Tell them of us and say
For your tomorrow
We gave our today

The Blessing

God grant to the living, grace;
to the departed, rest;
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth,
and all people, life everlasting;
and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
come down upon us and remain with us always.
All Amen

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