



Sunday Service

14 November 2021



Welcome

John 15v13

Greater love has no-one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

Introduction

We have come together to worship God: to offer him praise and thanksgiving for our Nation's deliverance in time of war; to call to mind those who through death, injury or bereavement suffered to bring peace and freedom to our world; to seek forgiveness for our failure to achieve reconciliation between nations; and to ask for strength to overcome evil and injustice wherever it is found.

Confession

Jesus said, Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. He also said, "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

As we realise our failure to live up to Christ's standards and to obey his commands, let us come in penitence to seek God's forgiveness, as we say together

Almighty and merciful God, Lord of people and nations, we confess with shame the sins, both private and public, by which we have broken your law and grieved your spirit.

We acknowledge the reproach that we have brought upon the name of Christ. We confess our lack of love for you and others. For the sake of your Son, who died for us, save us from our sins, take from us all hatred and bitterness, whether in thought, word or action.

Teach us to forgive as we are forgiven, so that we may grow like him and live our lives according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of forgiveness

May the Father of all mercies cleanse you from your sins, and restore you in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Bible Reading

Matthew 18v10-14

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Collect and Prayers of intercession

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.

Act of Remembrance

Let us remember with gratitude those who, in the cause of peace and the service of their fellow men, died for their country in time of war.

“They shall grow not old, as we who 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.**

Silence

Act of Commitment

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and all people, that we may help, encourage and comfort others and support those working for the relief of the needy and for the peace and welfare of all nations.

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

Hymn

(tune: Before the Throne of God above)

O Lord, we look upon the past,
rememb'ring those who went before
who heard the call and bore for us
the brutal, bloody face of war.
We think of them and think of you,
who came to earth as one of us,
to share our pain and bear our wounds,
and make the final sacrifice.

2. O Lord, we look around today
and see a world in conflict still.
We pray for those who strive for peace,
who stand for truth or lives rebuild.
We weep with those whose hearts are scarred,

whose way is hard, whose hope is weak.
To refugees whose homes are lost,
God of all comfort, comfort speak.

3. O Lord, we look ahead in hope
to see the dawning of the day
when swords are beaten into ploughs
and every tear is wiped away;
when wounds are healed and fear dispelled
and all who trust in you arise;
when Christ, the Prince of Peace, has come,
and glory, glory fills the skies.

The Blessing

O God of truth and justice, help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world, and to fix our eyes upon you. As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**