



YORK MINSTER

A SERVICE
OF
COMMEMORATION
ON
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2020
AT 10.30 AM

Welcome to York Minster

We hold in prayer those who are this day affected by violence, war and conflict around the world and those who gave their lives for peace, unity and concord in years past.

Although this form of worship draws on the liturgical tradition of the Church of England, we hope that people of all faiths and traditions will find that they can share the feelings of sorrow, thanksgiving and hope it expresses.

This service is being live-streamed to enable people from across the city to participate.

We are encouraged to make donations privately to support the work of the Royal British Legion.

Order of Service

Sentences from scripture are read

God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble.

Psalm 46.1

I lift my eyes to the hills—from whence will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 121.1,2

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

Micah 6.8

The Dean welcomes the congregation and introduces the service.

This year, traditional ceremonies of remembrance across the country are not able to be observed in the usual way. During this global pandemic we have had to re-imagine everything that we would ordinarily do and adapt to the situation in which we find ourselves. This Cathedral would ordinarily be full of those wishing to pay their respects but today there are just a few of here, to lead this Act of Worship. At 11.00am today, the Royal British Legion is encouraging everyone, wherever they may be, to keep two minutes silence to remember veterans and those who have given their lives in conflicts past and present.

As the Cathedral for the City, Diocese and Province of York, we offer this simple Service of Remembrance to commemorate the fallen and all those whose lives are still affected by war and conflict, and to honour those who work for peace in our world today.

The few representatives gathered in the Minster, and the thousands who are watching online, join together to mark appropriately this important day in the life of our nation. Sharing in a time of profound silence can allow us to acknowledge our personal and corporate feelings of loss and regret, sorrow and penitence, thanksgiving and hope. So let us, in a moment of silence prepare our hearts and minds for prayer, remembrance and worship of Almighty God.

Silence is kept.

The Dean says:

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.

Stir up your power, O God,
and come among us.
Heal our wounds,
calms our fears,
and give us peace;
through Jesus our redeemer.

Amen.

A Litany of Reconciliation

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class,
Father, forgive.

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own,
Father, forgive.

The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth,
Father, forgive.

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,
Father, forgive.

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee,
Father, forgive.

The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children,
Father, forgive.

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,
Father, forgive.

Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another,
as God in Christ forgave you.

Ephesians 4.32

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.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

In days to come
the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.
Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

Isaiah 2.2-5

Here ends the first reading.

The choir sings:

Psalm 46

God is our hope and strength : a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved : and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;

Though the waters thereof rage and swell : and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God : the holy place of the tabernacle of the most Highest.

God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed : God shall help her, and that right early.

The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved : but God hath shewed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.

The Lord of hosts is with us : the God of Jacob is our refuge.

O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord : what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.

He maketh wars to cease in all the world : he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.

Be still then, and know that I am God : I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be exalted in the earth.

The Lord of hosts is with us : the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Second Reading

A reading from the Gospel of John.

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

‘This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

John 15.9-17

Here ends the second reading.

The Choir Sing the Benedictus

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel :
for he hath visited, and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us :
in the house of his servant David;
As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets :
which have been since the world began;
That we should be saved from our enemies :
and from the hands of all that hate us.
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers :
and to remember his holy covenant;
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham : that he would
give us,
That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies :
might serve him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before him : all the days of our life.
And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest :
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people :
for the remission of their sins;
Through the tender mercy of our God :
whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness,
and in the shadow of death :
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

Music SERVICE IN E, Charles Wood

Please remain seated for the prayers

Prayers of Intercession

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;

Lord, in your mercy,
give us your peace.

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

Lord, in your mercy,
give us your 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;

Lord, in your mercy,
give us your peace.

For civilian women, children and men
whose lives are disfigured by war or terror,
calling to mind in penitence
the anger and hatreds of humanity;

Lord, in your mercy,
give us your peace.

For peacemakers and peacekeepers,
who seek to keep this world secure and free;

Lord, in your mercy,
give us your peace.

For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership,
political, military and religious;
asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve
in the search for reconciliation and peace;

Lord, in your mercy,
give us your peace.

O God of truth and justice,
we hold before you those whose memory we cherish,
and those whose names we will never know.
Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world,
and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm.
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.

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.**

The prayers conclude with music for reflection.

The Act of Remembrance

The Dean says

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 the peoples of the world.

A voice says:

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

A voice says:

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

The LAST POST is sounded.

Two minutes of silence are kept.

The REVEILLE is sounded.

The KOHIMA EPITAPH is said:

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

Anthem

The Choir sing the anthem, Sicut Servus

Words Psalm 42.1 • *Music* Palestrina

During the Anthem, wreaths are laid by the Archbishop of York, Civic and Military Representatives and the Royal British Legion.

The Sermon

The Most Revd and Rt Hon Stephen Cottrell
Archbishop of York

Anthem

The Choir sings the anthem Justorum animae

The souls of the just are in the hand of God,
and the torment of death shall not touch them.
In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die;
but they are in peace.

Words Wisdom 3:1-2a,3b. • *Music* Matthew Martin (1976)

Act of Commitment

The Archbishop of York says:

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and humanity:
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 the nations.

**Lord God our Father,
we pledge ourselves to serve you and all your people,
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.
Amen.**

Blessing

God grant to the living, grace;
to the departed, rest;
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth,
and all humankind, peace and concord;
and to us and all his 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.

Amen.

The Choir sings the NATIONAL ANTHEM.

Organ Voluntary

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