

WORSHIP - REMEMBRANCE

SUNDAY - 4 NOVEMBER 2020

Welcome and notices

Once again we are unable to worship in our church buildings, and today is a day when both our churches are normally full. We cannot meet in church, or at a Memorial, but we can still remember - and we must remember. "For our tomorrow they gave their today."

Light a candle and prepare to worship - this stunning photo of St Matthew's was taken a few days ago. Listen to

Anthem - For the Fallen Words: Laurence Binyon

Music: Mark Blatchly

The boys of St Edmundsbury Cathedral choir would sing this every year - and my two loved singing it. Here it is, sung by Portsmouth Cathedral choir
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vlJymmA7Lb8&t=2s>



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

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 live together in freedom, justice and peace. We come before God in prayer, and make our confession.

Act of Penitence

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.**

The 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. Amen.

Hymn - I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bvouc8Qs_MI

New Testament reading - 1 Timothy 2.1-6

I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for monarchs and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all.

This is the Word of the Lord: **thanks be to God.**

Anthem - Hymn to the Fallen, *John Williams*, sung by Voces 8 - *this was used in the film "Saving Private Ryan". I heard Voces 8 sing this in Hexham Abbey - they positioned themselves on the stairs behind the audience and the music washed over us. It was an incredible experience.*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mYFDd-uiHk0>



The Gospel – Matthew 5.43-46

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said, 'You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy." But I say to you, "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love only those who love you, what reward do you have?"'

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

The Address - *a sermon from Clive is on the website*

Prayers of Intercession

On this Remembrance Sunday, let us bring before the God of peace our prayers for the world, the church and all His people.

Merciful God, we pray for peace in our hearts and homes,
In our nations and our world,
The peace which is your will,
The peace which we so badly need.

We remember today O Lord all those who have died in any kind of war throughout your world, soldiers who perished in the horror of battle, innocent people buried beneath the rubble from bomb attacks, men, women and children brutally attacked and murdered in their villages. We remember especially those victims of the two World Wars including those close to us, or to our parents and grandparents. We remember those who came home with terrible injuries, both physical and psychological and those whose loved ones never returned. For those who went from our communities, whose names are listed on our Memorials.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Remembering the conflicts of the past and the sacrifices which were made, we pray for a world where war is still a grim reality. Lord as we remember those who have lost their lives, help us to renew our fight against cruelty and injustice, against prejudice, tyranny and oppression. Still we cry out to you in the darkness of our divided world. Let not the hope of men and women perish, let not new clouds rain death upon the earth. Lord hear our prayer for the multitudes in every country who do not want war and are ready to walk the path of peace. May their voice be heard and may they not lose heart. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, we pray for the leaders of the nations at this time, asking you to pour out your spirit of reconciliation on them. Give them a longing to bring freedom from fear and freedom from want for all peoples. Give strength and courage to those who bear heavy responsibilities for the peace of the world. We pray for leadership in America, for reconciliation and for peace. In this country, we pray for the Prime Minister and his government, for all our Members of Parliament, for those in leadership in local government. Lord, we need leadership, and we need to work together.

We pray also for the Christian Church, called to witness to your love in this generation. We will worship in lockdown, we will be people of prayer. We pray for our friends of other faiths, especially those celebrating Diwali. May Christians, may we all, work with all people of goodwill to break down the barriers which divide people. May those who profess one faith respect those who sincerely hold another faith and build a community where there is harmony and understanding. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our Health Service - for medical staff, for those who have to manage resources, for our hospitals, for those in the community. For our residential homes and care facilities. For those fighting Covid, for those with other medical needs. For those working in track and trace, for those who have to enforce the rules - for those who are angry with the rules. We ask for your love, light - that we may journey together. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we pray for all who face difficulties in their personal lives - problems in their families, in their friendships, in their neighbourhoods or in their workplace. Help them to be calm in times of uncertainty and patient with those around them. Show us when we can help and give support to others around us. We pray for all our families - naming before you, Lord, any for whom we are particularly concerned. In our parishes, we pray for Matt and Nicole who were married in St Matthew's on Wednesday. We thank you for their love, and ask your blessing on them at the start of their married life. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

On this day of remembrance our hearts and prayers go out to all who mourn the loss of those we have loved. When we lose someone close we feel that part of us dies as well but part of them lives on in us. Give us strength and understanding to honour and cherish that gift. Help all those who are bereaved to find the same consolation that in knowledge of your love they may honour the past by looking to the future. Jesus Christ is the light of the world, a light which no darkness can quench. From these parishes we remember Marjorie Willatt, Peter Hawley, Mhairi Powell and Enid Alexander. Lord in your mercy, **hear our 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 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1KCiMdR1ox0&t=14s>

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, whose voice the waters heard
And hushed their raging at thy word,
Who walkedst on the foaming deep,
And calm amid the storm didst sleep:



O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who didst brood
Upon the waters dark and rude,
And bid their angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,
Our brethren shield in danger's hour.
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them whereso'er they go,
This evermore shall rise to thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.



Words: William Whiting - Music: Melita, J.B. Dykes - CP 413

The Act of Remembrance

Let us remember before God, and commend to his safe 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.

Let us hear the names of those from this place who have lost their lives in the service of our country.



Men of Allestree who gave their lives for their country,
and whose names are recorded on our Memorial Cross

World War 1

Thomas Bancroft	Arthur Haslam Barlow
Joseph Benford	Arthur Albert Bull
John William Clifford	Frederick Hulland
Albert Edmund Kidger	Ernest Arthur Murfin
William Henry North	Ernest Reginald Plant
Arthur Smith	Thomas Spencer
Oliver Ward	Joseph Webster
William Webster	Joseph William Webster

World War 2

Willaim Charles Broster	Logie Watson Brown
Edwin George Burton	Robert Anthony Case
Thomas Frederick Fisher	George Muir Gee
John Reginald Grundy	John George Gutch
Rayner Alfred Hargraves	Ewart Holmes
Frank Little	Reginald Charles Morris
Cyril Pountain	Donald John Samuel
Alfred George Waples	Howard Waples
Lewis Watson	Alec Wright
Henry Emerson Wright	

Men of Darley Abbey who gave their lives,
and whose names are inscribed on the Memorial Cross

World War 1

GEORGE GARFIELD BEESLEY
HARRY ALLEN BROWN
JOHN HARRISON
FRED OLDFIELD
WILLIAM EDWARD PARKER
ALWYN STEVENSON
ALFRED THOMPSON

World War 2

GEORGE DICKENSON
ROBERT LESLIE LITCHFIELD
ROBERT JOHN COCKSHOT
CYRIL HENRY HOLLINGSWORTH

Falklands War

IAIN BOLDY

Whilst Training

ALEC WILLIAM DEAN
DEREK STUART FLETCHER



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.

We will remember them.

*The Last Post is sounded, Silence is kept.
Reveille is sounded.*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZiSVUXI3G5Y>

When you go home tell them of us and say
“For your tomorrow we gave our today.”

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.**

The 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 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.**

A prayer for our Armed Forces

Almighty God, stretch forth your mighty arm to strengthen and protect the armed forces: grant that meeting danger with courage and all occasions with discipline and loyalty, they may truly serve the cause of justice and peace; to the honour of your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The National Anthem - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j7ujvOWWfpY>

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!



Thy choicest gifts in store
On her be pleased to pour,
Long may she reign:
May she defend our laws,
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice
God save the Queen.

The Blessing

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest, to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth and all humanity, 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 us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

Final music - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XN4pjB34PI0>

Having had "Eternal Father" and a trumpeter from the Mercian Regiment, it's probably right to end with the RAF. This is Dambusters March played on the organ of Lincoln Cathedral by Colin Walsh. We were living in Lincoln in 1993, and Gareth was aged 3. As family we had been to the Sunday morning Communion in Lincoln Cathedral. As we left, the Cathedral was filling up for the 50th anniversary commemoration of the Dambusters Raid. Gareth asked what people were coming for, and I explained. He had seen the news reports on TV, and ran down the nave pretending to be a Dambuster. Fortunately the elder RAF gents thought he was sweet!

Peter Barham, 4 November 2020