

Holy Trinity 10am
12th November 2023
All-Age Service for Remembrance Sunday

5pm Service today is Holy Communion (Traditional)

VOLUNTARY

Elegy (1928)

George Thalben-Ball

*During which the following prayer, with image of a poppy, is shown
for some of the time on the screens:*

*God of love,
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 faith in your future;
for you are the source of life and hope.
Amen.*

THE GATHERING

Informal welcome

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

King's Lynn

NEH 492

1 O God of earth and altar,
bow down and hear our cry,
our earthly rulers falter,
our people drift and die;
the walls of gold entomb us,
the swords of scorn divide,
take not thy thunder from us,
but take away our pride.

2 From all that terror teaches,
from lies of tongue and pen,
from all the easy speeches
that comfort cruel men,
from sale and profanation
of honour and the sword,
from sleep and from damnation,
deliver us, good Lord!

3 Tie in a living tether
the prince and priest and thrall,
bind all our lives together,
smite us and save us all;
in ire and exultation
aflame with faith, and free,
lift up a living nation,
a single sword to thee.

THE GREETING

President In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

President Welcome in the name of Christ.
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you.

All **And also with you.**

The President introduces the service and theme

President In times of joy we hear God's word

All **and praise his name.**

President In times of pain we hear God's word

All **and praise his name.**

President In times of fear we hear God's word

All **and praise his name.**

President In every time we hear God's word
All **and praise his name.**

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

President On Remembrance Sunday we are very aware of human failure, disappointment and wrongdoing. During each part of our confession, as we listen to the words that express our sorrow, we're also going to light a candle as a sign that new beginnings are always possible in God's love.

Loving God, you call us to love our neighbour as ourselves. But we don't always do this, and love ourselves even more.
(candle 1 lit)

All Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

President Loving God, you speak of peace among people and nations. But we don't listen and let anger and hatred take root.
(candle 2 lit)

All Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

President Loving God, you want justice for the poor and forgotten. But we often don't care, and ignore those in need.
(candle 3 lit)

All Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

President Loving God, you long for us to walk in your ways. But we sometimes don't think, and live in selfishness and greed.
(candle 4 lit)

Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

President May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive you + your sins
and make you holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All **Amen.**

HYMN
A&M 562

Salley Gardens

1 Inspired by love and anger,
disturbed by need and pain,
informed of God's own bias,
we ponder once again:
'How long must some folk suffer?
How long can few folk mind?
How long dare vain self-interest
turn prayer and pity blind?'

2 From those forever victims
of heartless human greed,
their cruel plight composes
a litany of need:
'Where are the fruits of justice?
Where are the signs of peace?
When is the day when prisoners
and dreams find their release?'

3 From those forever shackled
to what their wealth can buy,
the fear of lost advantage
provoke the bitter cry,
'Don't query our position!
Don't criticize our wealth!
Don't mention those exploited
by politics and stealth!'

4 To God, who through the prophets
proclaimed a different age,
we offer earth's indifference,
its agony and rage:
'When will the wrongs be righted?
When will the kingdom come?
When will the world be generous
to all instead of some?'

5 God asks, 'Who will go for me?
Who will extend my reach?
And who, when few will listen,
will prophesy and preach?
And who, when few bid welcome,
will offer all they know?
And who, when few dare follow,
will walk the road I show?'

6 Amused in someone's kitchen,
asleep in someone's boat,
attuned to what the ancients
exposed, proclaimed and wrote,
a saviour without safety,
a tradesman without tools
has come to tip the balance
with fishermen and fools.

THE COLLECT

President 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.

All **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING Isaiah 2:1-5

Rob Chapleo

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

TALK *-Rev'd Patrick Taylor*

Anthem *So they gave their bodies* Peter Aston

So they gave their bodies to the commonwealth, and received praise that will never die, and a home in the minds of men. Their story lives on, without visible symbol, woven into the stuff of other men's lives. (from Pericles' Funeral Oration)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Cat Berry

Intercessor Prince of Peace;
All **Hear our prayer.**

We make these prayers
in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
All **Amen.**

HYMN

Westminster Abbey

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 forward 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.

Notices

A Prayer of Dedication

All **Father in heaven,
we dedicate ourselves
to serve you and all peoples,
in the ways of peace,
to work for the relief of want and suffering
and for the glory of your name.
May your Holy Spirit guide us;
grant us wisdom and courage;
give us hope and keep us faithful in your ways
through all our days.
Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Please stand

President **The Lord be with you.**
All **And also with you.**

President

May the God of peace be with you
and those you love this day and forever;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit
be upon you and remain with you
this day and always.

All

Amen.

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Solemn Melody

H Walford Davies