

We shall remember...
Choral Evensong
6.30pm 11th November 2018



THE CENTENARY OF ARMISTICE DAY
NOVEMBER 11, 1918 TO NOVEMBER 11, 2018



GOD'S LOVE IN COMMUNITY



A very warm welcome to you today

A very warm welcome to all who worship with us today.

We are pleased to have you as part of the family of our worshipping community today. All the words you need today are in this order of service. *Words of Guidance are in italics*; the words the Priest says are in normal text; **the words you say are in Bold.**

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Please stand at the entrance of the Choir and Clergy

Introit

As the choir sing the introit, Ave Verum Corpus, by Mozart, a wreath is placed on the War Memorial, and the Paschal Candle Lit

Hymn

**He who would valiant be
'gainst all disaster,
let him in constancy
follow the Master.
There's no discouragement
shall make him once relent
his first avowed intent
to be a pilgrim.**

**Whoso beset him round
with dismal stories,
do but themselves confound -
his strength the more is.
No foes shall stay high might,
though he with giants fight;
he will make good his right
to be a pilgrim.**

**Since, Lord, thou dost defend
us with thy Spirit,
we know we at the end
shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away!
Ill fear not what men say,
Ill labour night and day
to be a pilgrim.**

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

A general Confession to be said of the whole Congregation after the Minister, all kneeling or sitting.

Almighty and most merciful Father, We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done, And there is no health in us: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults, Restore thou them that are penitent, According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord: And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

*The Absolution or Remission of sins to be pronounced by the Priest
alone, standing: the people still kneeling.*

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him, which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure, and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Precis and Gloria Patri

(sung by the Cantor and Choir)

O Lord, open thou our lips.

And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.**

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's Name be praised.

Office Hymn

Please stand to sing the Office hymn

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

Psalter

Please sit for Psalm 146 (sung by the choir)

The First Lesson

Isaiah 2.1–5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

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!

Then all stand for the Magnificat:

The Magnificat

(sung by the choir)

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever. 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.

Please sit for the second lesson

The Second Lesson

I John 3.11–18

For this is the message you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. We must not be like Cain who was from the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. Do not be astonished, brothers and sisters, that the world hates you. We know that we have passed from death to life because we love one another. Whoever does not love abides in death. All who hate a brother or sister are murderers, and you know that murderers do not have eternal life abiding in them. We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

Then all stand for the Nunc Dimittis:

The Nunc Dimittis

(Sung by the Choir)

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people, to be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel. 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.**

Then shall be sung or said the Apostles' Creed

The Apostles Creed

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth :

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

The Responses

The Lord be with you.
(said by all) **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray. *kneel or sit*
(said by all) **Lord, have mercy upon us.**
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

(said by all) **OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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. Amen.**

The choir sing the responses, prayers offered for the Queen, for peace and for the gift of the Holy Spirit to be poured into our lives

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect for the anniversary of the battle of the Somme
O GOD our light and our defence, breathe your gentle Spirit over the wastes of our world. Protect our memories from the infection of hate, that we may live free from fear and resentment. May the light of Christ lead us out of the valley of the shadow of death onto paths of reconciliation, forgiveness and peace for the sake of the world your Son came to save. **Amen.**

The Second Collect at Evening Prayer.
O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

The Third Collect, for Aid against all Perils.
LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A litany of thanksgiving and for peace

God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

God the Son,
have mercy upon us.

God the Holy Spirit,
have mercy upon us.

Holy and blessed Trinity,
have mercy upon us.

From all fear and prejudice, bitterness, and all hardness of heart,
good Lord, deliver us.

From all spite, revenge, and destructive anger,
good Lord, deliver us.

From the desire to dominate others, to impose our will, and from
all feelings of superiority,
good Lord, deliver us.

Open our hearts towards our neighbour, and help us to work
together for the common good.

Lord, hear us and help us.

Strengthen us to stand for all that is just and true and right.

Lord, hear us and help us.

Grant that we may come to understand our enemies,

Lord, hear us and help us.

Bring release to those with abiding memories of hurt and injury

Lord, hear us and help us.

Lord grant us the grace to receive forgiveness, and to forgive as we
are forgiven.

Lord, hear us and help us.

Comfort all those who mourn, the troubled, and all who call upon
you in their distress.

Lord, hear us and help us.

Guide the leaders of the nations and those who work for peace,
and make us all subject to Christ's just and
gentle rule.

Lord, hear us and help us.



**Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

O Lord, our maker and our strength,
from whose love in Christ we can never be parted
either by death or life:

Look in mercy on those for whom we pray this day,
and grant us your protection and peace,
that we may be saved in body and soul,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Anthem

O Lord, I will Praise Thee by Gordon Jacob, based on Isaiah 12

Prayer of Commitment

Let us individually and together, commit ourselves to the cause of peace and reconciliation: Lord God, your Son proclaimed your peaceable Kingdom in both word and deed, open our hearts and minds, we pray, to receive his Easter gift of peace. And as we seek to witness to your purpose of peace, give us generosity of spirit in times of disagreement, patience in times of difficulty, the desire to pray for those who oppose us, and above all make us to be interpreters and bridge-builders between those who are at enmity. This we ask in the name of Christ who has destroyed every wall that divides us, and whose sacrifice has made our peace with you, the Father of all humankind. **Amen**

A prayer for the Clergy and People

Almighty and everlasting God, who alone workest great marvels: Send down upon our Bishops, and Curates, and all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A prayer of Saint Chrysostom

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**



Recessional Hymn

**Jesu, Son of Mary,
fount of life alone,
here we hail thee present
on thine altar-throne:**

**Humbly we adore thee,
Lord of endless might,
in the mystic symbols
veiled from earthly sight.**

**Think, O Lord, in mercy
on the souls of those
who, in faith gone from us,
now in death repose.**

**Here 'mid stress and conflict
toils can never cease;
there, the warfare ended,
bid them rest in peace.**

**Often they were wounded
in the deadly strife;
heal them, Great Physician,
with the balm of life.**

**Every taint of evil,
frailty and decay,
good and gracious Saviour,
cleanse and purge away.**

**Rest eternal grant them,
after weary fight;
shed on them the radiance
of thy heavenly light.**

**Lead them onward, upward,
to the holy place,
where thy saints made perfect
gaze upon thy face.**

from the Swahili (tr E S Palmer 1856-1931)

The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

National Anthem

Please remain standing to sing

**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 give us ever cause,
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the Queen.**

The choir and clergy depart.

