

The Parish Church of St Matthew
Northampton

Remembrance Sunday

*A Service of Commemoration and Remembrance
for those who died in the two World Wars
and subsequent conflicts*



LEST WE FORGET

The Parish Mass
with Act of Remembrance

Sunday 9 November 2025

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Collection – ‘Building a Generous Church’



Our response to God’s generosity

We believe in a generous God, who longs for us to share his generosity with others. A generous life is therefore a hallmark of our faith and a testament to it, as the more generous we are, the more we reflect the generous God we believe in. Generosity is, therefore, at the heart of our faith, and our own generosity is a sure sign of our faith in action. Generosity is a spiritual gift, and we need to encourage people to seek this gift as they grow in their faith. The ministry and mission of The Church of England is largely funded through the incredible generosity of those who give to it.

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Order of Service

¶ The Gathering

§ *Any essential notices are given before the service*

Introit

<i>Choir</i>	Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine et lux perpetua luceat eis. Te decet hymnus, Deus in Sion: et tibi reddetur votum in Jerusalem. Exaudi orationem meam, ad te omnis caro veniet.	<i>Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. Thou, O God, art praised in Sion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem. Thou who hearest the prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.</i>
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Kyrie eleison

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.	<i>Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.</i>
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Plainsong

All † In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Greeting

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

Introduction

We meet in the presence of God to remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away.

We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror. And 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.

Prayers of Penitence

In life and in death we are with the Lord.
Let us turn to the Lord who is full of compassion and mercy,
and ask that he will forgive us our sins,
and extend his healing love upon our broken world.

Silence is kept

Confession

All **Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Absolution

God, the Father of all mercies,
has reconciled the world to himself
through the death and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ,
not counting our trespasses against us,
but sending his Holy Spirit to shed abroad his love for us.
By the ministry of reconciliation entrusted by Christ to his Church,
receive his † pardon and peace,
to stand before him in his strength alone,
this day and evermore.

All **Amen.**

The Collect

Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God,
from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted,
either by death or life:
hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day;
fulfil in them the purpose of your love;
and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

§ Sit

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Romans 8.18-25

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Response



Choir

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble;
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains tremble in the heart of the sea;
Though the waters rage and swell,
and though the mountains quake at the towering seas. **Response**

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place of the dwelling of the Most High.
God is in the midst of her;
therefore shall she not be removed;
God shall help her at the break of day.
The nations are in uproar and the kingdoms are shaken,
but God utters his voice and the earth shall melt away.
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold. **Response**

Come and behold the works of the Lord,
what destruction he has wrought upon the earth.
He makes wars to cease in all the world;
he shatters the bow and snaps the spear
and burns the chariots in the fire.
'Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth.'
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold. **Response**

Psalm 46

§ Stand

Holy Gospel

Acclamation



Choir Jesus said, 'Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven.'

All **Alleluia.**

§ We turn to face the Book of the Gospels

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.



Jesus said to the eleven, '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

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



¶ Act of Remembrance

§ *If you are able, please stand as the procession moves off,
and turn to face the Memorial Chapel*

Let us remember before God and commend to his safe keeping,
those who have died for their country in conflict;
those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure;
and all who have lived and died in the service of humanity.

§ *The folders containing the names and service records of The Fallen
are placed on the Memorial Chapel altar*

ROLL OF HONOUR

The First World War

Alfred G T Arnold, Pte, Nptons, Aged 20

John Atkinson, Pte, East Surrey Regt, Aged 33

Alfred G Barnfield, Pte, Nptons, Aged 21

Ralph Bazeley, LCpl, Seaforth Highlanders, Aged 24

Norman S G Beale, 2Lt, Nptons, Aged 21

William E Bellamy, Cpl, MGC(Inf) Regt, Aged 21

Arthur A Billingham, Sjt, Suffolk Regt, Aged 30

Rowland B Bishop, Capt, **MiD**, Nptons, Aged 26

Charles Blundell, Pte, Beds Regt, Aged 25

Albert B Boston, Pte, Nptons, Aged 32 *(1914/15 used alias Arthur Boston)*

Percy J Boyes, Sapper, RE, Aged 31

Alfred Britten, Pte, Royal Fusiliers Regt, Aged 37

Andrew C Byles, Pte, RAMC, Aged 25
 Sydney B Carvell, AB, RN, Aged 20
 Frank Caswell, Rfn, Rifle Brigade, Aged 25
 Alfred Chatfield, Pte, Queens Own Hussars Regt, Aged 21
 E Alfred Cheshire, Pte, Suffolk Regt, Aged 21
 Donald K Cooper, LCpl and 2Lt, Hants Regt and Nptons, Aged 22
 Russell C W Dale, LCpl, Grenadier Guards, Aged 27
 Arthur T Day, Pte, Nptons, Aged 24
 George Denton, Pte, Northumberland Fusiliers Regt, Aged 32
 Albert F Dunkley, Sjt, Nptons, Aged 21
 Clarence A Eyden, Cpl, Railway Transport, RE, Aged 27
 Percy J Falkner, Pte, Nptons, Aged 21
 George A Faulkner, Pte, Lincs plus Notts&Derby Regt, Aged 18
 William Faulkner, Gnr, Royal Garrison Artillery, Aged 31
 Harold E Fitness, Gnr, Honourable Artillery Co, Aged 31
 William E Fitzhugh, attested as Ernest, Gnr, RGA, Aged 24
 Arthur J Garner, Pioneer, RE, Aged 25
 Ernest Goddard, Pte, Nptons, Aged 21
 Charles E Goodman, Pte, Ox&Bucks LI Regt, Aged 24
 William Graves, Pte, Nptons, Aged 30
 Harry (Henry) T Gurnham, Sjt, E.Surrey Regt, Aged 23 *(brother W G Gurnham)*
 William G Gurnham, Pte, Beds Regt, Aged 25 *(brother H T Gurnham)*
 Harry Harris, Pte, Nptons and Royal Fusiliers Regt, Aged 24
 Harry H Hall, 2Lt, Cambs Regt and Notts&Derby Regt, Aged 32 }
 Percy F Hall, Pte, Royal Fusiliers Regt, Aged 19 *(Three of five brothers fell)* }
 William D Hall, Pte, Hampshire Regt, Aged 28 }
 John D Haviland, Lt, Royal Fusiliers Regt, Aged 34
 Frank A Heap, Pte, Nptons, Aged 18 *(brother F W Heap)* }

Frederick W Heap, 2Lt, DLI Regt, Aged 31 (*brother F A Heap*) }
 Albert J Herbert, Pte, Nptons, Aged 20
 Harry T Holmes, Cpl, Nptons, Aged 22
 Cyril B Hornby, 2Lt, Kings Shropshire LI Regt, Aged 24
 Percy Howlett, Pte, Nptons, Aged 21
 Archibald J Hughes, Pte, Beds Regt, Aged 19
 Francis H Hundley, Sjt, Nptons and Labour Corps, Aged 25
 Edward J Howes, Pte, Royal Fusiliers Regt, Aged 42
 Frank Jeffs, Pte, East Kent (The Buffs) Regt, Aged 30
 Alfred F Johnson, Pte, Kings Shropshire LI Regt, Aged 20
 James F Johnson, A/Sjt, Nptons, Aged 22
 Henry Jones, Sjt, Royal Garrison Artillery, Aged 36
 Tom Jones, Gnr, Royal Garrison Artillery, Aged 34
 Charles Kendall, Staff Sjt, Army Ordnance Corps, Aged 51 }
 Herbert E C Kendall, Lance Sjt, Nptons, Aged 23 (*son of C Kendall*) }
 John W King, Royal Marine LI RN (Div), Pte, Plymouth Bn, Aged 20
 William G Labrum, Pte, Royal Fusiliers Regt, Aged 19
 Albert E Langton, Pte, Royal Welsh Fusiliers Regt, Aged 29
 Arthur E Law, Pte, Nptons, Aged 19
 Cecil Letts, LCpl, Nptons, Aged 21
 Lorenzo W Lilford, Pte, Nptons, Aged 21
 Alfred E Lovell, Pte, Nptons plus Yorks. Regt, Aged 20
 Arthur H Lowe, Sapper, RE, Aged 33
 Ernest Mace, 2Lt previously Cpl, Nptons, Aged 23
 Albert E Mackley, Pte, Nptons, Aged 25
 Harry Marlow, Pte, Middlesex Regt, Aged 34
 Bertram Mason, AB, RN(Div), Anson Bn, Aged 19
 Richard McDowell, Pte, Queens Royal West Surrey Regt, Aged 38

Christopher Miller, Pte, Nptons, Aged 27
 Francis Miller, Pte, Queens Royal West Surrey Regt, Aged 28
 Bertie D Mills, Cpl, Beds Regt, Aged 21
 Alaric C Moss, Pte, Royal Navy and 85th Bn Canadian Inf, Aged 19
 Jesse H Moss, Pte, Suffolk Regt, Aged 27 (*brother of A C Moss*)
 William H Moules, Cpl, Nptons, Aged 35
 George E Nash, Pte, Suffolk Regt, Aged 28
 George Newcombe, Pte, Nptons, Aged 24
 William A Osborn, Pte, Middlesex Regt, Aged 28
 Reginald W S Packer, Lt QM, previously Cpl, RF & MGC, Aged 27
 Joseph G Page, LS, RN, Aged 24
 William Page, Pte, Royal Scots, Aged 27
 Charles S Palmer, Gnr, RGA, Aged 32
 Alfred W Payne, Pte, Nptons, Aged 23
 William R Peach, Pte, Cheshire Regt, Aged 18
 Bevan W Pitt, 2Lt, previously Pte, RFC, Aged 19
 Sidney Henry James Redley, Pte, 1st L.Gds, Aged 23 (*Mil listed as Henry*)
 William J Richardson, Cpl, Norfolk Regt, Aged 41
 Frank Robinson, Pte, Nptons, Aged 21
 Ralph Robinson, Flight Sub-Lt, RN serving with 206 Sqn RAF, Aged 19
 William T Robinson, L/Stoker, RN, Aged 24
 Arthur Rodwell, Cpl, Nptons, Aged 20
 Alexander Ross, Sjt, Royal Fusiliers, Aged 23 (*brother of R Ross*)
 Ralph Ross, Pte, Manchester Regt, Aged 19 (*brother of A Ross*)
 Bertram G Rowley, S/Lt (Obs), RNAS, Aged 31
 Herbert S Sargent, Pte, Nptons, Aged 25
 Leonard W Saunders, Sapper, RE, Aged 29
 John W Shaw, 2Lt, **MC**, previously CSM, Kings Royal Rifle Corps, Aged 38

Walter Spring, Sjt, Nptons, Aged 25
 Charles Smith, Pte, Northumberland Fusiliers, Aged 19
 Frederick J Smith, Stoker 1st Class, RN, Aged 25
 William H Smith, Boy Telegraphist, RN, Aged 17
 William R L Smith, Sapper, RE, Aged 19
 William Sturgess, Pte, Queens Royal West Surrey Regt, Aged 18
 Alfred Stevenson, Pte, DCLI Regt, Aged 34
 Alfred G Swan (corrected) **MM**, A/Sjt, Nptons and Royal Eng, Aged 26
 Herbert J Tarry, Pte, 1st Res Cavalry Regt, Aged 22
 Walter Tate, Pte, Nptons, Aged 29
 Ralph P Taylor, 2Lt, Nptons, Aged 20
 Arthur B Tebbutt, Lt, previously Sjt, Nptons and Norfolk Regt, Aged 24
 Charles F Tolliday, LCpl, London (London Scottish) Regt, Aged 26
 George H Tompkins, Cpl, Ox & Bucks LI Regt, Aged 35
 James Tong, Pte, 15th Bn Canadian Inf, Aged 30
 Sydney G Treadgold, Pte, Nptons, Aged 19
 Walter E Ward (attested), Ernest (baptised), Pte, Nptons, Aged 23
 Albert E W Wardell, A/Mech 2nd Cl, RAF, Aged 20
 William H Waters, A/Bdr, RA, Aged 19
 James W Watson, Pte, London Regt, Aged 20
 Thomas G West, Leading Seaman, RN, Aged 28
 Ralph W Westley, Trooper, 1st Life Guards, Aged 21
 Fred Wills, Pte, Suffolk Regt, Aged 17
 William T White, Pte, Norfolk Regt, Aged 37
 Percy J White, Stoker 1st Class, RN, Aged 23
 Rand E J Walden, 2Lt, Lancs Fusiliers, Regt, Aged 35
 Frank P Wiggins, CQSM, Nptons, Aged 34
 George Wright, Sjt, Nptons, Aged 32

Charles J Wykes, Pte, Loyal N. Lancs Regt, Aged 33

Arthur W Yorke, Pte, Npton Yeomanry, Aged 22.

Not listed on the screen although recorded within the parish:

Joseph Allen, Pte, 2Bn Nptons

Alfred B Bodily, RNVR and RND Drake Bn

Cyril Webster, L/Cpl, Npton Yeomanry and then Labour Corps.

The Second World War

Ernest A Allen, F/Sgt, 205 Sqdn, RAFVR, Aged 21

Ernest L Armer, Pte, 5th Bn Nptons, Aged 27

Clifford G Baldwin, Pte, Royal Army Ordnance Corps, Aged 33

Cyril R Barber, Gnr, 397 Bty 121 LAA Regt, Royal Artillery, Aged 33

Cyril T Barrett, Dvr, 1678 Artillery Platoon RASC, Aged 40

Jack Barringer, L.Tel., HMLCH 185 RN, Aged 29 (*brother George also fell*)

Jack A Beer, W/O Pilot, 464 Sqdn, RAFVR, Aged 22

Frederick T Bennett, Tpr, B Sqdn 44th Tank Rgt, RAC, Aged 27

Wilson Ceybird, F/O, **DFM**, 143 Sqdn RAFVR, Aged 24

Donald S Cleaver, Cpl, 15 Sqdn, RAFVR, Aged 36

Wilfred G Clifton, Gnr, 51 Field Regt Royal Artillery, Aged 22

Sidney J Dodd, L/Bdr, 139 Field Regt Royal Artillery, Aged 22

Philip H Douglas, Officer Cadet, Royal Engineers, Aged 23

Arthur E Earl, LAC, RAFVR, Aged 26

Thomas W Farmer, Sgt Nav, 550 Sqdn, RAFVR, Aged 32

George E Flinn, Stwd, HMS Hurworth RN, Aged 32

Albert D Garley, Sgt, Royal Army Medical Corps, Aged 25

Silas A Greenfield, Pte, 1 Base Supply Depot RASC, Aged 20

Percy A Harrison, Sgt Pilot, 29 Elementary FTS, RAF, Aged 22

Arnold Hillson, Spr, 54 Field Coy Royal Engineers, Aged 21
 Albert J Hussey, L/Cpl, 8th Bn Royal Fusiliers, Aged 23
 William M Jackson, Lt, 2nd Northants Yeomanry RAC, Aged 33
 John S Jones, Gnr, 22 Field Regt Royal Artillery, Aged 20
 Tom Jones, Gnr, 443 Bty, 64 Searchlight Regt 1/6th Essex, Aged 26
 Sidney Knight, Sgt W.Op.& Air Gunner, 12 Sqdn, RAFVR, Aged 22
 Gerald A Langley, P/O Pilot, 41 Sqdn, RAFVR, Aged 24
 Reginald W Law, Cpl, 1st Bn Nptons, Aged 25
 Keith A Laxton, P/O, 107 Sqdn RAF, Aged 21
 John D Marshall, Pte, Seaforth Highlanders, Aged 27
 John J Reeve, Pte, 4th Bn Kings Shropshire Light Infantry, Aged 31
 Albert E Roberts, LCpl, Royal Army Service Corps, Aged 25
 Frank Rogers, Sgt, Yorks Hussars. Royal Armoured Corps, Aged 38
 Dennis J Rushton, Sgt, 218 Sqdn, RAFVR, Aged 20
 Noel Russell, FLt, **DFC & Bar**, Instructor RAFVR, Aged 24
 Ronald A Sabell, Sgt Air Gunner, 106 Sqdn, RAF, Aged 24
 Reginald Smith, Mne, No41 Cdo Royal Marines, Aged 20
 Reginald T Smith, Spr, Royal Engineers, Aged 25
 Herbert A Tyrrell, Lt, 80Lt AA Regt Royal Artillery, Aged 28
 N Vials, believed to be Gordon Nigel, regt affiliation unknown, Aged 19 }
 Stephen Vials, Sgt, 221 Sqdn, RAFVR, Aged 26 (*brother of Gordon Nigel*) }
 J W Wykes believed to be James W Wilkes, Spr, Royal Engs, Aged 21.

Not listed on the screen although recorded within the parish:

Clifford Keith Morton, Flt Sgt, 619 Sqdn, RAF, Aged 22.

§ *The Vicar lays a wreath on behalf of the Parish*

From 'For the Fallen'

(Robert) Laurence Binyon 1869-1943

From the ambo: an older person

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

A young person

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

All

We will remember them.

The Last Post

THE SILENCE

The Reveille

Commemoration

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.

All

Amen.

Anthem

§ *The procession returns to the dais*

Choir

We will remember them
At the going down of the sun
And in the morning, we will remember them

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

Music John Madden b.1956

Prayers of the Faithful

Priest In peace let us pray to Almighty God for all who suffer
as a result of war.

Intercessor Where there is war and conflict, we pray for peace and security;
where there is injustice and oppression,
we pray for justice and freedom;
where there is hatred and distrust,
we pray for harmony and understanding.

All Let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy, and give us peace.

We pray for world leaders and all who exercise influence over others,
that they may act wisely and justly and seek the common good;
for the United Nations and all international organizations working for
justice and peace, that they may be strengthened and upheld by your
presence.

All Let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy, and give us peace.

We pray for all who suffer as a result of war, in body, mind or spirit;
for all who have lost their homes and possessions;
for those who are hungry;
and for all who have lost their livelihood and security;
for those who mourn their dead,
those who have lost husband or wife, children or parents,
and for those who have no hope in Christ
to sustain them in their grief.

All Let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy, and give us peace.

We pray for all who have died in war;
those who have taken up arms;
those caught up in conflicts in any way;
and all innocent victims of war and violence.

Let us pray to the Lord:

All **Lord, have mercy, and give us peace.**

Priest Most holy God and Father,
hear our prayers for all who strive for peace
and all who fight for justice.
Help us, who today remember the cost of war,
to work for a better tomorrow;
and, as we commend to you lives lost in terror and conflict,
bring us all, in the end, to the peace of your presence;
through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

§ *Stand*

¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Sign of Peace

Jesus says: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled neither let them be afraid.

All The peace of the risen Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

The Offertory

§ *The bread and wine are presented to the presiding priest at the dais step
and the altar is prepared*

Hymn

All

**ETERNAL God, before whose face we stand,
Your earthly children, fashioned by your hand,
Hear and behold us, for to you alone
All hearts are open, all our longings known:
So for our world and for ourselves we pray
The gift of peace, O Lord, in this our day.**

**We come with grief, with thankfulness and pride,
To hold in honour those who served and died;
We bring our hurt, our loneliness and loss,
To him who hung forsaken on the cross;
Who, for our peace, our pains and sorrows bore,
And with the Father lives for evermore.**

**O Prince of Peace, who gave for us your life,
Look down in pity on our sin and strife.
May this remembrance move our hearts to build
A peace enduring, and a hope fulfilled,
When every flag of tyranny is furled
And wars at last shall cease in all the world.**

**From earth's long tale of suffering here below
We pray the fragile flower of peace may grow,
Till cloud and darkness vanish from our skies
To see the Sun of Righteousness arise.
When night is past and peace shall banish pain,
All shall be well, in God's eternal reign.**

Words Timothy Dudley-Smith 1926-2024

Music Unde et Memores
William Henry Monk 1823-1889

Invitation to Prayer

Pray, my brothers and sisters,
that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

All

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, we are united in this sacrament by the love of Jesus Christ.
Accept these gifts of bread and wine,
receive our brothers and sisters into the glory of your Son,
and grant them peace,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

All

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

All

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Lord of life,
creator of heaven and earth,
to you be glory and praise for ever.

For through his death on the cross,
your Son Jesus Christ has broken the power of evil,
and by his glorious resurrection
has opened for us the gate of life eternal.
In him you seek the lost,
restoring those whose lives have been shattered and torn apart.
In the fullness of time, he will gather all things to himself,
enfolding us and all who have died in war in his undying love.

And so we pray that we who have set our hope on Christ
may come to the peace of heaven,
there, with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven
for ever praising you and singing:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Choir

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis. Sanctus.

*Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of power and might.
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Holy.*

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Osanna in excelsis

*Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

All

mf *cresc.* *f*

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world,
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup.
Welcome into your kingdom our departed brothers and sisters
and all who have left this world in your friendship.
In the company of Mary, the Virgin Mother of God,
of Matthew and all the saints,
may we with them praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All

Amen.

The Blessed Sacrament is elevated and bells are rung

§ *Kneel*

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray that the Kingdom of God may be clearly seen among us:

All

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Jesus is the living bread which came down from heaven:
if anyone eats this bread, they will live for ever.

All Lord, give us this bread always.

Agnus Dei

The choir sing ...

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona eis requiem.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona eis requiem.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona eis requiem sempiternam.

*Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
grant them rest.*

*Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
grant them rest.*

*Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
grant unto them eternal rest.*

Lux aeterna

Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine,
cum sanctis tuis in aeternum, quia pius es.
Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine:
et lux perpetua luceat eis.

*May light eternal shine upon them, Lord,
with your saints for eternity, for you are merciful.
Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord:
and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Invitation to Communion

Jesus said: Gather up the fragments that nothing may be lost.

All Lord, feed us with the bread of heaven.

Giving of Communion

Unless a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies,
it remains a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.

*Baptised persons who are communicant members of other Churches
are warmly invited to receive Holy Communion.*

*Alternatively, if you wish to receive a blessing, please bring this booklet
with you as a sign.*

Motet

Choir In war: resolution
 In defeat: defiance
 In victory: magnanimity
 In peace: goodwill
 In war, resolution

Music Malcolm Archer b.1952

Spiritual Communion – *for those watching at home*

Act of Reception

All In union, blessed Jesus,
 with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church
 where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day,

(and remembering particularly my own parish ...)

I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving,
for creation and all the blessings of this life,
for the redemption won for us by your life, death,
 and resurrection,
for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

(and particularly for the blessings given me ...)

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament,
and, since I cannot at this time receive communion,
I pray you to come into my heart.
I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart,
my soul, and my mind.
Let nothing separate me from you;
let me serve you in this life until, by your grace,
I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace.
Amen.

Hymn

All

**FAITHFUL Shepherd, feed me
In the pastures green;
Faithful Shepherd, lead me
Where thy steps are seen.**

**Hold me fast, and guide me
In the narrow way;
So, with thee beside me,
I shall never stray.**

**Daily bring me nearer
To the heavenly shore;
Make my faith grow clearer,
May I love thee more.**

**Hallow every pleasure,
Every gift and pain:
Be thyself my treasure,
Though none else I gain.**

**Day by day prepare me,
As thou seest best,
Then let angels bear me
To thy promised rest.**

Words Thomas Benson Pollock 1836-1896

Music Pastor: Pastorum
Friedrich Silcher 1789-1860

§ *All sit for a period of silent reflection and thanksgiving*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

§ *Stand*

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

All

Amen.

Hymn

All

**REJOICE, O land, in God thy might,
His will obey, him serve aright;
For thee the saints uplift their voice:
Fear not, O land, in God rejoice.**

**Glad shalt thou be, with blessing crowned,
With joy and peace thou shalt abound;
Yea, love with thee shall make his home
Until thou see God's kingdom come.**

**He shall forgive thy sins untold:
Remember thou his love of old;
Walk in his way, his word adore,
And keep his truth for evermore.**

Words Robert Seymour Bridges 1844-1930

Music Wareham
William Knapp 1698-1768

Commitment

Let us commit 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.

All **Lord God our Father,
we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humankind,
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.**

The National Anthem

<i>All</i>	GOD save our gracious King, Long live our noble King, God save The King. Send him victorious Happy and glorious, Long to reign over us, God save The King!	Thy choicest gifts in store On him be pleased to pour, Long may he reign. May he defend our laws, And ever give us cause To sing with heart and voice, God save The King!
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Melody from *Thesaurus Musicus* c. 1743
arranged by Thomas Arne 1710-1778

Author Unknown c. 1745

Sending Out

All The Lord be with you
 and also with you.

The Blessing

God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest,
to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth
and to all people, unity, 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 upon you and remain with you always.
All **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love your neighbour.
Go in power to work for reconciliation.
Go in hope to proclaim the resurrection.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Organ Voluntary

Solemn Melody

Walford Davies 1869-1941

- § *Please remain standing until the procession has departed*
- § *Those leaving immediately are asked to be aware of those who wish to listen to the organ voluntary*
- § *Refreshments are being served in the parish centre, adjacent to the carpark. Do please join us.*
- § *If you are a newcomer to the parish, please introduce yourself to the clergy or speak to a member of our Welcome Team.*

Our thanks are due to Dave Wilson
who has generously financed the production of this week's service
booklet in Remembrance of George Wright & The Kingsley Fallen.

**Please take this booklet home
as an aid to prayer and reflection during the week,
and then re-cycle it.**

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