

St Paul's Church, Wokingham

Mass for Remembrance Sunday

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



*We gather on behalf of the whole
community to honour those who kept
remembrance before us,
and those who answered the call
of their country and did not come home.*

**Poem: My boy, Jack,
by Rudyard Kipling**

**Opening Hymn: O God,
our help in ages past (417)**

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

The Lord be with you: **and also with you.**

Notices and Gathering

The Confession

Jesus said:

“Greater love has no one than this,
to lay down one's life for one's friends.”

**Heavenly Father, we ask forgiveness
for the times in our lives when we have been selfish,
thinking only of ourselves and our own needs;
for the times we have preferred to tread the easy path,
rather than the one that leads to you;
for the times we have failed to see your image
in the faces of our brothers and sisters.
All of these, in sadness, we confess.**

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

The Absolution

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins
and keep you in life eternal,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect

Eternal God,
in whose perfect realm
no sword is drawn but the sword of justice,
and no strength known but the strength of love:
guide and inspire all who seek your kingdom,
that peoples and nations may find their security
in the love which casts out fear;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

The Reading: Hebrews 10. 11-14, 19-25

Gradual Hymn: I vow to thee my country

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love:
The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
And her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.

The Gospel: Mark 13.1-8

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Prayers of Intercession

The Peace

Jesus said: "Peace I give to you, my own peace I give to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be dismayed."
The peace of the Lord be always with you:
and also with you.

*Do please put your message of peace in the comment box on YouTube
if you are joining through the Livestream, and do offer a gesture of peace
to those around you if you are in Church.*

Offertory Hymn: Thou whose almighty word (466)

The Preparation of the Altar

With this bread that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.

With this wine that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.

Bread for his body, wine for his blood,
gifts from God to his table we bring.

We shall remember Jesus.

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

**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.**

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest,
and make yourself known in the breaking of the bread. Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer (A)

The Lord be with you: **and also with you.**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and joy,
at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord.

For he is your living Word;
through him you have created all things from the beginning,
and formed us in your own image.

To you be praise and glory for ever.

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross;
you raised him from the dead
and exalted him to your right hand on high.
To you be praise and glory for ever.

Through him you have sent upon us
your holy and life-giving Spirit,
and made us a people for your own possession.
To you be praise and glory for ever.

Therefore with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:
**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and blood;
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.
To you be glory and praise for ever.

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.
To you be glory and praise for ever.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the Cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son Our Lord.

Jesus Christ is Lord:
Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your spirit, inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
To you be glory and praise for ever

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father Almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:
Blessing and honour and glory and power,
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, which 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.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Christ is in our midst.

He is and he always will be.

Everyone who has been baptised is welcome to receive communion. Please come forward up the main aisle and then return to your seat down the side aisles.

Hymn during Communion: Just as I am (294)

Prayer after Communion

Poem: For the Fallen, by Laurence Binyon

Processional Hymn: Jerusalem (488)

The Act of Remembrance

The Litany of Names

The Laying of the Wreath

The wreath is laid on behalf of the parish.

The Silence

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*.**

Silence is kept for two minutes as we remember.



The end of the Silence is marked with the Kohima epitaph:

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 National Anthem, sung by the Choir: 489 (v. 1 & 2)

A Prayer for the Armed Forces

The Act of Commitment

Let us pledge ourselves anew
to the service of God and all humanity:
**Before God, we pledge ourselves
to work to establish justice and peace,
to feed the hungry and heal the broken,
to welcome the refugee and the stranger,
to console the bereaved
and to bring hope to those in want.
Inspired by our remembering,
we commit ourselves to work for peace,
in our homes, in our community,
and throughout the whole world. Amen.**

May Almighty God, who has given us the will
to undertake these things,
give us also the strength to perform them:
for his name's sake. **Amen.**

The Blessing

Grant, Lord, that we may live in your fear,
die in your favour, rest in your peace,
rise in your power, and reign in your glory:
and the blessing...

The Dismissal

The writer of Lamentations said:
the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning.
Great is his faithfulness.

Let us then go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Please do look out for the collection plate as you leave Church this morning if you do not give on a regular basis. And do please stay for coffee if you are able to- it's a great way of building up our sense of community and getting to know a bit more about the people you worship with, week by week.



That finger- index to be exact-
so used to a trigger's warmth
how will it begin to deal with skin
that threatens only to embrace?

And what of hearts in times of peace?
Will war-worn hearts grow sluggish
like Valentine roses wilting
without the adrenalin of a bullet's blood-rush?

from "In Times of Peace" by John Agard

