

St John the Baptist, Winchester

Sunday, 14 November 2021

Remembrance Sunday



Gathering music

We gather to music frequently heard on Remembrance Sunday, Elgar's Lux Aeterna. Words from the Latin requiem mass are set to the tune Nimrod from the Enigma Variations.

*May eternal light shine on them, Lord,
with your saints for ever, for you are good.
Give them eternal rest, Lord,
and may light perpetual shine upon them, for you are good.*

Preparation

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

This I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:
the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning.

Hymn 411 (omit v3): Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Prayers 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.

We take a time to reflect on the past week, for the times we have separated ourselves from God, neighbour or have done ourselves disservice.

**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 us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

The Collect

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

First reading Daniel 12.1-3

'At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

Psalm 16

- 1 Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge;
I have said to the Lord, 'You are my lord,
all my good depends on you.'
- 2 **All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble in heart.**
- 3 Though the idols are legion
that many run after,
their drink offerings of blood I will not offer,
neither make mention of their names upon my lips.
- 4 **The Lord himself is my portion and my cup;
in your hands alone is my fortune.**
- 5 My share has fallen in a fair land;
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 6 **I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel,
and in the night watches he instructs my heart.**
- 7 I have set the Lord always before me;
he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.
- 8 **Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices;
my flesh also shall rest secure.**
- 9 For you will not abandon my soul to Death,
nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.
- 10 **You will show me the path of life;
in your presence is the fullness of joy
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

Hymn 359: Rejoice O land in God thy might

Gospel Reading Mark 13.1-8

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked

him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

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

Reflection by Jen

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Prayers by John Gawne-Cain

Offertory Hymn 542: O Love that wilt not let me go

The Lord's Prayer

Trusting in the compassion of God, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your
will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn 537 (omit v2): O God our help in ages past

An 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.

The Names on the Roll of Honour are read.

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.

We keep a two-minute silence

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 our Lord. **Amen.**

The National Anthem

The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace, be of good courage.
Hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil.
Strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak.
Help the afflicted; show love to everyone.
Love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

The Dismissal

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

We close our time of worship listening to the Royal Marines Band play 'Eternal Father, strong to save' and 'Sunset'. The sea in scripture represents all that is chaotic and dangerous in the world, and so Jesus' calming of the storm is more than just a local miracle – it speaks of God's gracious and peaceful rule over all.

Readings for next week 21 November, Christ the King: Daniel 7.9-10. 13-14; Psalm 93; and John 18.33-37