

Marston and Elsfield Benefice Service



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Holy Communion and the
Act of Remembrance
8th November 2020

Gathering and Introduction

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

God is our refuge and strength;
a very present help in trouble.

Psalm 46.1

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.

Lamentations 3.21-23

We meet in the presence of God
Amen

Prayers of Penitence

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

**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.**

Absolution

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

The Collect *We pray together*

**God our refuge and strength,
bring near the day
when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know
the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Reading from Wisdom of Solomon 6: 12-16

At the end:

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 25: 1-23

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

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Glory to you, O Lord

Short Refection by Revd Skye

The Creed

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; he was buried; he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles: this we have received, and this we believe. Amen.

(cf 1 Corinthians 15:3-7)

Prayers of Intercession

The Peace

To crown all things there must be love,
To bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

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.

God, you made the world and love your creation.
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.

His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.
And so we gladly thank you,
with saints and angels praising you and singing:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his
friends and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again, he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did;
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

**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

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.**

Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you
And his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
And feed on him in your hearts
by faith, with thanksgiving.

(Through a true desire to receive Christ, lively faith and a genuine love for Christ and his people, the Church invites you into spiritual communion; you may eat and drink your bread and wine at home to symbolically share in the spiritual communion of which you are already a part)

Prayer after Communion

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. **Amen.**

***During the hymn we move outside to the war
memorial in the churchyard***

We meet in the presence of God.
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.

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

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow
those whose lives,
in world wars and conflicts past and present,
have been given and taken away.

Remembering

The names of the fallen are read out.

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

2 minutes silence is kept.

The Kohima Epitaph

when you go home
tell of us and say,
for your tomorrow
we gave our today.

Ever-living God,
We remember those whom you have gathered
from the storms 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

Act of Commitment

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and
faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

We will.

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

We will.

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

We will.

Merciful God, we offer to you the fears in us
that have not yet been cast out by love:
may we accept the hope
you have placed in the hearts of all people,
and live lives of justice, courage and mercy:
through Jesus Christ, our risen redeemer. **Amen.**

National Anthem

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

Blessing and Dismissal

May the God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
comfort and assure you of his love
in this world and the next;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

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

Thanks be to God.