

St Andrew's, Chesterton Remembrance Sunday Service

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Third Sunday before Advent

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¶ In the church

Introit – sung by the choir

Holy is the true light, and passing wonderful, lending radiance to them that endure in the heat of the conflict: from Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendour, wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore. Alleluia.

William H. Harris (1883-1973)

The Gathering

Minister: I lift up my eyes to the hills – from whence will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 121.1,2

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6.8

The Minister welcomes and introduces the opening hymn.

Gathering Hymn

1. All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.
2. Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust ;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.
3. God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought :
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

4. Daily doth th' Almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow ;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
at his hand ;
joy doth wait on his command.
5. Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
one and all :
ye who follow shall not fall.

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Introduction

We meet today in the presence of God to 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.

Invitation to Confession

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.

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

A Collect for Remembrance Sunday

**Lord of the nations, Saviour and judge of all:
remove from human hearts
all bitterness and hate,
grant to those who have died in war
your mercy and forgiveness
and bring us all to the peace
of your eternal Kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who suffered and died,
and now lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 2.1-4

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

² 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.

³ 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.

⁴ 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 46

¹ God is our | hope and | strength : a very | present |
help in | trouble.

- ² Therefore will we not fear though the | earth be |
moved : and though the hills be carried | into · the |
midst of · the | sea;
- ³ Though the waters thereof | rage and | swell :
and though the mountains shake at the | tempest | of
the | same.
- ⁴ The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the |
city · of | God : the holy place of the | taber-nacle |
of the · most | Highest.
- ⁵ God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she | not be
· re- | moved : God shall | help her · and | that right |
early.
- ⁶ The heathen make much ado and the | kingdoms · are
| moved : but God hath shewed his voice and the |
earth shall | melt a- | way.
- ⁷ The Lord of | hosts is | with us : the God of | Jacob | is
our | refuge.
- ⁸ O come hither and behold the | works of the | Lord :
what destruction he hath | brought up- | on the |
earth.
- ⁹ He maketh wars to cease in | all the | world :
he breaketh the bow and knappeth the spear in
sunder, and burneth the | chari-ots | in the | fire.
- ¹⁰ Be still then and know that | I am | God :
I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be ex- |
alted | in the | earth.
- ¹¹ The Lord of | hosts is | with us : the God of | Jacob | is
our | refuge.

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 A- | - | men.

New Testament Reading

Mark 1.14-20

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee
proclaiming the good news of God ¹⁵ and saying, "The
time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come
near; repent, and believe in the good news."

¹⁶ As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon
and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, for
they were fishers. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, "Follow me,
and I will make you fishers of people." ¹⁸ And
immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ As
he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee
and his brother John, who were in their boat mending
the nets. ²⁰ Immediately he called them, and they left
their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and
followed him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Sermon

Anthem

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death.

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.

Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

I beseech you brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Texts: Song of Songs 8, John 15, 1 Peter 2, 1 Corinthians 6, Romans 12
Music: John Ireland (1879-1962)

Hymn

- 1 O God of earth and altar,
bow down and hear our cry,
our earthly rulers falter,
our people drift and die;
the walls of gold entomb us,
the swords of scorn divide,
take not thy thunder from us,
but take away our pride.
- 2 From all that terror teaches,
from lies of tongue and pen,
from all the easy speeches
that comfort cruel men,
from sale and profanation
of honour and the sword,
from sleep and from damnation,
deliver us, good Lord!
- 3 Tie in a living tether
the prince and priest and thrall,
bind all our lives together,
smite us and save us all;
in ire and exultation
afire with faith, and free,
lift up a living nation,
a single sword to thee.

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Prayers of Intercession

This response may be used

...may God give peace.

God give peace.

Concluding with

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has 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.**

Notices

Hymn

- 1 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home;
- 2 Under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.
- 3 Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.
- 4 A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.
- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

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Isaac Watts (1674–1748) based on Psalm 90

At the end of the hymn we follow the clergy and choir to the war memorial.

¶ At the war memorial

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.

An older person says

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

A younger person replies

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

The Last Post

The two-minute silence is kept

Reveille

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.

A wreath is laid

The Kohima Epitaph is said

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

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.

The National Anthem is sung

**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.**

The Blessing

God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest,
to the Church, the King,
the Commonwealth, and all people,
unity, peace and concord,
and to us and all God's servants, life everlasting;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Thank you for joining us for worship at St Andrew's this morning. If you are new, visiting or have returned from some time away, please do introduce yourself and stay for refreshments – served in the St Andrew's Hall, behind the church. We would love to welcome you further, and let you get to know our community.

If you would like to learn more about what's on at St Andrew's, or get involved., please talk to a Welcomer at the door, pick up a Welcome Leaflet, or fill in a Newcomer Card. We look forward to you joining us again soon.

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