

THE ORDER OF SERVICE  
FOR  
CHORAL EUCHARIST  
FOR  
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



**8<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

READING MINSTER  
*of St. Mary the Virgin*





Elegy- Sir George Thalben-Ball (1890-1979)

**THE GATHERING**

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

**All Amen.**

*Priest* The Lord be with you

**All and also with you.**

*Choir* The Souls of the righteous

Music : Ian Hillier

*Reader*           **The Soldier – Rupert Brooke**

If I should die, think only this of me:  
That there's some corner of a foreign field  
That is for ever England. There shall be  
In that rich earth a richer dust concealed;  
A dust whom England bore, shaped, made aware,  
Gave, once, her flowers to love, her ways to roam;  
A body of England's, breathing English air,  
Washed by the rivers, blest by suns of home.

And think, this heart, all evil shed away,  
A pulse in the eternal mind, no less  
Gives somewhere back the thoughts by England given;  
Her sights and sounds; dreams happy as her day;  
And laughter, learnt of friends; and gentleness,  
In hearts at peace, under an English heaven.

*Priest* 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 died in the service of the peoples of the world.

*Reader* 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.

**All** **We will remember them.**

*The beginning of the two-minute silence  
is signalled by the Last Post*

*Silence is kept*

*The completion of the silence is signalled by the Reveille*

*The Kohima Epitaph is read*

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

*Priest* 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.**

*Choir* Russian Contakion for the departed  
Music arranged by Sir Walter Parratt (1841-1924)

*Priest* Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

**All We will**

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

**All We will**

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

**All 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 Collect for Remembrance Sunday

*Priest* 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.

**All Amen**

### **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

#### **A Reading from Lamentations**

My soul is bereft of peace;

I have forgotten what happiness is;

so I say, 'Gone is my glory,  
and all that I had hoped for from the LORD.'  
The thought of my affliction and my homelessness  
is wormwood and gall!  
My soul continually thinks of it  
and is bowed down within me.  
But 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;  
great is your faithfulness.  
'The LORD is my portion,' says my soul,  
'therefore I will hope in him.'

The LORD is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul that seeks him.  
It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the LORD.  
For the Lord will not  
reject for ever.

Although he causes grief, he will have compassion  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;  
for he does not willingly afflict

### **Lamentations 3.17–26.31–33**

*Reader* This is the word of the Lord.

**All** **Thanks be to God.**

*Choir* Give us the wings of faith  
Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)  
Music: Sir Ernest Bullock (1890-1979)

*Priest* Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

***All* Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.

**Luke 24. 1-9**

*Priest* This is the Gospel of the Lord.

***All* Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **SERMON**

*(After the sermon a short period of silence is observed)*

### **THE NICENE CREED**

*Priest* We declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

***All* We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the**

**only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Leader* Let us pray.

*After each prayer*

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy:  
*All* hear our prayer.

*or* Lord, hear us:  
**Lord,  
graciously  
hear us.**

*At the end*

*Leader* Merciful Father,  
**All** accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our  
Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

### **THE 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.

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

*Priest* Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Please share do share a sign of peace with those at home but  
also by thinking and praying for those you know.*

## **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

*Priest* The Lord is here.  
**All** His Spirit is with us.

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

*Priest* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Priest* 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, to sing your praise for ever:

*Choir* 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.

*Priest* 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.

*Priest*

Jesus Christ is Lord.

*All*

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world.**

*Priest*

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.

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.

*All*

**Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Priest*

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

*All*

**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.**

*Priest* We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
*All* **Though we are many, We are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

*Priest* Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

*All* **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*Priest* Draw near with faith.

### **THE GIVING OF COMMUNION**

#### **SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

*For those watching or listening from home, this will be a very strange experience of being invited to Communion not through the physical bread and wine we can touch but a Spiritual Communion with the God who always comes to meet us wherever we are. There are no special words or prayers for this, all the Church has ever thought necessary is true desire, lively faith and genuine love.*

*Come honestly before God the way you know how. You may like to pray quietly one of these prayers to help you,*

*Lord, you stand at the door of my heart and knock. You wait for me and only I can let you in. I believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill me with your presence. Feed me with your body and unite me in your blood, that I may be your blessing to a world in need. Amen.*

*Lord Jesus, you are the bread of life. By faith I receive that spiritual food: I receive the affirming love of God the Father. I receive the healing compassion of God the Son. I receive the transforming power of God the Spirit. I receive the eternal life of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen*

*During communion the choir will sing*

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.

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.*

### **THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Priest* Lord God, in this Eucharist which we have shared, you have spoken your word of life and nourished us with the mysteries of Christ's body and blood; bring us with all who have died in combat or through the injuries of war, to know the joys of heaven.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lived and died and was raised to newness of life, to whom be glory in every age and for eternity.

**All**      **Amen**

*The congregation then offers this prayer*

**All**      **Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink this cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

### **THE DISMISSAL**

*Priest*      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.

**All**      **Thanks be to God.**

*The National Anthem is sung by the choir*

**All            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.**

*Crown Imperial - Sir William Walton (1902-1983)*

***Thank you for joining us this morning.  
Our services on both Wednesdays and Sundays will be  
available on YouTube throughout the lockdown and  
beyond. Please do let others know and be assured of our  
prayers for you.***