

The REMEMBRANCE Sunday Service

8 NOVEMBER 2020

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
Shut not thy merciful ears unto our pray'rs;
But spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty,
O holy and most merciful Saviour,
Thou most worthy Judge eternal,
Suffer us not at our last hour,
For any pains of death to fall away from Thee.

—*Book of Common Prayer* (1662)
Order for the Burial of the Dead



CHRIST CHURCH
THE ANGLICAN/EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN VIENNA

ORGAN PRELUDE

"Requiem" from 6 Occasional Preludes, op.182
Charles Villiers Stanford, 1852-1924

All stand. The minister says:

We are here to worship Almighty God, whose purposes are good; whose power sustains the world he has made; who loves us, though we have failed in his service; who gave Jesus Christ for the life of the world; who by his Holy Spirit leads us in his way.

As we give thanks for God's great works, we remember those who have lived and died in his service and in the service of others; we pray for all who suffer through war and are in need; we ask for God's help and blessing that we may do his will, and that the whole world may acknowledge him as Lord and King.

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

All remain standing while the minister says:

Let us remember before God, and commend to his sure 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 mankind.

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.

WREATH LAYING

LAST POST

TWO MINUTES SILENCE

REVEILLE

PRAYER

READING

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes:

¹ The words of the Teacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. ¹ For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: ² a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; ³ a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; ⁴ a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; ⁵ a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; ⁶ a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; ⁷ a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; ⁸ a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

[Ecclesiastes 1.1; 3.1-8]

Here ends the reading.

ACT 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.

All kneel.

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.

Almighty God, 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.

INTERCESSIONS

Let us pray for the peace of the world: for rulers and politicians that they may have wisdom to know and courage to do what is right. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For all who work to improve international relationships that they may find true ways of reconciling people of different race, colour, creed and language. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the grace to use science and technology for the good of all. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For women and men the world over, that they may enjoy justice and freedom, and live in security and peace. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Most gracious God and Father, in whose will is our peace: Turn our hearts and the hearts of all to yourself that by the power of your Spirit the peace which is founded on righteousness may be established throughout the whole world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of war: for the injured and the disabled, for the mentally distressed, and for those whose faith in God and humanity has been weakened or destroyed. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the homeless and refugees, for those who are hungry, and for all who have lost their livelihood and security. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For those who mourn their dead, those who have lost husband or wife, children or parents, and especially for those who have no hope to sustain them in their grief. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, infinite in wisdom, love, and power: have compassion on those for whom we pray; and help us to use all suffering in the cause of your kingdom; through him who gave himself for us on the cross, Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

SERMON

ORGAN INTERLUDE

Chorale Prelude on "Eventide"

C. Hubert. H. Parry, 1848-1918

KOHIMA EPITAPH

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 strife and 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 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.**

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

[Said]

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.

BLESSING

God grant to the living, grace;

to the departed, rest;

to the Church,

the Queen,

the Commonwealth,

and all humankind,

peace and concord;

and to us and all his servants, life everlasting;

and the blessing of God Almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be with you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

We are unable to take up collections at this. Offerings for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal should be placed in the containers at the back of the church as you depart. There is no reception this year.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

"Nimrod" from the Enigma Variations

Edward Elgar, 1857-1934]