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Remembrance Sunday

Civic Service

12th November 2023

Welcome to St Giles' Church
for this Service of Remembrance

Hymn ~ Jerusalem

**And did those feet in ancient time
walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the holy Lamb of God
on England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the countenance divine
shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
among those dark satanic mills?**

**Bring me by bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight,
nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
till we have built Jerusalem
in England's green and pleasant land.**

William Blake, 1757-1827

During which the standards are presented at the altar. Please remain standing.
Words of introduction are followed by

They shall not grow 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.

Words by Laurence Binyon

The Last Post is sounded. The Silence. Reveille.

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

Lines from Kohima (a memorial to the 14th army)

The National Anthem

**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!**

**Thy choicest gifts in store
on him be pleased to pour,
long may he reign:
may he defend our laws,
and ever give us cause
to sing with heart and voice
God save the King!**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5.1-12

Read by Colonel Patrick Cairns DLMBE

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Sermon

Hymn

***Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love;
where there is injury your pardon, Lord;
and where there's doubt true faith in you.***

***O, Master grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love with all my soul.***

***Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.***

O, Master...

***Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
in giving to all men that we receive;
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.***

Sebastian Temple (1928-); ©1967 OCP Publications

Prayers of Intercession

The following response is used
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

And at the end
Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
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.**

Anthem The Kontakion of the Departed (sung by the choir)

*Give rest, O Christ,
to thy servant with thy saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.
Thou only art immortal,
the creator and maker of man:
and we are mortal, formed from the dust of earth,
and unto earth shall we return.
For so thou didst ordain
when thou createdst me, saying,
'Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.'
All we go down to the dust;
And, weeping o'er the grave we make our song: Alleluya, alleluya, alleluya.
Give rest, O Christ,
to thy servant with thy saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.*

Kyiv melody. arr. Walter Parratt (1841-1924)

The 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.

Hymn ~ O God our help in ages past

**O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:**

**Under the shadow of Thy throne,
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is Thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting Thou art God,
to endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in Thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.**

**Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly, forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.**

**O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be Thou our guide while troubles last,
and our eternal home!**

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

The Blessing

God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest,
to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth
and all the world,
unity, 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 among you and remain with you always.

Amen

Organ Voluntary

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