

Sunday 8th November, 2020

Remembrance Sunday



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Lest We Forget

Prayer and worship at home

If a household are praying together, one person may act as leader and the others as the congregation and they join in the words in bold type.

If alone, read all the words aloud.

You may want to light a candle before you begin, and have a Bible, cross or crucifix to look at.

You might prepare for this act of worship by listening to some music, or by being still.

Preparation

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

The grace and peace of God our Father, who raised Jesus from the dead, be always with you.

And also with you.

We 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 his 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 his help and blessing that we may do his will, and that the whole world may acknowledge him as Lord and King. We come in need of healing and wholeness and turn to the Lord in penitence and faith.

Prayers of Penitence

(a moment of silence is kept to call to mind our sins)

Lord, we have sinned against you.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, show us your mercy and love.

And grant us your salvation.

The Collect

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; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Word of the Lord

First Reading / Thessalonians 4. 13 - end

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



The Holy Gospel | Matthew 25. 1-13

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ...

Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples: ‘The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, “Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.” Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, “Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.” But the wise replied, “No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.” And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, “Lord, lord, open to us.” But he replied, “Truly I tell you, I do not know you.” Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Affirmation of faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

Prayers of Intercession

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the leaders of the nations,
that you will guide them in the ways of freedom,
justice and truth.

Lord hear us,

Lord graciously hear us.

We pray for those who bear arms on behalf of the
nation,

that we may have discipline and discernment,
courage and compassion.

Lord hear us,

Lord graciously hear us.

We pray for our enemies, and those who wish us
harm,

that you will turn the hearts of all to kindness and
friendship.

Lord hear us,

Lord graciously hear us.

We pray for the wounded and the captive,
the grieving and the homeless,

that in all their trials they may know your love and
support.

Lord hear us,

Lord graciously hear us.

You may wish to offer prayer in your own words here...

Most holy God and Father,

hear our prayers for all who strive for peace
and all who fight for justice.

Help us, who today remember the cost of war,
to work for a better tomorrow;

and, as we commend to you lives lost in terror and
conflict,

bring us all, in the end, to the peace of your
presence;

through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Joining with Christians throughout the world,
we pray:

Our Father....

Or

Our Father in heaven....

The Grace

✠ **The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the fellowship of the
Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore. Amen**