



Service of Remembrance

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Burgess Hill Branch
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The Church of St John the Evangelist
Mid Sussex Brass Band.**

**14th November 2021
The War Memorial, Burgess Hill**

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Please take your places quietly to prepare for the Act of Remembrance.

Minister:

Let us remember before God,
and commend to his sure keeping
those who have died for their country in war,
those whom we knew, whose memory we
treasure, and all who have lived and died
in the service of mankind.

**LAYING OF WREATHS
AND READING OF NAMES**

THE EXHORTATION

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 LAST POST & THE SILENCE

THE ROUSE

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

Minister:

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ
we cannot be parted, either by death or life: hear our
prayers and thanksgiving for all whom we remember
this day; fulfil in them the purpose of your love, and
bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy; through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Hymn

**Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways!
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives thy service find,
In deeper reverence praise.**

**In simple trust like theirs who heard,
Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow thee.**

**O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee
The silence of eternity,
Interpreted by love!**

**Drop thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace.**

**Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm!**

Prayer of Penitence

Almighty God, whose purposes are good; whose power sustains the world; who loves us, though we have failed in your service; who gave Jesus Christ for the life of the world; who by your Holy Spirit lead us;

Hear our prayer as we give thanks and remember those who have lived and died in your service and in the service of others.

We pray for all who suffer through war and are in need; and we ask forgiveness for our failings that your people may be renewed in service and watchfulness for the coming of your Kingdom of righteousness and peace.

**All: Merciful God, 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,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

May Almighty God, have mercy on us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in life eternal.

All: Amen.

Reading: Philippians 2: 1 – 1

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves.

Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Address Revd Deacon Stephen MacCarthy

Hymn

**Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
O, hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea!**

**O Saviour, whose almighty word,
The wind and rocks submissive heard,**

**By mountain pass or valley low,
Wherever, Lord, our brethren go,
Protect them by thy guiding hand
From every peril on the land!**

**O Spirit Whom the Father sent
To spread abroad the firmament,
O Wind of Heaven, by Thy might
Save all who dare the eagles flight,
And keep them by Thy watchful care
From every peril in the air!**

**O Trinity of love and power
Our brethren's shield in danger's hour:
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them whereso'er they go.
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee,
Glad praise from air, and land, and sea!**

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray to God our Heavenly Father.

Lord God, on this day of remembering,
we pray for the peace of your world.

We remember all people who are suffering today
because their countries are at war
or because of the threat of terrorism,
that they may find peace and security.

We pray for all who commit acts of violence that your light may shine into their darkness and lead them away from violence to live in peace.

Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Lord God, on this day of remembering, we pray for political leaders. Give them wisdom and courage. Guide them so that they may find ways to settle differences by negotiation and diplomacy rather than by threats and the violence of war. Help people of differing religious and political beliefs, of different races and cultures, to see the good in one another and to be more tolerant. Help us to be peacemakers, that we may be called your sons and daughters.

Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Lord God, on this day of remembering we pray for those who work in places where there is war and violence; for soldiers who must act as peace keepers; for aid workers and agencies providing food and shelter; for doctors, nurses and paramedics who care for the sick, the wounded and the dying.

Guard and defend them and keep them in safety. Bless their work in bringing relief, healing, reconciliation, and peace.

Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

In this centenary year we pray for the Royal British Legion. Bless its work of help and support, As we pray too for those who have served their country so well.

Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Lord God, on this day of remembering we thank you for all the brave men and women who gave their lives that we might live in freedom and safety today. May we honour them by committing ourselves to preserve the peace and freedoms which were won at such great cost. Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Let us gather up our prayers as we pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Saviour gave us:

**All: 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.**

Hymn

**I vow to thee my country,
all earthly things above,
Entire and whole and perfect,
the service of my love:
The love that asks no questions,
the love that stands the test,
That lays upon the altar
the dearest and the best;
The love that never falters,
the love that pays the price,
The love that makes undaunted
the final sacrifice.**

**And there's another country,
I've heard of long ago,
Most dear to them that love her,
Most great to them that know;
We may not count her armies,
We may not see her King;
Her fortress is a painful heart,
Her pride is suffering;
And soul by soul and silently
Her shining bounds increase,
And her ways are ways of gentleness
And all her paths are peace.**

An Act of Commitment

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and our fellow men and women, that we may help, encourage, and comfort others, and support those working for the relief of the needy and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

**All: Lord God our Father,
We pledge ourselves to serve you and all
mankind,
in the cause of peace, for the relief of want
and suffering, and for the praise of your name.**

The National Anthem

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

Thy choicest gifts in store
On her be pleased to pour,
Long may she reign:
May she defend our laws
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice:
God save the Queen.

Nor on this land alone,
But be God's mercies known
From shore to shore:
Lord, make the nations see
That men should brothers be,
And form one family
The wide world o'er.

The Blessing

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: **And also with you**

May God grant to the living, Grace;
To the departed, rest;
To the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth,
and all mankind, peace and concord;
And to us and all his servants, life everlasting;
And may the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and + the Holy Spirit
Be with us for evermore.

All: **Amen.**

The Choir and the Minister will depart as the band plays, followed by the Standards and the Union Flag. Please allow the Standards and Dignitaries to leave the Memorial first.

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