



Heacham Parish Church



Service for Remembrance Sunday

14th November 2021

Welcome

We come together today to remember:

To remember with thanks those who have given their lives in service of others.

To remember with sadness the suffering, destruction and pain caused by human conflict.

We come also to commit ourselves to be peacemakers and peacekeepers wherever we can.

In Jesus' name. **Amen**

We will remember them...



Standards and Flags paraded in and presented during the hymn

**All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
Come ye before him, and rejoice.**

**The Lord, ye know, is God indeed,
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.**

**For why? The Lord our God is good:
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.**

**To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the Angel-host
Be praise and glory evermore.**

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 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 wars and conflicts 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.

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.

**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.
Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us all in goodness , and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Bible Readings: John 14: 27 and Romans 12: 17-19

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'Peace I leave with you'

Peace is the desire of everyone, yet peace eludes many and indeed our world today. History is full of great efforts to ensure peace, incredible sacrifices to make this world, a peaceful one. Yet despite all the efforts we know how difficult it has been to make and keep peace. There is always suspicion, conflict, war, and rumours of wars (Matt 24:6). We live in constant fear and anxiety about the future. We are confronted by many complexities and challenges each day, global terrorism being one of them, there is no respite. Covid 19 is the latest and most devastating of the threats to life together in our world today. Ronald Reagan's words, however, help us in this regard, "Peace is not absence of conflict, it is the ability to handle conflict by peaceful means." In other words, in this world we will always disagree, misunderstand each other, but we must set in our minds always to seek peace and pursue it (Psalms 34:14b) for as Baruch Spinoza once said, "Peace is not an absence of war, but it is a virtue, a state of mind, a disposition for benevolence, confidence, justice." In the beatitudes, Jesus taught us 'Blessed are the peacemakers

for they shall be called children of God' (Matt 5:9). So, we should never relent on our search and pursuit of peace. As we gather today, remembering those who paid the ultimate sacrifice, we have an opportunity to pray for peace and security of God's world.

Peace is possible, we must never despair! Peace is possible, because it was there in the beginning, before the fall. It is God's plan and desire for his created world. In the Old Testament we see a beautiful image of Peaceful coexistence between God and his creation, Adam and eve, animals, the land and its substance, the environment. Adam and Eve and the animals live together in peace. It is when sin comes, that the relationships become toxic, fear and suspicion take control, enmity between humans begins, human beings and animals, and the earth becomes scorched. But this is not the end of the Biblical narrative. We learn that 'God so loved the world, that he gave...' John 3:16

Peace is a gift! It is an inheritance. The gift of God is His own son who came to redeem God's creation. He is the prince of peace, who reconciles the world to God, breaking all enmity. The Prince of peace, Our Lord Jesus Christ says 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid' John 14:27. We inherit Peace, we receive it as a gift. We meet to remember those who made an ultimate sacrifice, so that in remembrance we are inspired to confront the challenges of our day with the same love, courage, and faith.

Peace is contagious. It is only those who have a vision of peace, who can create a world of peace. We give what we have. Our world today is dominated by avarice, ambition, envy, anger, and pride. Unfortunately, we pass this on to our children and neighbours and all we come into contact with. Cowards don't share love and peace, they threaten, frighten, lie, they share their fears. Christ invites us to share his love and peace.

"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world." **Desmond Tutu**

Lord Jesus,
Today we commit ourselves to:
choosing love over hate,
choosing service over selfishness,
choosing sharing over greed,
and choosing peace-making over trouble making,
For the glory and honour of your name. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSIONS led by Val Fisher

Let us pray

God of peace

We pray for all those who suffer as a result of wars and conflict and for all who have died in the violence of war, each one of them remembered and known to you.

For those who have lost loved ones remembering that they are loved in death as they were in life.

May they be comforted in their grief and the sadness of their loss.

We pray for all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day, remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return.

For civilian men and women whose lives are disfigured by war or terror.

We pray especially for the innocent children who are forced to witness the atrocities of war and conflicts and have to carry the physical and mental scars with them for the remainder of their lives.

For the innocent animals who through their loyalty, place themselves in danger.

Lord, In Your mercy Hear our prayer

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.

For those who do not return home and for those who do, traumatised by what they have witnessed and having to cope with life changing experiences, both physically and mentally.

Please bring them peace in their hearts and minds.

We pray for the peacemakers and peacekeepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free;

For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, may they be guided by You in the ways of freedom, justice, truth, peace, and reconciliation.

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

Please soften their hearts Lord to let You in and understand that to know Your love is the way forward to bring peace to Your world.

Lord, In Your mercy Hear our prayer

God of truth and justice, we hold before you those whose memory we cherish, and those whose names we will never know. Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world and grant us the grace to always pray for those who wish us harm. Help us, as we remember today 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.

Concluding with

**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**

Collection will be taken for the RBL Poppy Appeal during the hymn

**Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm does bind the restless wave,
Who bids 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 winds and waves submissive heard,
Who walked upon the foaming deep,
And calm amid the rage did sleep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.**

**O Holy Spirit, who did brood
Upon the waters dark and rude,
And bid their angry tumult cease,
And give for wild confusion peace;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.**

**O Trinity of love and pow'r,
Your children shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire, and foe,
Protect them where-so-e'er they go;
Thus, evermore shall rise to Thee**

Plant seeds of peace wherever your journey takes you and bless others as you have been blessed. Speak no words that would wound. Withhold nothing that can be shared and pray always for peace. May God the Father be your strength, Jesus the Son be your inspiration and the Holy Spirit be your guide this Remembrance Sunday and always.

Amen.

As we come to the end of this church service today, let us go out thankful to those who have given up their lives for us in wars and determined to live a life of love, And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Flags and standards collected and paraded out during the hymn.

All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew,
me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone calls my heart to be his own.

Pride of man and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore from his store
newborn worlds rise and adore.

**Still from man to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ, his Son.
Christ doth call one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.**

Retiring collection will be taken for the RBL Poppy Appeal

We make our way to the war memorial where we will join together for the Act of Remembrance.



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