

All Saints Church Cheadle Hulme

Service of Remembrance, Commitment & Hope

Hymn

The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. All: And also with you.

We meet in the presence of God. We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation between the nations, that all people may live together in freedom and peace. We remember all, who in bereavement, disability and pain, continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror. We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and subsequent conflicts since, have been given and taken away.

Prayer of Penitence

Let us pray: O 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. As we honour the past, may we put our faith in the future, knowing that you are the source of all life and hope. We come now in penitence and faith to seek your forgiveness for our part in the sins of this world; its arrogance, selfishness, greed and division; for our failure to ask for strength to overcome evil, injustice and hatred wherever it is found.

All: We confess our lack of love for you and for one another. For the sake of your Son, who died for us, save us from our sins. Take from us all hatred and bitterness, whether in thought, word or action. Teach us to forgive, as we are forgiven, so that we may live our lives according to your loving and gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Absolution

May Almighty God have mercy on you; forgive you your sins and bring you to everlasting life. **All: Amen**

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect



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Bible Reading

At the end the reader may say This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

Prayers

Almighty God, on this Remembrance Sunday, we are here to remember the lessons of the past. The awful cost of war and the scope of humanity depravity. We know of the fear and the pain, the tragedy and the grief of so many and the extent of human self sacrifice made, so that we might enjoy lasting peace, We are here to remember the horrors they endured and the determination they displayed to defend the values we hold so dear today. At the going down of the sun and in the morning:

All: We will remember them.

We thank you for all those who displayed such courage and heroism in the horrors of war. Those who fought so bravely, who served so faithfully, who sacrificed so greatly for the cause in which they believed and for the freedom of their country. At the going down of the sun and in the morning:

All: We will remember them.

We remember also those who strive to establish and maintain peace - governments and world leaders as well as ordinary people who in different ways strive to promote harmony between nations. At the going down of the sun and in the morning:

All: We will remember them.

We thank you for those who have had the courage to stand up for their convictions, to fight against evil and injustice, even at the cost of their own lives; to live out their faith and share it with others. At the going down of the sun and in the morning: **All: We will remember them.**

Sovereign Lord, forgive us, that despite our words, all too easily we forget. We fail to learn the lessons of the past, we forget the debt we owe and take for granted the freedom we enjoy. Let there be peace in our world and grant that the time will come when nations will live together, justly; openly and harmoniously in a common fellowship of humankind.

All: In the Name of the One who came in peace, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

Blessed are the peacemakers: they shall be called children of God. We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you. **All: And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

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The Ministry of the Sacrament

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside, are reunited on this altar in bread and wine, so Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your Kingdom. **All: Blessed be God forever.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here. **All: His Spirit is with us.** Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise** It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

All: You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in Him and He is us.

All: He opened His arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night He was betrayed, at supper with His friends He took bread, and gave you thanks; He broke it and gave it to them saying: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this is remembrance of me.

All: Father, we do this in remembrance of Him: His body is the bread of life.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, He gave you thanks and said: Drink this all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

All: Father, we do this in remembrance of Him: His blood is shed for all.

As we proclaim His death and celebrate His rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

All: As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ , our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your Kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ **All: Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people. All: Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Prayer After Communion

Almighty God, we remember all you have done - your creative acts, your mighty deeds throughout history, your gift of Christ, your love, forgiveness and compassion. May we never fail to recognise your hand at work in every moment of our lives. **All: Amen.**

All: Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through Him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

The Blessing

Ever living God we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; may that same peace calm our fears; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.



Act of Remembrance

Lord of our Nation, we remember before you with pride and gratitude the men and women who served their country and who died so that we might live in freedom. We give thanks for their example, their courage and their devotion to duty. We honour the fallen and acknowledge the incalculable debt we owe them. May the memory of their sacrifice and the memories we treasure, inspire each one of use to do all we can in name of justice, dignity, freedom and peace, so that we can build a better society for generations to come. 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.
2 Minutes Silence

Eternal God, before whose face all generations rise and pass away, accept our prayers and thanksgivings for all who died in the service of their country, in the hope of freedom and in the assurance of eternal life. May their souls continue to rest in peace. **All: Amen.**

Act of Commitment

Let us commit ourselves to work together for reconciliation and peace throughout the world according to God's will.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace? **All: We will.**

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war? All: We will.

Will you work for a just future for all humanity? **All; We Will.**

Merciful God, may we accept the hope you have placed in our hearts and live lives of justice, courage and mercy; through Jesus Christ our risen Redeemer. **All: Amen.**

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The dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. All: In the name of Christ. Amen.

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