Remembrance Sunday, 8th November 2020

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Welcome & Opening Prayer

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.

Hymn - Be still for the presence of the Lord

Invitation to Confession

We remember that wars begin with the sinful desires in our hearts and so we turn to Jesus who alone has the power to change us.

Confession

Lord Jesus we come to you believing that your death paid for our sins We confess that we have not loved you with all of our hearts

Please forgive us

We confess that we have not loved others as you have loved us

Please forgive us

We confess that we have not trusted you with our needs and have sometimes taken what belongs to other people.

Please forgive us

Lord please wash us clean from our sins and help us to live differently. In Jesus' name.

Amen

Absolution

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour, forgive us our sins and make us holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

New Testament reading - James 3:13-18

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel reading - Matthew 5:1-12

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew: **Glory to you, O Lord**

This is the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon -

Song - Make me a channel of your Peace

Act of Remembrance

An older person says:

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

A younger person replies:

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

We will remember them

The Last Post

2 minutes Silence

Reveille

Prayer

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, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

National Anthem

The Kohima Epitaph

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

Song: Time of Trouble (Choir)

Intercessions

Notices

ACT OF COMMITMENT

As we come to the end of the service let's commit ourselves to loving one another, which results in peace amongst us, rather than conflict.

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

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.

Prayer:

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 - Guide me O thou great Redeemer

Blessing & Closing response

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ, Amen.