

St Luke's Church
Whyteleafe

Sunday 8th November 2020
Remembrance Sunday Service



PSALM 23 played by Steve Hinton

GATHERING

God is our refuge and strength;
a very present help in trouble.

Psalm 46.1

I lift up my eyes to the hills –
from whence will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,
Who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 121.1-2

This I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:
the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning.

Lamentations 3.21-23

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew
their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary
they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40.31

What does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6.8

The Lord is my shepherd
I shall not want

Psalm 23

WELCOME Revd Annie Kurk

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, together, live in freedom, justice and peace.

We pray for 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 conflicts past and present,
have been given and taken away.

REMEMBERING

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

2 MINUTE SILENCE

REVEILLE

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.

All **Amen.**

MUSIC O God, Our Help In Ages Past

BIBLE READINGS

When an attendant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. His servant said, 'Alas, master! What shall we do?' He replied, 'Do not be afraid, for there are more with us than there are with them.' Then Elisha prayed: 'O Lord, please open his eyes that he may see.' So the Lord opened the eyes of the servant, and he saw; the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. *2 Kings 6:15-17*

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. *John 14:27*

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. *1 John 1:5*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you." *Matthew 5:1-12*

REFLECTION Revd Annie Kurk

PRAYING TOGETHER

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God may give us peace:

for the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God;

May God give peace

All **God give peace**

For those who love them in death as in life, offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss;

May God give peace

All **God give peace**

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

May God give peace

All **God give peace**

For civilian women, children and men whose lives are disfigured by war or terror, calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatreds of humanity;

May God give peace

All **God give peace**

For peace-makers and peace-keepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free;

May God give peace

All **God give peace**

For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, political, military and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace.

May God give peace

All **God give peace**

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, and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm.

As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Please join together in the Lord's Prayer:

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**

THE KOHIMA EPITAPH

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

RESPONDING IN HOPE AND COMMITMENT

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**

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.

All **Amen**

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

FINAL BLESSING

God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest,
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth
and all people,
unity, peace and concord,
and to us and all God's servants,
life everlasting.

And the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all
and remain with you always.

All **Amen**

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