St Simon Zelotes

A SERVICE FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY ONLINE

Sunday 8 November 2026

10.45am





In Flanders fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
between the crosses, row on row,
that mark our place; and in the sky
the larks, still bravely singing, fly
scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago
we lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
in Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
to you from failing hands we throw
the torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
we shall not sleep, though poppies grow
in Flanders fields.

Col. John McCrae, written at Ypres in May 1915



INTROIT

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayers;
but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty,
O holy and most merciful Saviour, thou most worthy judge eternal,
suffer us not at our last hour, for any pains of death,
to fall from thee.
Amen.

Music: Henry Purcell (1659-1695)
Words: Book of Common Prayer



WELCOME

SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE

INTRODUCTION

All people that on earth do dwell

All:
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.

Choir only:
O enter then His gates with praise,
approach with joy His courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless His name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

Choir only:
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.

All:
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. Amen.



All stand, for the laying of the wreath, while the Minister says:

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

THE LAYING OF THE WREATH

The wreath is laid.

A Churchwarden:

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 will be sounded.

THE SILENCE

Reveille will be sounded.

The Minister says:

Almighty and eternal God,
from whose love in Christ those who trust in Him
cannot be parted, either by death or life:
hear our thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day;
and bring us with all who love your name,
to your eternal joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



O valiant hearts

O valiant hearts who to your glory came
through dust of conflict and through battle flame;
tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,
your memory hallowed in the land you loved.

Long years ago, as earth lay dark and still,
rose a loud cry upon a lonely hill,
while in the frailty of our human clay
Christ, our Redeemer, passed the self same way.

Still stands His cross from that dread hour to this,
like some bright star above the dark abyss;
still, through the veil, the victor's pitying eyes
look down to bless our lesser calvaries.

O risen Lord, O shepherd of your dead,
whose cross has brought them and whose staff has led,
in glorious hope their proud and sorrowing land
commits your children to your gracious hand.

Children leave for Youth Group, Sunday School and Crèche during this hymn.



THE FIRST LESSON
Micah 4:1-5

In the last days the mountain
of the Lord's temple
will be established as the highest of the mountains;
it will be exalted above the hills,
and peoples will stream to it.

2 Many nations will come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the temple of the God of Jacob.
He will teach us his ways,
so that we may walk in his paths.'
The law will go out from Zion,
the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

3 He will judge between many peoples
and will settle disputes for strong nations far and wide.
They will beat their swords into ploughshares
and their spears into pruning hooks.
Nation will not take up sword against nation,
nor will they train for war any more.

4 Everyone will sit under their own vine
and under their own fig-tree,
and no one will make them afraid,
for the Lord Almighty has spoken.
5 All the nations may walk
in the name of their gods,
but we will walk in the name of the Lord
our God for ever and ever.

This is the word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God



ANTHEM

Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

Music: George Dyson in F
Words: Luke 2:29-32



THE SECOND LESSON

John 15:9-17

[9] ‘As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you.
Now remain in my love.
[10] If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love.
[11] I have told you this so that my joy may be in you
and that your joy may be complete.
[12] My command is this: love each other as I have loved you.
[13] Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.
[14] You are my friends if you do what I command.
[15] I no longer call you servants,
because a servant does not know his master’s business.
Instead, I have called you friends,
for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.
[16] You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you
so that you might go and bear fruit – fruit that will last –
and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.
[17] This is my command: love each other.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God



CONFESSION

After a short silence, all say:

Most merciful God,
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;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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

INTERCESSIONS

Minister*:* Lord in your mercy
All: Hear our prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that 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.

NOTICES



O God, our help in ages past

O God, our help in ages past
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.

Beneath the shadow of thy throne,
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
will bear us all away;
we fade and vanish, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)



SERMON

"We will remember them"

Rev'd Joe Ammoun

Thine be the glory

We take a collection during this hymn. The PCC will make a donation to the Soldiers and Airmen's Scripture Readers Association based on today's collection. People give in a variety of ways. Some may not be in a position to give. Please pass the plate on if that is appropriate for you. If you are a taxpayer, please use one of the Gift Aid envelopes in your pew, completing the information on the front. You can also give using the card reader located at the back of the church.

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Edmond Louis Budry (1854-1932) trans. Richard Birch Hoyle (1875-1939)



THE ACT OF COMMITMENT

All shall sit or kneel and the Minister shall say:
Let us pledge ourselves anew
to the service of God and our fellow men:
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.

Guide us by your Spirit;
give us wisdom;
give us courage;
give us hope;
and keep us faithful now and always.
Amen.



THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

All stand:

God save our gracious King,
long live our noble King,
God save the King.
Send him victorious,
happy and glorious,
long to reign over us:
God save the King.

Thy choicest gifts in store
on him be pleased to pour,
long may he reign.
May he defend our laws,
and ever give us cause
to sing with heart and voice:
God save the King.

THE BLESSING

Trumpet Voluntary - John Stanley



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