**Remembrance Sunday**

**8th November 2020**

Introduction & welcome: *Rev Kate*

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.

Gathering:

We meet in the presence of God to 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.

*Hymn music: All people that on earth do dwell*

Our help is in the name of the Lord: **who made heaven and earth.**

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

A prayer of confession:

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world;

our pride, our selfishness, our greed, our evil decisions and hatreds.

Let us confess our failure to seek and establish that peace which God wills for his children.

**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.**

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**.

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**

Old Testament reading: *Amos 5:18-24*

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn music: O God, our help in ages past*

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 25:1-13*

Jesus said “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Act of Remembrance

Let us remember before God and commend to his sure keeping:

those who have died for their country in war;

those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure;

and all who have lived and died in the service of mankind.

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.

**We will remember them.**

*The Last Post*

Silence

The Kohima Epitaph:

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

*Reveille*

Prayers of intercession:

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

Let us pray for the service men and women who have died in the violence of war,

each one remembered by and known to God;

Lord hear your people **And grant us peace**

Let us pray for those who love them in death as in life,

offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss;

Lord hear your people **And grant us peace**

Let us 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;

Lord hear your people **And grant us peace**

Let us pray for civilian women, children and men whose lives are disfigured by war or terror,

the injured, the disabled, those who have lost homes & loved ones, those living as refugees,

calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatreds of humanity.

Lord hear your people **And grant us peace**

Let us pray for peace-makers and peace-keepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free;

remembering also those who serve in our emergency services.

Lord hear your people **And grant us peace**

Let us pray 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.

Lord hear your people **And grant us 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. **Amen.**

The act of commitment:

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and humankind, 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.

**Lord God our Father, we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humankind**

**in the cause of peace, and for the praise of your name.**

**Guide us in wisdom, give us courage, give us hope and keep us faithful now and always. Amen.**

The Peace:

The peace of the Lord be always with you;

**And also with you**

Tangnefedd yr Arglwydd a fo gyda chwi bob amser

**A hefyd gyda thi**

*National Anthems music: Mae hen wlad fy nhadau*

Sending out prayer & blessing:

Now may the blessing of God the Father, who made from one every nation that occupies the earth;

God the Son who bought us for God from every tribe and language and people and nation;

and God the Spirit who brings us together in unity, be with us now and remain with us always. **Amen.**