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# Remembrance Sunday

10.45am Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023



Service Leader: Rev Jim Trood

Preacher: Mr Gary Killeen

**Welcome to St. Matthew's.** Please join us for tea or coffee after this service. All the words for the service will also be on the projector screens.

During this service there will be an Act of Remembrance. This will take place at the memorial in the St Clement's Chapel within the church, close to 11.00am. Three wreaths will be laid. The first in St Clement's Chapel, which was refurbished in 1920 as a war memorial. Following the service, the second will be laid at the Memorial Cross, which overlooks the town and is accessed via the stone steps. The third wreath will be laid in the Memorial Gardens, which were designed as a memorial to the dead of the two World Wars and which are owned by Walsall Borough Council.

**Children's Church** will leave for their groups following the act of remembrance.

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## **Welcome and Notices**

### **Opening Words**

We are here to worship Almighty God, whose purposes are good; whose power sustains the world he has made; who loves us, though we have failed in his service; who gave Jesus Christ for the life of the world; who by his Holy Spirit leads us in his way.

As we give thanks for his great works, we remember those who have lived and died in his service and in the service of others; we pray for all who suffer through war and are in need; we ask for his help and blessing that we may do his will, and that the whole world may acknowledge him as Lord and King.

The Lord be with you,  
**And also with you.**



## Song



**In the name of God the Father,**  
for the glory of the Son,  
in the power of the Spirit,  
now in faith we come.  
We are gathered in your presence  
as the people of the King  
and you raise our hearts to heaven as we sing.

*We lift up your name, O God,  
you are worthy of our praise,  
so great in power  
and glorious in grace,  
so high and holy  
the mighty three-in-one:  
in your name we come.*

We will call upon your mercy  
as we celebrate your grace,  
and we'll bring our joys and troubles  
as we seek your face.  
We will share the peace you've given  
as we feast upon your word;  
and you make us into light  
for all the world.

Open our lips, open our lips,  
and we shall declare your praises.  
Open our eyes, open our eyes to you.  
Open our hearts, open our minds,  
we're trusting you to change us,  
open our lives, let Jesus shine anew.

## All Together Talk (leading into...)

### Act of Remembrance

- *Words of gathering and commemoration*

Let us remember before God and commend to his safe keeping those who have died and who suffer in war; those who we knew and whose memory we treasure and all who have lived and died In the service of people of the world.

- *A wreath of poppies is laid*
- *The Last Post*
- *Silence*
- *Reveille*



They grow not old as we who are left grow old.  
Age shall not wither them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.  
**We will remember them.**

### Saying Sorry

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world; its pride, its selfishness, its greed; its evil divisions and hatreds. Let us confess our share in what is wrong, and our failure to seek and establish that peace which God wills for his children.

*[short silence]*

Lord God, our maker and our redeemer,  
this is your world and we are your people:  
come among us and save us.



Where we have wilfully misused your gifts of creation,  
be merciful, Lord:  
**forgive us and help us.**

Where we have seen the ill-treatment of others  
and have not gone to their aid,  
be merciful, Lord:  
**forgive us and help us.**

Where we have condoned the lie in our society,  
and failed to achieve justice or compassion,  
be merciful, Lord:  
**forgive us and help us.**

Where we have heard for ourselves the good news of Christ,  
but have not shared it with our generation nor taught it to our children,  
be merciful, Lord:  
**forgive us and help us.**

Where we have not loved you with all our heart,  
nor our neighbours as ourselves,  
be merciful, Lord:  
**forgive us and help us.**

**O God, forgive us for our lack of love,  
and in your mercy,  
make us what you would have us be,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear God's tender words of comfort for his people:  
your sorrows are ended, your sin is paid for.  
God will show you his glory,  
and you will receive grace at his hand;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## All Together Song

**In my wrestling and in my doubts**

In my failures You won't walk out  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea  
You are the peace in my troubled sea



In the silence, You won't let go  
In the questions, Your truth will hold  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Chorus

My lighthouse, my lighthouse  
Shining in the darkness. I will follow You  
My lighthouse, my lighthouse  
I will trust the promise, you will carry me  
Safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore  
Safe to shore

I won't fear what tomorrow brings  
With each morning I'll rise and sing  
My God's love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

## CHILDREN LEAVE FOR THEIR GROUPS

### **Prayers** (*Jeremy Sargent*)

*The following response may be used*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*At the end*

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
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.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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.**



## **Sung Worship**



### **The splendour of the King**

clothed in majesty;

let all the earth rejoice,

all the earth rejoice.

He wraps himself in light

and darkness tries to hide,

and trembles at his voice,

and trembles at his voice.

How great is our God

(sing with me)

how great is our God and all will see

how great, how great is our God!

And age to age he stands,

and time is in his hands;

beginning and the end,

beginning and the end.

The Godhead, Three in One,

Father, Spirit, Son,

the Lion and the Lamb,

the Lion and the Lamb.

### *Bridge*

Name above all names, worthy of all praise;

my heart will sing: How great is our God!

How great is our God!



**O Lord my God. When I in awesome wonder**

Consider all the works thy hand hath made.  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder.  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.



Then sings my soul,  
My saviour God to thee,  
How great thou art. How great thou art.  
*(Repeat chorus)*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think that God his Son not sparing,  
Sent him to die - I scarce can take it in.  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
To take me home - what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then shall I bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art.

## **1<sup>st</sup> Bible Reading** (*Sue Webster*)



- **1 Thessalonians 4:13-end p.1188**

<sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. <sup>15</sup> According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord for ever. <sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage one another with these words.

*At the end*

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

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Bible Reading** (*Jack Sargent*)



- **John 15:9-17 p.1083**

<sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup> My command is this: love each other as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command. <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> This is my command: love each other.

*At the end*

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

## **Sermon** (Mr Gary Killeen)



### **Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

**PRAYER MINISTRY IS AVAILABLE IN THE SIDE CHAPEL**

## **Offertory Song** *(including collection)*

*(During this song, offering bags will be passed round)*



### *Verse 1*

#### **You unravel me with a melody**

You surround me with a song  
Of deliverance from my enemies  
Till all my fears are gone

### *Chorus*

I'm no longer a slave to fear  
I am a child of God  
I'm no longer a slave to fear  
I am a child of God

### *Verse 2*

From my Mother's womb  
You have chosen me  
Love has called my name  
I've been born again into Your family  
Your blood flows through my veins

### *Bridge*

You split the sea so I could walk right through it  
My fears were drowned in perfect love  
You rescued me so I could stand and sing  
I am a child of God

## **There is a redeemer**

Jesus, God's own Son,  
Precious lamb of God, Messiah,  
Holy one.



Thank you, O my Father,  
For giving us your Son,  
And leaving your Spirit  
Till the work on earth is done.

Jesus my redeemer,  
Name above all names,  
Precious lamb of God, Messiah,  
O for sinners slain.

When I stand in glory  
I will see his face.  
And there I'll serve my King for ever,  
In that holy place.

## **Collection Prayer**

**Lord Jesus Christ,**  
**you emptied yourself, taking the form of a servant.**  
Through your love, make us servants of one another.



**Lord Jesus Christ, for our sake you became poor.**  
May our lives and gifts enrich the life of your world.

## **National Anthem**

**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.



## **Blessing & Closing Words**



Go forth into the world in peace;  
be of good courage;  
hold fast that which is good;  
render to no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;  
help the afflicted; honour everyone;  
love and serve the Lord,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ, Amen.**



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