

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Wednesday 11th November 10.45 – 11.15am

CALL TO WORSHIP

Remember all that happened long ago,
for I am God...& there is no one like me.

Hymn 113

O worship the King, all-glorious above;
O gratefully sing his power and his love:
our Shield and Defender,
the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour,
and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light,
whose canopy space;
his chariots of wrath
the deep thunder-clouds form,
and dark is his path
on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store
of wonders untold,
Almighty, your power has founded of old;
established it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it has cast,
like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills,
it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies how tender,
how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender,
Redeemer, and Friend.

O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
while angels delight to hymn you above,
your ransomed creation,
though feeble our praise,
in true adoration our voices we raise.

Robert Grant (1779–1838)

Reading: Micah 4 : 1 – 5

PRAYER

Last Post

SILENCE

Reveille

Hymn 131

By a monument of marble,
or a simple wooden cross,
here we gather to remember
sacrifice and tragic loss.
Blood-red poppy petals flutter,
each a symbol for a life,
drifting in a crimson curtain,
shadow of our constant strife.

Solemn silence now surrounds us
as we stand in memory.
Why must factions stir up conflict?
This eternal mystery
troubles hearts and stirs the conscience,
urges us to think again;
face the curse of confrontation,
yet reduce this searing pain.

INTERCESSIONS

Hymn 69

For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom;
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.

For the sound of war still thunders
through our planet, on this day.
Every hour new victims suffer,
even as we meet to pray.
God, we need your help and guidance
in our constant search for peace.
Move us on to new solutions
as we pray that wars may cease.

Marjorie Dobson (b. 1940)

All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned;
pride of status, race, or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator-God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind;
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.

Fred Kaan (1929–2009)

DISMISSAL

Take our hatreds: make them into handshakes
Take our prejudices: make them into peace-offerings
Take our arguments: make them into alliances
Take our battles: make them into bonds
Take our misunderstandings: make them into music
Take our divisions: make them into dances
Take our schisms: make them into songs

BLESSING