

St. John's Parish Church, Ben Rhydding
EXPLORE TOGETHER SERVICE

8TH NOVEMBER 2020

(REMEMBRANCE)

On-Line Version

* *Links are included for the sermon and songs below*

Feel free to use this in your own way.

However, if you would like to make a point of going through this material on Sunday at 10 am, then that would add to our sense of community and joint worship.

This morning we hope to do the whole service on Zoom@10 so please stay with us if you'd like to. Click the following link to join us from 9:45 onwards:

[**Sunday AM Zoom Meeting**](#)

INTRODUCTION

WE PRAY TOGETHER

**Loving Lord,
Fill us with your life-giving,
Joy-giving
Peace-giving presence,
That we may praise you
Now with our lips
And all day long with our lives
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

COLLECT

Lord of the nations,
Saviour and judge of all:
remove from human hearts all bitterness and hate,
grant to those who have died in war your mercy and forgiveness
and bring us all to the peace of your eternal Kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who suffered and died,
and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, world without end. Amen.

Song 1 **Praise to the Lord Almighty**

Praise to the Lord
The Almighty, the King of creation
O my soul praise Him
For He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near
Join me in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord
Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth
Sheilded thee under His wings
Yea, so gently sustaineth
Hast thou not seen, how thy desires have been
Granted in what He ordaineth

Praise to the Lord, who shall prosper our work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the almighty can do,
If with his love will befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord - O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the "Amen!" sound from his people again;
gladly for aye adore him!

WE LISTEN **MATTHEW 25: 1-13**

'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.

TALK

QUESTIONS:

1. How might this passage or reflection motivate you to live differently today?
2. What are the principles that we want to live for today?
3. What might God want to say to you today?
4. What might you want to say to God?

Remembrance Reflection Video

Song 2 **Dear Lord and Father of mankind**

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper rev'ence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard
Beside the Syrian sea
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word,
Rise up and follow Thee.

Drop thy still dews of quietness
Till all our strivings cease
Take from our souls the strain and stress
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace
The beauty of Thy peace.

Breath through the heats of our desire

Thy coolness and Thy balm
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire
Speak through the earthquake, wind and fire.

O still, small voice of calm!
O still, small voice of calm!

INTERCESSIONS

WE PRAY

**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 forever. Amen**

THE PEACE the peace candle is lit

Hear these words of Jesus:

'Peace I leave you with you; my peace I give 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

Let us share a sign of peace

SONG 3 **I, the Lord of sea and sky**

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them,
they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.*

Daniel L Schutte

AN ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Confession

In life and in death we are with the Lord. Let us turn to the Lord who is full of compassion and mercy, and ask that he will forgive us our sins, and extend his healing love upon our broken world.

Lord, you promise a place in paradise to all who call to you in penitence and faith. Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, you bring comfort to those who mourn and have suffered loss.
Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord, you speak your word of peace in times of conflict and calm our fears.
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive us our sins
and make us holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

REMEMBRANCE

Let us now remember before God,
And commend to his sure keeping:
Those who have died for their country in war, especially from this community;
Those whom we knew, and those whose memory we treasure;
And all who have lived and died
In the service of all people

(The names on the war memorial are read out loud)

Remembrance Names and Falling Poppies

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, not 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 is sounded followed by 2 minutes silence)

Remembrance Day - 2 minute silence

Almighty and eternal God,
From whose love in Christ we cannot be parted,
Either by death or life:
Hear our prayers and thanksgivings
For all whom we remember this day;
Fulfil in them the purpose of your love;
And bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Song 4 **Make me a channel of your peace**

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is hatred let me bring Your love;

Where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord;
And where there's doubt, true faith in You.

*Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of Your peace.
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
Where there is darkness let me bring Your light;
And where there's sadness bring Your joy.

*Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of Your peace.
For when we give we will ourselves receive
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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AN ACT OF COMMITMENT

**Lord God our Father,
We pledge ourselves
To serve you and all the world,
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**

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

May the God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
comfort and assure you of his love
in this world and the next;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Go in peace to love your neighbour.
Go in power to work for reconciliation.
Go in hope to proclaim the resurrection.

All: Thanks be to God.