

St Mary's Church, Walkley

Remembrance Sunday

8th November 2020

The Church on the Road:
Inclusive, Eucharistic, a safe place to be with God



The Preparation

Minister Blessed are the peacemakers:
they shall be called children of God.
We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you,
And also with you.

The minister introduces the service.

Minister We worship God,
who is good and just and true.
He created and sustains the world;
and loves us, though we have failed him.

We remember
all who have given their lives in the struggle for justice and peace,
all who suffer in war and conflict,
and all who live in terror.

We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith
for reconciliation between the nations,
that all people may live together in freedom, justice and peace.

All **Amen.**

We sit.

The Confession and Absolution

Minister 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.

We keep a time of silence.

Minister Lord God our Father, maker of all:
we praise you for your great work creating the world.
Give us the skill to build a society where all may thrive,
and forgive us when we use your gifts poorly.

All Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Minister Lord Jesus Christ,
Son of the living God,
Prince of Peace:
as we thank you for your life among us,
forgive us when we fail to live together as one family.
Help us to dwell together in love and peace,
seeking one another's welfare,
bearing one another's burdens,
and sharing one another's joys.
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Minister Holy Spirit,
Lord of grace,
fulfiller of humanity:
give us strength to face the future,
and wisdom to learn from the past
as we remember those who have given their lives
in the service of justice and peace.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Minister The almighty and merciful Lord
grant us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Collect

Minister Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Word of God

The First Reading: Micah 4. 1 - 5

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Micah.

In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised up above the hills.

Peoples shall stream to it,

and many nations shall come and say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between many peoples,
and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away;

they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more;

but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig
trees,

and no one shall make them afraid;

for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

For all the peoples walk,

each in the name of its god,

but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God
for ever and ever.

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

The Second Reading: John 15. 9 - 17

A reading from the Gospel according John.

Jesus said, As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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

The Homily

The Act of Remembrance

Minister We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away.

Individuals may be remembered.

Minister 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 is sounded.

We keep silence.

The Reveille is sounded.

A wreath is laid.

Minister When you go home tell them of us and say: 'For your tomorrow, we gave our today.'

Minister Ever-living God we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Prayers of Intercession

We remain seated or kneel.

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

Intercessor Most merciful Father,
accept our prayers
that we may know your peace in our hearts,
and your love in our lives,
through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The prayers conclude with the following:

The Lord's Prayer

Minister Trusting in the compassion of God,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All **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.**

We stand.

The Act of Commitment

Minister Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and our fellow men and women: 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 of humanity,
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 Blessing

Minister 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 faint-hearted;
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 us and remain with us always.

All **Amen.**

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