

St Mary's Church, Walkley



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

Remembrance Sunday

14th November 2021

Welcome to St Mary's Church, Walkley

We welcome our friends from Walkley Ebenezer Methodist Church and our preacher, Jenny, a Methodist Local Preacher. At the moment we are not quite back to our usual way of worship. You will notice that:

- Half the seating is still arranged for people who want to keep physical distance.
- We will be singing only a little – at the beginning and towards the end of the service, whilst wearing face-coverings.
- There won't be a Gospel procession. Instead, the president (the priest leading the service) will read the Gospel from the front of the altar.
- We won't be able to share the Peace in the usual way. Instead, we will stay in our places and wave, nod or bow to each other.

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 remain standing and we sing.

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.
Lord, have mercy.

All **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.

All Lord, have mercy.
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 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.

All **Amen.**

We sit.

The Word of God

The First Reading: Isaiah 2. 1 - 4

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come
the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.
Many peoples 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 the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
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.

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Second Reading: Matthew 5. 1 - 12

A reading from the Gospel according Matthew.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

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 May God give peace,
All **God give peace.**

Intercessor 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.

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.**

We remain standing and we sing.

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.

We remain standing and we sing.

Please take this order of service away with you!

Beginning with the back rows of pews and chairs, please leave using the church porch and move away as quickly as possible to help others to leave too. If you use the ramp, please use the hall door as usual, and move away as quickly as you can.

Coffee and tea are back! If you would like to stay for coffee and a chat, please move to the hall, find a place at a table and sit down. You will be served at your table.

Please be mindful of those who prefer to keep their distance from others at the moment.

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