



**YORK
MINSTER**

The Cathedral & Metropolitan Church of St Peter in York

**A SERVICE
OF
COMMEMORATION
ON
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

**SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2023
AT 10.30 AM**

Welcome to York Minster

Today we hold in prayer those who, in our world today, are affected by violence, war and conflict and remember those who gave their lives for peace, unity and concord in years past.

Although this form of worship draws on the liturgical tradition of the Church of England, we hope that people of all faiths and traditions will find that they can share the feelings of sorrow, thanksgiving and hope it expresses through prayer, scripture, music and silence.

We are encouraged to make donations privately to support the work of the Royal British Legion.

At today's service, the Lord-Lieutenant of North Yorkshire is represented by Sir William Worsley Bt. DL.

The Lord-Lieutenant of North Yorkshire is His Majesty The King's representative in the county. Her duty is to accompany His Majesty and other members of the Royal Family on visits to the county and to keep Buckingham Palace informed of local issues. She also carries out visits and makes presentations of awards on behalf of His Majesty. The Lord-Lieutenant is assisted in her duties by a Vice Lord-Lieutenant and a number of Deputy Lieutenants. The presence of The Lord-Lieutenant, her Vice Lord-Lieutenant or one of her Deputies at an event is therefore a privilege that directly links our local community to the Monarch.

The service is sung by the Choir of York Minster, directed by Robert Sharpe, Director of Music. The organ is played by Adam Wilson, Assistant Organist (organ music before the service), and Benjamin Morris, Assistant Director of Music (during the service).



Order of Service

A bell is rung. Please stand as the Procession enters.

Processional Hymn



1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise the everlasting King.

2. Praise him for his grace and favour
to our forebears in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia,
glorious in his faithfulness.

3. Father-like, he tends and spares us,
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Alleluia, alleluia,
widely as his mercy flows.

4. Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise with us the God of grace.

Words AM 766, Henry Francis Lyte (1793–1847) based on Psalm 103

Tune PRAISE MY SOUL, AM 766, John Goss (1800–1880)

Sentences from scripture are read:

God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble.

PSALM 46.1

I lift my eyes to the hills—from whence will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

PSALM 121.1,2

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice,
and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

MICAH 6.8

The Bidding

The Dean says:

We meet in the presence of God.

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

We pray for all
who in bereavement, disability and pain
continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.

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

Stir up your power, O God,
and come among us.
Heal our wounds,
calm our fears,
and give us peace;
through Jesus our redeemer.

Amen.

A Litany of Reconciliation

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class,
Father, forgive.

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own,
Father, forgive.

The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth,
Father, forgive.

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,
Father, forgive.

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee,
Father, forgive.

The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children,
Father, forgive.

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,
Father, forgive.

Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another,
as God in Christ forgave you.

The Collect for Remembrance Sunday

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.

Amen.

First Reading

read by Colonel Tom Archer-Burton,
Commander Divisional Integrated Action Group, 1st (UK) Division

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and have taken possession of it and settled in it, and you say, 'I will set a king over me, like all the nations that are around me', you may indeed set over you a king whom the Lord your God will choose. One of your own community you may set as king over you; you are not permitted to put a foreigner over you, who is not of your own community. Even so, he must not acquire many horses for himself, or return the people to Egypt in order to acquire more horses, since the Lord has said to you, 'You must never return that way again.' And he must not acquire many wives for himself, or else his heart will turn away; also silver and gold he must not acquire in great quantity for himself. When he has taken the throne of his kingdom, he shall have a copy of this law written for him in the presence of the levitical priests. It shall remain with him and he shall read in it all the days of his life, so that he may learn to fear the Lord his God, diligently observing all the words of this law and these statutes, neither exalting himself above other members of the community nor turning aside from the commandment, either to the right or to the left, so that he and his descendants may reign long over his kingdom in Israel.

DEUTERONOMY 17.14–end

Here ends the First Reading.

Please stand.

Hymn



1. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home;
2. Under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.
4. A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.
5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.
6. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

Words AM 746, Isaac Watts (1674–1748) based on Psalm 90
Tune ST ANNE, AM 746, melody probably by William Croft (1678–1727)
from *A Supplement to the New Version of the Psalms* (1708)

Please sit.

Second Reading

read by the Revd Adèle Rees, Chaplain,
2 Signals Regiment

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy.

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,

who gave himself a ransom for all
—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

1 TIMOTHY 2.1–7

Here ends the Second Reading.

Please remain seated as the choir sings the TE DEUM.

Te Deum

We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
To thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein.
To thee cherubin and seraphin continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.
The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.
The noble army of martyrs praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee:
the Father of an infinite majesty;
thine honourable, true and only Son;
also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.
Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,
 thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
 thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,
 whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy saints
 in glory everlasting.

Words Book of Common Prayer

Music Service in G, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

Prayers of Intercession

led by the Canon Missioner

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict,
and ask that God may give us peace.

For the service men and women
who have died in the violence of war,
each one remembered by and known to God;

Lord, in your mercy,
give us your peace.

For those who love them in death as in life,
offering the distress of our grief
and the sadness of our loss;

Lord, in your mercy,
give us your peace.

For all members of the armed forces
who are in danger this day,
remembering family, friends
and all who pray for their safe return;

Lord, in your mercy,
give us your peace.

For civilian women, children and men
whose lives are disfigured by war or terror,
calling to mind in penitence
the anger and hatreds of humanity;

Lord, in your mercy,
give us your peace.

For peacemakers and peacekeepers,
who seek to keep this world secure and free;

Lord, in your mercy,
give us your peace.

For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership,
political, military and religious;
asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve
in the search for reconciliation and peace;

Lord, in your mercy,
give us your peace.

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.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The prayers conclude with music for reflection.

Please stand for the Act of Remembrance.

The Act of Remembrance

The Dean says:

Let us remember before God,
and commend to his sure keeping
those who have died for their country in war;
those whom we knew,
and whose memory we treasure;
and all who have lived and died
in the service of the peoples of the world.

The Revd Ruth Hake says:

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.

We will remember them.

The LAST POST is sounded.

Two minutes of silence are kept.

The REVEILLE is sounded.

The KOHIMA EPITAPH is said:

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

Please remain standing as the choir sings the anthem and wreaths are laid.

Anthem

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater love hath no man than this: that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.

Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus. Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Words Song of Solomon 8: 7 and 6; John 15: 13; 1 Peter 2: 24;

1 Corinthians 6: 11; 1 Peter 2: 9; Romans 12: 1

Music John Ireland (1879–1962)

Please remain seated.

Sermon

The Revd (Group Captain) Ruth Hake,
Deputy Chaplain-in-Chief, RAF

Anthem

Please remain seated as the choir sings:

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayer; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee. Amen.

Words *The Order of the Burial of the Dead*, Book of Common Prayer

Music Henry Purcell (1659–95)

Please stand.

Act of Commitment

The Dean says:

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and humanity:
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.

**Lord God our Father,
we pledge ourselves to serve you and all your people,
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.

Hymn



1. Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours to-day.

2. O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Words AM 739, Martin Rinkart (1586–1649)

translated by Catherine Winkworth (1827–1878)

Tune NUN DANKET, AM 739i, melody by Johann Crüger in *Praxis Pietatis Melica*
(1647)

Please remain standing.

Blessing

The Dean says:

God grant to the living, grace;
to the departed, rest;
to the Church, the King,
and all nations, peace and concord;
and to us and all his servants, life everlasting;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Please remain standing.

The National Anthem



1. 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.

2. Thy choicest gifts in store
on him be pleased to pour,
long may he reign.
May he defend our laws,
and ever give us cause
to sing with heart and voice,
God save the King.

Words v1 Anonymous, v2 W E Hickson (1803–70)

Tune NATIONAL ANTHEM, Thomas Arne (1710–78)

Please remains standing as the processions leave the Minster.

Voluntary

Fugue in E flat, BWV 552

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

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