



**A SERVICE
OF
COMMEMORATION
ON
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

**SUNDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2021
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.

The service is sung by the Choir of York Minster, directed by Benjamin Morris, Assistant Director of Music. The organ is played by Asher Oliver, Assistant Organist.

Order of Service

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

Processional Hymn



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| 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?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King. | 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.
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows. |
| 2. Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness. | 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.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace. |

Words Henry Francis Lyte (1793–1847)

Tune PRAISE, MY SOUL, NEH 436, John Goss (1800–80)

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,
calms 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.

EPHESIANS 4.32

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 Sir William Worsley DL

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

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.

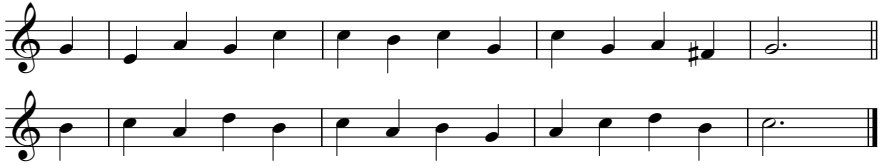
O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

ISAIAH 2.2-5

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 its sons 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 Isaac Watts (1674–1748)

Tune ST ANNE, NEH 417, from *A Supplement to the New Version* (1708)
probably supplied by William Croft (1678–1727)

Please sit.

Second Reading

read by Brigadier Alison McCourt CBE ARRC
2 Medical Brigade Commander

A reading from the Gospel of John.

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘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.

JOHN 15.9–17

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.
O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage.
Govern them and lift them up for ever.
Day by day we magnify thee;
and we worship thy name, ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

Words BCP (1662) ♦ *Music* Service in F, Harold Darke (1888–1976)

Prayers of Intercession

led by Padre Graham Collingwood, 2 Signal Regiment and York Garrison

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.

Padre Graham Collingwood 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

My soul, there is a country
Far beyond the stars,
Where stands a wingèd sentry
All skilful in the wars:

He is thy gracious friend,
And (O my soul, awake!)
Did in pure love descend,
To die here for thy sake.

There above noise, and danger,
Sweet Peace sits crowned with smiles,
And One born in a manger
Commands the beauteous files.

If thou canst get but thither,
There grows the flower of Peace,
The Rose that cannot wither,
Thy fortress, and thy ease.

Leave then thy foolish ranges,
For none can thee secure,
But One who never changes,
Thy God, thy life, thy cure.

Words Henry Vaughan (1622–95) ♦ *Music* Hubert Parry (1848–1918)

Please remain seated.

Sermon

The Rt Revd Dr Jonathan Frost, Dean of York

Anthem

Please remain seated as the choir sings:

Holy is the true light, and passing wonderful, lending radiance to them that endured in the heat of the conflict; from Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendour, wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore. Alleluia.

Words Salisbury Diurnal ♦ *Music* Philip Moore (b. 1943)

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



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.

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.

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 Martin Rinkart (1586–1649)

translated Catherine Winckworth (1827–78)

Tune NUN DANKET, NEH 413, from J Crüger's *Praxis Pietatis Melica* (c 1647)

Please remain standing.

Blessing

The Dean says:

God grant to the living, grace;
to the departed, rest;
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth,
and all humankind, 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 Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen.
Send her victorious,
happy and glorious,
long to reign over us:
God save the Queen.

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

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 and the organist plays:

Fugue in E flat, BWV 552

J S Bach (1685–1750)

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