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The Church of North India

A member of the worldwide Anglican Communion

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
(and **UNITY SUNDAY** observed)
Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity
Sunday November 8, 2020

This is an abridged service bulletin to serve as an online aid to worship.

The links to the hymns and choral music are indicated in red.

*When you go home
tell them of us
and say
“For your tomorrow,
we gave our today.”*



November 11 is *Armistice Day*. The guns ceased at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 – the day when World War One came to an end. The Sunday closest to Nov 11 is commemorated as *Remembrance Sunday* throughout the Commonwealth and also some other nations. In the USA this day is commemorated as *Veterans Day* and in Australia and New Zealand as *ANZAC Day*.

On this day we pray for all victims of war and conflict. We pray for our armed forces and their families. We remember with gratitude the service to country and countrymen of our many brave soldiers who have made the ultimate sacrifice so that we may live in peace and security.

*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.*

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|The Preparation & Gathering|

Call to Worship

Presbyter In a world filled with violence and war,
People **we gather together to celebrate the promise of peace.**
Presbyter A time set apart,
People **a time to come together;**
Presbyter A space filled with silence,
People **a space filled with song;**
Presbyter Hearts seeking solace,
People **hearts overflowing with joy:**
Presbyter Our hope is in the name of the Almighty God,
People **the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of heaven and earth.**

Opening Hymn

“O God our help in ages past”

View in YouTube link to service.

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: from Psalm 90, ISAAC WATTS (1674 - 1748)
Music: WILLIAM CROFT (1678 - 1727)*

|The Word of God |

The Collect for the Day

LORD, we beseech Thee to keep Thy household the Church in continual godliness; that through Thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve Thee in good works, to the glory of Thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The First Reading

Micah 4: 1 – 5

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 erusalem. 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.

The Second Reading

Romans 8: 31 – end

WHAT then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ?

Continued.

Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Holy Gospel

St Matthew 18. 21 - end

PETER said unto Jesus, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, until seven times; but until seventy times seven. Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants. And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents. But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. The servant therefore fell down and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt. But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellow-servants, which owed him an hundred pence; and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest. And his fellow-servant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. And he would not; but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow-servants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done. Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: shouldst not thou also have had compassion on thy fellow-servant, even as I had pity on thee? And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

All recite **The Nicene Creed**

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, light of light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, through whom all things were made: Who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose Kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, and the Life of the world to come. Amen.

The Sermon

The Revd Jess Mathew

| The Sharing of the Peace |

Presbyter Jesus said: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

|The Prayers of the People|

Intercessory Prayers for Remembrance Sunday

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; May God give peace.

God give peace.

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

May God give peace.

God give 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;

May God give peace.

God give 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;

May God give peace.

God give peace.

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

May God give peace.

God give 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;

May God give peace.

God give 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 Liturgy of the Lord's Table |

The Celebrant receives the Body and Blood of Christ on behalf of the people gathered online.

All those who are unable to receive are able to make a Spiritual Communion.

The Book of Common Prayer instructs us that if we offer ourselves in penitence and faith, giving thanks for the redemption won by Christ crucified, we may truly "eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ",

Although we cannot receive the sacrament physically in ourselves.

The Church of which we are members is not defined by the walls of a building but by the Body of Christ of which we are members.

In making our communion spiritually, we are joining with Christians everywhere to be nourished by the one who tells us, "I am the Bread of Life."



|The Thanksgiving|

The Gloria in Excelsis

Closing Prayer and Benediction The Presbyter

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. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn at the Closing

“I vow to thee my country”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7MG27BKwjaj>

1. I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love:
the love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
that lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
the love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
the love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.
2. And there's another country I've heard of long ago,
most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
we may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
and soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
and her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.

Words: CECIL SPRING— RICE (1859 -1918)

Music: GUSTAV HOLST (1874 -1934)

The Dismissal

Presbyter Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

The organ plays The Last Post



~~~ Prayer requests and Announcements ~~~

Your prayers are requested for:

- † all nations as they continue to seek ways to combat the pandemic.
- † the new President-elect and the new government which will be formed in the United States of America.
- † all personnel in our armed forces. Pray for their safety and their families. Pray for the several many who have lost their life in war and conflict. Pray for peacemakers and those who work toward reconciliation.
- † all victims of terror. Pray for greater understanding and dialogue between different faiths.
- † patience and hope for each one of us.
- † the reduction in the number of COVID - 19 cases. Pray especially for our City.
- † the well-being of all patients in hospitals and those who are in quarantine and self-isolation.
- † public worship to resume again and for church authorities as they make necessary arrangements.
- † all senior citizens in our community and those who are unwell. Pray for their care providers.
- † the Church of St John the Evangelist and the Revd Christdoss. It is apt we remember St John's this morning as this church was built in memory of soldiers who died in the Anglo Afghan Wars.
- † the Church of North India's Diocese of Kolhapur and the Rt Revd Sandeep Vibhute.
- † the Church of South India's Diocese of Kanyakumari and the Rt Revd A. R. Chelliah.
- † in the Anglican Communion, the Church in the Province of the West Indies and the Most Revd Howard Gregory.

- We thank the Revd Jess Mathew for preaching today. He is a Presbyterian in the CSI Diocese of Madhya Kerala and is involved in outreach work in Karimnagar. The CNI, CSI and the Mar Thoma Church are in intercommunion with each other. Nov 8 is observed as *Unity Sunday* – a day to give thanks to God for the united witness of these three denominations. Let us pray for the leadership of the Church and for greater ecumenical relations.
- The Cathedral & John Connon School's Founders' Day falls on Nov. 14. Pray for the pupils, staff, Principal and the Board of Governors. A pre-recorded service will be made available online.
- *Harvest Festival* will be observed in our online service on Nov 15. Let us think of ways in which we can do our bit to contribute to those less fortunate than ourselves. Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions on public gatherings, we will be unable to celebrate this day as we would usually have done. Nonetheless, let us in heart and mind join in thanksgiving, prayer and praise.
- Advent begins this year on November 29. Let us use this time of quiet expectation to wait in hope for the coming of the Prince of Peace.

~~~ Birthdays ~~~

May God bless you abundantly.

Sharon Ravichandran (12), Samantha Dawson (14), Leona Michyari (14)

~~~ Wedding Anniversaries ~~~

*Be blessed with love, joy and companionship all the years of your life.*

Surendh & Cynthia Dawson (9), Kora & Ammini Ipe (14)

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| Sun   | 10 am    | Prayer and fellowship lasting approximately 45 minutes.       |
|       | 11:15 am | Sunday school                                                 |
|       | 7:30 pm  | Bible study for the youth.                                    |
| Daily | 6pm      | Prayer cycle led by the Women's Fellowship.                   |
| Sat   | 5 pm     | Class on liturgy & theory of music for the junior choristers. |