

## **Worship at Home for Remembrance Sunday**

*Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020*

*We believe that wherever we worship God 'in Spirit and in truth', He will be present.*

*To worship in your household, choose a specific place - perhaps somewhere you can light a candle, and where you and those joining you can sit together undisturbed. Choose a time when you can be unhurried. Then read slowly through the service sheet, praying the prayers as you go. If you are with others, then one of you can take the lead and say the words in normal type, with the other(s) reading the lines in bold, or you could take it in turns to lead. If it is just you, then read it all yourself. Some people find it helps to read the prayers and responses aloud, even on their own.*

*The Collect, the Bible readings and the Reflection are provided separately. Short intercessions are included, but you may wish to use your own prayers, or some may be provided by your church.*

*At any point, you could pause to look at the 'pick n mix' activities, or do them later instead – whatever age you are! Hymns and songs are not included in the written version of this service.*

*Find what works for you and, as you worship, pray and learn at home, may God bless you and those others doing the same.*



## Opening Words

Grace, mercy and peace, from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

### **And also with you**

We have come together to worship God and to remember those who have lived and died  
in war as they sought to serve others. We will confess with shame those occasions when  
nations have lightly chosen war rather than peace. We will pray for all who still suffer as a  
result of war and we will commit ourselves to serve their needs and to work with all our  
strength to see peace and justice established throughout the world.

## A Poem - *And death shall have no dominion* - Dylan Thomas - 1914-1953

And death shall have no dominion.  
Dead men naked they shall be one  
With the man in the wind and the west moon;  
When their bones are picked clean and the clean bones gone,  
They shall have stars at elbow and foot;  
Though they go mad they shall be sane,  
Though they sink through the sea they shall rise again;  
Though lovers be lost love shall not;  
And death shall have no dominion.

And death shall have no dominion.  
Under the windings of the sea  
They lying long shall not die windily;  
Twisting on racks when sinews give way,  
Strapped to a wheel, yet they shall not break;  
Faith in their hands shall snap in two,  
And the unicorn evils run them through;  
Split all ends up they shan't crack;  
And death shall have no dominion.

And death shall have no dominion.  
No more may gulls cry at their ears  
Or waves break loud on the seashores;  
Where blew a flower may a flower no more  
Lift its head to the blows of the rain;  
Though they be mad and dead as nails,  
Heads of the characters hammer through daisies;  
Break in the sun till the sun breaks down,  
And death shall have no dominion.

### Act of Remembrance

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

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 played, followed by silence, which ends with the sounding of the Reveille*

### Act of Penitence

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.

For the hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class,  
**Father Forgive.**

For the covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own,  
**Father Forgive.**

For the greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth,  
**Father Forgive.**

For our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,  
**Father Forgive.**

For our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee,  
**Father Forgive.**

For the lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children,  
**Father Forgive.**

May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse *us* from *our* sins,  
and restore *us* in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### Bible Reading and Address (See separate sheet)

### Prayers of Intercession

In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
We pray for the leaders of the nations,

that you will guide them in the ways of freedom, justice and truth.  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who bear arms on behalf of the nation,  
that they may have discipline and discernment,  
courage and compassion.  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our enemies, and those who wish us harm,  
that you will turn the hearts of all to kindness and friendship.  
Lord, in your mercy. **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the wounded and the captive,  
the grieving and the homeless,  
that in all their trials they may know your love and support.  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Most holy God and Father,  
hear our prayers for all who strive for peace  
and all who fight for justice.  
Help us, who today remember the cost of war,  
to work for a better tomorrow;  
and, as we commend to you lives lost in terror and conflict,  
bring us all, in the end, to the peace of your presence;  
through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**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.**

### **Act of Commitment**

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace? **We will.**

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war? **We will.**

Will you work for a just future for all humanity? **We will.**

**Lead us, O God, on the journey of justice.**

**Guide, us, O God, on the pathways of peace.**

**Renew us, O God, by the wellsprings of grace,**

**Today and forever. Amen.**

### **Blessing and Dismissal**

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 fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing....

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**