

**Sunday 12 November 2023**  
**Hymns, Readings, and Collect**

**Remembrance Sunday**  
**Third Sunday before Advent**

**Opening Hymn: All people that on earth**

All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,  
come ye before him, and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed,  
without our aid he did us make;  
we are his folk, he doth us feed,  
and for his sheep he doth us take.

For why? the Lord our God is good:  
his mercy is for ever sure;  
his truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
the God whom heaven and earth adore,  
from men and from the angel-host  
be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

*Old Hundredth 334 NEH*

**Confession, Absolution, and Gloria**

**The Collect**

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.**

**The New Testament Reading**

A reading from St Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

This is the word of the Lord.

*1 Thessalonians 4: 13–end*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation: Wait for the Lord**

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.  
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

*Taize Community*

**The Gospel**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples:

'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of

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them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*St Matthew 25: 1-13*

**The Sermon & The Prayers of Intercession**

**Offertory Hymn: O God our help in ages past**

O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home;

under the shadow of thy throne  
thy saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone,  
and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,  
or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting thou art God,  
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight  
are like an evening gone,  
short as the watch that ends the night  
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all its sons away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guard while troubles last,  
and our eternal home.

*St Anne 417 NEH*

**Anthem: Let there be peace on earth**

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on earth the peace that was meant to be,  
With God as our Father brothers all are we  
Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.  
Let peace begin with me let this be the moment now  
With every step I take let this be my solemn vow  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally  
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

*Arr. Keith Beniston (b. 1952)*

**Communion Hymn: Make me a channel of your peace**

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred let me bring your love;  
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;  
and where there's doubt, true faith in you. *Refrain:*

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;  
where there is darkness, only light;  
and where there's sadness, ever joy. *Refrain:*

*O Master grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved, as to love with all my soul!*

Make me a channel of your peace.  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving of ourselves that we receive,  
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

*St Francis 725 AM*

**Post Communion Prayer**

**The Hymn to the Memorial: I vow to thee my country**

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.

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.

*Thaxted 295 AMNS*

**The Act of Remembrance**

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 mankind.

*Silence is kept.*

*The poppy wreath is laid at the foot of the Memorial.*

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.**

**Last Post** *is sounded.*

*Silence is kept.*

**Reveille** *is sounded.*

**The Kohima Epitaph**

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

Let us pray,  
Almighty and eternal God,  
from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted,  
neither by death nor life:  
Hear our prayers and thanksgivings  
for all whom we remember this day;  
fulfil in them the purpose of your love;  
and bring us all, with them,  
to your eternal joy; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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*The minister gives*

**The Blessing:**

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

*All remain standing to sing*

**The National Anthem:**

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.

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.