

# Remembrance Sunday



## ¶ Gathering

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

All **And also with you.**

*Words of welcome and introduction are said.*

### Introit Choir of St Ann's

*The choir have prepared the traditional Ukrainian  
'Contakion of the Dead'*

Give rest, O Christ,  
to thy servant with thy saints,  
where sorrow and pain are no more;  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Thou only art immortal,  
the Creator and Maker of man;  
and we are mortal, formed of the earth,  
and unto earth shall we return;  
for so thou didst ordain  
when thou created me, saying:  
'Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.'  
All we go down to the dust,  
and, weeping o'er the grave we make our song:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Give rest, O Christ,  
to thy servant with thy saints,  
where sorrow and pain are no more;  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.

## Psalm 46

Sydwell God is our refuge and strength  
a very present help in trouble;  
Therefore we will not fear,  
though the earth be moved,  
and though the mountains tremble  
in the midst of the sea;  
All **Though the waters rage and swell,  
and though the mountains quake  
at the towering seas.**

Sydwell There is a river  
whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy place of the dwelling of the Most High.  
All **God is in the midst of her;  
therefore shall she not be removed;  
God shall help her at the break of day.**

Sydwell The nations are in uproar  
and the kingdoms are shaken,  
but God utters his voice and the earth shall melt away.  
All **The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

Sydwell Come and behold the works of the Lord,  
what destruction he has wrought upon the earth.  
All **He makes wars to cease in all the world;  
he shatters the bow and snaps the spear  
and burns the chariots in the fire.**

Sydwell 'Be still and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations;  
I will be exalted in the earth.  
All **The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

## Collect

Sydwell God, our refuge and strength,  
bring near the day when wars shall cease  
and poverty and pain shall end,  
that earth may know the peace of heaven  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
All **Amen.**

## ¶ Remembrance

Nigel Let us remember before God,  
and commend to his safe keeping,  
those who have died for their country in war;  
any 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 Exhortation is said*

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.

All **We will remember them.**

### *The Two-Minute Silence is held.*

Rector 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.

All **Amen.**

## National Anthem

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.

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.

## ¶ Word and Prayer

### A Reading from the Prophet Amos

*Read by Trevor Bithell*

#### *Amos 5.18-24*

<sup>18</sup> Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; <sup>19</sup> as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. <sup>20</sup> Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? <sup>21</sup> I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. <sup>22</sup> Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. <sup>23</sup> Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. <sup>24</sup> But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Trevor  
All This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Reading *read by the Revd Sydwell Isaac*

Sydwell  
All Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

#### *Matthew 25.1-13*

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples:<sup>1</sup> 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup> Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup> When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup> but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup> As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup> But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." <sup>7</sup> Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup> The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." <sup>9</sup> 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." <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." <sup>12</sup> But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." <sup>13</sup> Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

Sydwell  
All This is the gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Hymn – Lord, for the years

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,  
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,  
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:  
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,  
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,  
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:  
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation,  
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:  
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation:  
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,  
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,  
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him:  
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us –  
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,  
past put behind us, for the future take us:  
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

*Timothy Dudley-Smith*

## Address

*Canon Nigel Ashworth*

## Anthem Choir of St Ann's

*The choir have prepared 'Holy is the true Light'  
by William Harris, words as follows:*

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 from the Salisbury Diurnal by G.H. Palmer*

## Intercession

*Ottmar Morrett*

Prayers incorporate this response:

Ottmar Lord, meet us in the silence,  
All **and hear our prayer.**

*At the end*

Ottmar Lord of the Church,  
All **hear our prayer  
and make us one in heart and mind  
to serve you with joy for ever.  
Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

All **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 Peace

*Sydwell introduces the Peace and says*

Sydwell The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
All **And also with you.**

*All are invited to share the peace together.*

## ¶ Ending

### Hymn

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 guide while troubles last,  
and our eternal home!

*Isaac Watts Psalm 90*

### The Blessing

Nigel

The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God  
and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit  
be amongst you  
and remain with you always.

All

**Amen.**

### Voluntary

*'Nimrod' from Elgar's 'Enigma Variations' is  
played by Simon Passmore on the piano.*

*Please come back after the music  
to greet other worshippers.*