



Church of
England

St Mark's and Putnoe Heights Church



Methodist Church

Remembrance Sunday 2012

Remembrance Day and the Two Minute Silence have been observed since the end of the First World War, but their relevance remains undiminished. When we bow our heads in reflection, we remember those who fought for our freedom during the two World Wars. But we also mourn and honour those who have lost their lives in more recent conflicts, with troops on duty today in Afghanistan and other trouble spots around the world.



Verse of Scripture

Jesus said, There is no greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. *John Chapter 5:13*

Welcome

Minister: The Lord is here
All: **His Spirit is with us**

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.

Introduction

Hymn

395 MP: Judge Eternal, throned in splendor

Judge eternal, throned in splendour,
Lord of lords and King of kings,
with your living fire of judgement
purge this realm of bitter things;
solace all its wide dominion
with the healing of your wings.

Still the weary folk are pining
for the hour that brings release;
and the city's crowded clangour
cries aloud for sin to cease;
and the homesteads and the woodlands
plead in silence for their peace.

Crown, O God, your own endeavour;
cleave our darkness with your sword;
feed the faithless and the hungry
with the richness of your word;
cleanse the body of this nation
through the glory of the Lord.

Act of Penitence

Minister:

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.

**All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

Minister: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

Act of Remembrance *(all standing)*

Minister: 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 others.

Placing of the remembrance Wreath

(The wreath is brought forward and placed at the altar, after which there will be two minutes silence observed)

The Silence

To conclude the silence

Minister: 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.

Minister: Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: Hear our prayers and thanksgivings for those whom we remember this day; fulfill in them the purpose of your love; and bring us, with them, to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen.**

Act of Commitment (*all standing*)

Minister: Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and others: 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.

**All: Lord God our Father,
we pledge ourselves to serve you and others,
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

The National Anthem 194 MP

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.

Offering

Thank you for your gifts to the church. If you are a tax payer please use Gift Aid envelopes available in the church. Thank you also to those who have already presented their offering through the bank by standing order or who use the envelope scheme.

**All: Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you:
Use them your holy purpose to fulfill;
Tokens of love and pledges they shall be
That our whole life is offered to your will. Amen**

Hymn

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.

The Collect

Eternal God, in whose perfect realm no sword is drawn but the sword of justice, and no strength known but the strength of love: guide and inspire all who seek your kingdom, that peoples and nations may find their security in the love which casts out fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Bible Readings

These may be followed on partnership news

Reader: This is the word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Hymn Tune (*Franconia*)
724 HP Blessed are the pure in heart

Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell on earth in lowliness
our pattern and our king.

Still to the lowly soul
he doth himself impart
and for his dwelling and his throne
chooseth the pure in heart.

Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be:
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple meet for thee.

Sermon

The Reverend Dr Sam Cappleman

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

**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**

Hymn 16 MP (*Michael*)

All my hope on God is founded;
all my trust he shall renew.
He my guide through changing order
only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Pride of man and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
all that human toil can fashion,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour,
Is my temple and my tower.

Day by day our mighty giver
grants to us his gifts of love
in his will our souls find pleasure
leading to our home above
Love shall stand, at his hand;
joy shall for his command.

Still from man to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Hear Christ's call, one and all
we who follow shall not fall.

The Blessing

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest, to all people unity,
peace and concord, and to us and all God's servants, life everlasting.
And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with
you all and remain with you always.

Prayers for Sunday and the week ahead

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 peace-makers and peace-keepers, 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 Kohima Epitaph

When you go home,
tell them of us and say
for your tomorrow,
we gave our today