



Church of
England

St Mark's and Putnoe Heights Church

Remembrance Sunday 2008



Methodist Church

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

Introduction

Minister: We are here to worship Almighty God, whose purposes are good; whose power sustains the world he has made; who loves us, though we have failed in his service; who gave Jesus Christ for the life of the world; who by his Holy Spirit leads us in his way. As we give thanks for his great works, we remember those who have lived and died in his service and in the service of others; we pray for all who suffer through war and are in need; we ask for his help and blessing that we may do his will, and that the whole world may acknowledge him as Lord and King.

Hymn

All my hope on God is founded (63 Hymns and Psalms)

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 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
(*Inside back page of hymn book*)



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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

Make me a channel of your peace (776 Hymns and Psalms)



The Collect

Bible Readings

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

Hymn

I vow to thee my country (On Partnership News)

Sermon

The Reverend Dr Sam Cappleman

Hymn

Thy hand O God has guided (784 Hymns and Psalms)

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

Our eyes have seen the glory
(242 Hymns and Psalms)

The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage; hold fast to
that which is good; render to no
one evil for evil; strengthen the
fainthearted; support the weak;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be
with you always. **Amen.**

*In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you from falling hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high,
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' fields*

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