

Service of Remembrance

Lest We Forget...



St Lawrence's Church,
Heanor

Welcome and Introduction

Hymn

(During which the banners are presented)

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,
still may we dwell 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 who breathe 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 life shall last,
and our eternal home.

The Gathering

This I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:
the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
His mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning

Opening Prayer

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.

Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess to God
the sins and shortcomings of the world;
its pride, its selfishness, its greed;
its evil distortions and hatreds.

Let us confess our share in what is wrong,
and our failure to seek and establish that peace
which God wants for His children.

After a short silence we say together:

**BEFORE GOD, WITH THE PEOPLE OF GOD,
WE CONFESS TO OUR BROKENNESS:
TO THE WAYS WE WOUND OUR LIVES,
THE LIVES OF OTHERS
AND THE LIFE OF THE WORLD.**

May God forgive us, Christ renew us,
and the Spirit enable us to grow in love.

AMEN

Collect

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

Hymn

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.

Oh, 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.
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
Where there is darkness, only light;
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Oh, 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.

Reading
Musical Reflection

Offertory Hymn
(The collection will be shared between
St Lawrence's Church and the Royal British Legion)

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Prayers

Hymn

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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 for 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
where you're disowned and doubted,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without you:
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.

Act of Commitment

Let us pledge ourselves to the service of God and all
people:

**AS JESUS TAUGHT US
WE COMMIT OURSELVES
TO WELCOME STRANGERS INTO OUR MIDST,
TO CARE FOR THE POOR,
TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBOURS AS OURSELVES
AND TO ESTABLISH JUSTICE
IN OUR COMMUNITY.
IN THE NAME OF GOD AND IN THE POWER OF
THE HOLY SPIRIT
WE PLEDGE OURSELVES TO WORK FOR PEACE:
PEACE IN OUR HOMES,
PEACE IN OUR COMMUNITIES,
PEACE IN THE WORLD.
AMEN**

We continue to pray,
using the words our Saviour taught us:

**OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN,
HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME,
YOUR KINGDOM COME,
YOUR WILL BE DONE,
ON EARTH AS IN HEAVEN.
GIVE US TODAY OUR DAILY BREAD.
FORGIVE US OUR SINS
AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO SIN AGAINST US.
LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION
BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL.
FOR THE KINGDOM, THE POWER,
AND THE GLORY ARE YOURS
NOW AND FOREVER.
AMEN.**

The NATIONAL ANTHEM is sung:

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.

Please remain standing for the blessing
Blessing

We pray together, Lord Jesus Christ
Son of the living God,

TEACH US TO LIVE

IN THE WAYS OF PEACE AND JUSTICE,

TO WAGE PEACE RATHER THAN WAR;

SO THAT WE MAY COME BY THE POWER

OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

AS ONE FAMILY

TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD

WHERE YOU LIVE FOREVER AND EVER

Go in the strength of God's Spirit

lighting lamps of justice and peace

with the oil of righteousness;

and the blessing of God almighty

the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

be upon you and those you love now and always

AMEN

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
**IN THE NAME OF CHRIST,
AMEN**

