

Douglas Union with Frankfield
8 November 2020
A SERVICE OF THE WORD
for Remembrance Sunday

THE PREPARATION

GREETING

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and
not be weary they shall walk and not faint. *Isaiah 40.31*

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to
love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? *Micah 6.8*



HYMN 537 O God, our help in ages past (verses 1 & 2)

BIDDING

Brothers and sisters, on this Remembrance Sunday, we come together to offer to almighty God our worship and praise and thanksgiving, to draw near to the throne of God in penitence and humility, to hear his proclamation of justice and righteousness, to remember those who participated in past wars and to pray for all those who continue to serve in An Garda Siochana, as peace keepers throughout the world and in all our defense forces. We pray that in the power of his spirit we may serve the God of justice and peace and that his kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.

PENITENCE

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

Lord God, you sent your Son to reconcile us to yourself and to one another.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division.

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Holy Spirit, through you we put to death the sins of the body – and live.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy**

The priest pronounces the absolution:

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on you,
pardon and deliver you from all sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ACCLAMATION

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, our God and Father,
for you have created us and you sustain us.
Through your only Son Jesus Christ
you have revealed your love and your care for all your people;
you are ready to forgive and to save in time of need;
so we proclaim your glory, saying
**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

HYMN 503 – Make me a channel of your peace

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING - Isaiah 2: 1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come
the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.
Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.
O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

Psalm 47

Clap your hands together, all you peoples;
O sing to God with shouts of joy.

For the Lord Most High is to be feared;
he is the great King over all the earth.

He subdued the peoples under us
and the nations under our feet.

He has chosen our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob, whom he loves.

God has gone up with a merry noise,
the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.

O sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with all your skill.

God reigns over the nations;
God has taken his seat upon his holy throne.

The nobles of the peoples are gathered together
with the people of the God of Abraham.

For the powers of the earth belong to God
and he is very highly exalted. *Gloria*

SECOND READING - John 15: 9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

THE SERMON

HYMN 494 – Beauty for brokenness (verses 1, 3 & chorus)

THE RESPONSE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
creator of heaven and earth? **I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ,
who redeemed the world? **I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit
who gives life to the people of God? **I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

HYMN 494 – Beauty for brokenness (verse 5 & chorus)

THE PRAYERS

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the leaders of the nations, that you will guide them in the ways of freedom, justice and truth. We pray for all in authority in this land, that despite the huge demand for resources at this time of pandemic, the most vulnerable in our society would always be protected and given the support they need.

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who bear arms on behalf of the nation, that they may have discipline and discernment, courage and compassion. We pray for all members of An Garda Síochána, those who work in hospitals and in other essential services who put their own health at risk as they care of others. We pray for those who wish us harm, that you will turn the hearts of all to kindness and friendship.

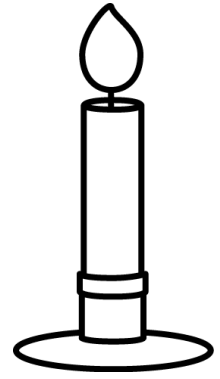
Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the wounded and the captive, the grieving and the homeless, that in all their trials they may know your love and support. We pray for all refugees, prisoners of conscience and for those who are persecuted for their faith. Bless and protect those who work as peacekeepers and in aid agencies as they care for the suffering in our world.

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

Most holy God and Father hear our prayers for all who strive for peace and all who fight for justice. Help us, who today remember the cost of war, to work for a better tomorrow; and, as we commend to you lives lost in terror and conflict, bring us all, in the end, to the peace of your presence; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

As November is a month for remembrance, we keep a time of silence for reflection, as we recall our own loved ones who have departed this life and in particular those who have died since March who have not had the public funeral they deserved or the opportunities for sharing grief that their families would have wanted. You may want to light a candle in their memory as you pray and give thanks.



Eternal God, you hold all souls in life;
May the bright beams of your light and heavenly comfort shine on your servants,
and grant that we, following the good example of those who served you here and
are now at rest, may at last enter with them into the fullness of your unending joy,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us sum up our prayers and praises in the words our Saviour Christ has taught us
and say: **Our Father....**

HYMN 537 O God, our help is ages past (verses 5 & 6)

BLESSING

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage,
hold fast that which is good, render to no one evil for evil.
Strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak,
help the afflicted, honour everyone.
Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit,

And the blessing of God + the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. Amen

DISMISSAL

Neither death nor life can separate us from the love of God.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.