**08/11/2020 Remembrance Sunday**

*Opening Hymn God, as with silent hearts*

*Joyce*

But let justice roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

### Thank you for joining us for this Remembrance Sunday service.

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

**And also with you.**

### Though we are separated by space and circumstance, we gather in faith 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.

So now let us remember before God, and commend to his sure keeping: those who have died for their country in war; those **w**hom we knew, and whose memory we treasure, and all who have lived and died in the service of mankind.

*Victor*

Those in Kilsaran Parish who gave their lives in the 1st and 2nd World wars

HOB Thornhill

HJ Nixon

WEC Garstin

R Hussey

WRA Leyland

LG Muske

IHB England

JG Barrow

PF Feehan

*David*

Those in Ardee Parish who gave their lives in the 1st and 2nd World wars:

*Bru*

Those in St Peter’s Parish who gave their lives in the 1st and 2nd World wars

They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them, not the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.

**We will remember them.**

The Last Post *played by Gillian Sheils*

*The silence during which photos of the memorial tablets will be displayed*

Reveille *played by Gillian Sheils*

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. **Amen.**

God, whose stillness is beyond our striving, as we remember this day on which the guns fell silent, we remember those whose bodies in the years of war were committed to the earth or sea,

those whose name alone remains, and those left behind, who, each day following, bore in silence the wounds of body, mind and spirit and the aching of their grief; So now, as their generation is embraced in the fullness of your stillness, may we, in ours, pursue in justice the peace and wholeness of your Kingdom, in which none shall die before their time and all fulfil the hope of their birth; through him whose stillness stilled the sea, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn no. 537 O God our help in ages past.

*Page 201* **THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF PENITENCE**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:  
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it. You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets. *Matthew 22: 37-39*

**Lord, have mercy on us, and write these your laws in our hearts.**

**CONFESSION**

Jesus says: ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. So let us turn away from sin and turn to him, confessing our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God’s commandments and to live in love and peace:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought and word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may walk in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

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

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One: you alone are the Lord: you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the Glory of God the Father. Amen.

**THE COLLECT**

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. **Amen**

**THE FIRST READING The Lesson: Amos 5: 18-24**

*Michael Barrow (Castlebellingham)*

The lesson is from the Book of the prophet Amos, in the fifth chapter, beginning at the eighteenth verse

Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!  
Why do you want the day of the LORD?  
It is darkness, not light;  
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.

Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,  
and gloom with no brightness in it?

*Maria (Drogheda)*

I hate, I despise your festivals,  
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.  
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.

*Roseanna or Jane (Ardee)*

Take away from me the noise of your songs;  
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.  
But let justice roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** 70 *page 670*

1  O God, make speed to save me; ♦︎  
   O Lord, make haste to help me.  
2  Let those who seek my life  
      be put to shame and confusion; ♦︎  
   let them be turned back and disgraced  
      who wish me evil.  
3  Let those who mock and deride me ♦︎  
   turn back because of their shame.  
4  But let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; ♦︎  
   let those who love your salvation say always, ‘Great is the Lord!’  
5  As for me, I am poor and needy; ♦︎  
   come to me quickly, O God.  
6  You are my help and my deliverer; ♦︎  
   O Lord, do not delay.

**THE EPISTLE READING 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18**

*Hazel (Collon)*

The Epistle is from the first epistle to the Thessalonians, in the fourth chapter, beginning at the 13th verse.

We do not want you to be un-informed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died.

*Marion*

For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL HYMN**

**THE GOSPEL READING** *The Rev’d Michael Graham*

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ,  
according to St Matthew, chapter 25, beginning at the first verse

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

25‘Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids[\*](javascript:void(0);) took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.[\*](javascript:void(0);) 2Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; 4but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6But at midnight there was a shout, “Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.” 7Then all those bridesmaids[\*](javascript:void(0);) got up and trimmed their lamps. 8The foolish said to the wise, “Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.” 9But 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.” 10And 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. 11Later the other bridesmaids[\*](javascript:void(0);) came also, saying, “Lord, lord, open to us.” 12But he replied, “Truly I tell you, I do not know you.” 13Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.[\*](javascript:void(0);)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**SERMON** *The Rev’d Iain Jamieson*

**THE NICENE CREED** *Stand*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Let us pray.

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God may give us peace: we give thanks for the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God; we pray for those who love them in death as in life. We lay at the foot of the cross the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss.

*Sung*

Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin

We pray for all members of the armed forces and defence forces who are in danger this day, remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safety; 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;

*Sung*

Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin

We pray for peace-makers and peace-keepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free; 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 justice, reconciliation and peace.

*Sung*

Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin

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.

*Sung*

Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin

The blood of Jesus whispers peace within.

**Merciful Father, accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.**

**THE PEACE**

Blessed be Christ, the Prince of Peace.

**He breaks down the walls that divide us; praise Christ who is our peace!**

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**and also with you.**

**AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE**

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ our risen high priest; make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **Amen.**

**THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE**

*Stand. The Presiding Minister takes the bread and wine and may say*

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us

**therefore let us celebrate the feast.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 1**

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Father, almighty and everliving God, at all times and in all places it is right to give you thanks and praise:

And so with all your people, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, Father, the creator and sustainer of all things; you made us in your own image, male and female you created us;

even when we turned away from you, you never ceased to care for us, but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin, giving your only begotten Son to become man and suffer death on the cross to redeem us:

he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world:

he instituted, and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

On the night that he was betrayed \* he took bread;

and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, \*

Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper \* he took the cup; and when he had given thanks to you, he gave it to them, saying,

Drink this, all of you, \* for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we do as Christ your Son commanded:

**we remember his passion and death, we celebrate his resurrection and ascension, and we look for the coming of his kingdom.**

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; and as we eat and drink these holy gifts, grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit that we may be made one in your holy Church and partakers of the body and blood of your Son, that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

**all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

 The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

**AGNUS DEI**

*David*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

*Victor*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

*Bru*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

**THE COMMUNION**

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Remember that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

MUSIC during communion *Wachet Auf Walther*

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

**THE GREAT SILENCE**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life:

Look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

**THE BLESSING**

*David*

May God the Father, Judge all merciful, make us worthy of a place in his kingdom. Amen

*Victor*

May God the Son, coming among us in power, reveal among us the promise of his glory. Amen.

*Bru*

May God the Holy Spirit make us steadfast in faith, joyful in hope and constant in love. Amen

*Richard*

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

**DISMISSAL**

*Bru*

When you go home, tell them of us and say,

For your tomorrow, we gave our today.

*(The Kohima Epitaph)*

*Joyce*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

509 Your kingdom come

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