

The Parish Church of St Giles,
Pontefract



Remembrance Sunday
Civic Service
14th November 2021

Welcome to St Giles' for this Service of Remembrance

Please note:

- Given the larger numbers present, we would ask you to wear a face mask whilst present in the building, entering and leaving and also throughout the service, including the singing of hymns.
- Hand sanitizer stations will continue to be available and their use encouraged. Doors will continue to be left open to improve ventilation. Please wrap up if you are near to an exit.
- The collection will remain as a basket/plate placed near the north door.

Heavenly Father, whose heart is selfless love,
take pity on our divided world;
and grant that we may follow in the steps of your Son
in giving ourselves to the service of others
and reaching out to the marginalised and despised,
that peace and justice may triumph
and your kingdom come on earth.
In Christ's name we pray.

Amen.

Hymn ~ Jerusalem

**And did those feet in ancient time
walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the holy Lamb of God
on England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the countenance divine
shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
among those dark satanic mills?**

**Bring me by bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight,
nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
till we have built Jerusalem
in England's green and pleasant land.**

William Blake, 1757-1827

During which the standards are presented at the altar, please remain standing.
Words of introduction are followed by

**They shall not grow 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.
We will remember them.**

Words by Laurence Binyon

The Last Post is sounded. The Silence. Reveille.

**When you go home tell them of us and say
"For your tomorrow we gave our today."**

Lines from Kohima (a memorial to the 14th army)

The National Anthem

**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!**

Anonymous

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5 1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Sermon

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.***

***O, 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.***

O, Master...

***Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
in giving to all men that we receive;
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.***

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Prayers of Intercession

The following response is used

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

And at the end

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

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.**

Anthem ~ Sung by the choir

Call to remembrance - Richard Farrant (1525-1580)

The Act of Commitment

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living
and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

We will

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war'?

We will

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

We will

Merciful God,
we offer to you the fears in us
that have not yet been cast out by love:
May we accept the hope you have placed
in the hearts of all people,
and live lives of justice, courage and mercy;
through Jesus Christ our risen Redeemer.
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.***

Cecil Arthur Spring-Rice, 1859-1918

The Blessing Organ Voluntary

The Standards are collected.

Collection baskets for the the poppy appeal will be placed near the exit doors.



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