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Remembrance ***Sunday***



10th November 2019
3rd Sunday before Advent



Prayer of Preparation

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.

Entrance Hymn

NEH 417

1. Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home;
2. Under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.
4. A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.
5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.
6. Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The Confession

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The Absolution

May almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you your sins,
and bring you to everlasting life.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Gloria

**Glory be to God the Father,
Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit,
Great Jehovah, Three in One!
As it was, is now, and shall be
while unending ages run.** (tune 'St. Helen')

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,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2.1-5, 13-end

Psalm:

Psalm 17.1-8



Show me, O Lord, your lov - ing — kind-ness.

Hear my just cause, O Lord; consider my com-/plaint:
listen to my prayer, which comes not from /lying/ lips.

Let my vindication come forth from your / presence:
let your eyes be-/hold what is /right.

Weigh my heart, examine me by /night:
refine me, and you will find no im-/purity /in me. **R**

My mouth does not trespass for earthly re-/wards:
I have heeded the /words of your /lips.

My footsteps hold fast in the ways of your com-/mandments:
my feet have not /stumbled • in your /paths.

I call upon you, O God, for you will /answer me:
incline your ear to me, and / listen • to my /words. **R**

Show me your marvellous loving-/kindness:

O Saviour of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who/ rise up a-/gainst them.

Keep me as the apple of your /eye:

hide me under the /shadow • of your /wings,

From the wicked who as-/sault me:

from my enemies who surround me to take a-/way my / life. **R**

Gospel Reading: *Luke 20.27-38*

All sit

The Sermon

All stand

The Creed

**We believe in God the Father,
God Almighty, by whose plan
earth and heaven sprang to being,
all created things began.**

**We believe in Christ the Saviour,
Son of God in human frame,
virgin-born, the child of Mary
upon whom the Spirit came.**

**Christ, who on the cross forsaken,
like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
he descended to the dead.**

**We believe in Jesus risen,
heaven's king to rule and reign,
to the Father's side ascended
till as judge he comes again.**

**We believe in God the Spirit;
in one church, below, above;
saints of God in one communion,
one in holiness and love.**

**So by faith, our sins forgiven,
Christ our Saviour, Lord and Friend,
we shall rise with him in glory
to the life that knows no end.**

Prayers of Intercession

*'When you go home tell them of us and say,
for your tomorrow we gave our today.'*

The response to the prayers is:

May God give peace,
God give peace.

A collection will be taken during the Offertory Hymn

Offertory Hymn

HON 54

1. **Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
in ev'ry change, he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heav'nly friend
through thorny ways, leads to a joyful end.**

2. **Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake
to guide the future, as he has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and wind still know
his voice, who ruled them while he dwelt below.**

3. **Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,
then shalt thou better know His love, His heart,
who comes to soothe thy sorrow and thy fears.
Be still, my soul: thy Jesus can repay
from His own fullness all He takes away.**

4. **Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on
when we shall be forever with the Lord.
When disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

5. **Be still, my soul: begin the song of praise
on earth, believing, to Thy Lord on high;
acknowledge Him in all thy words and ways,
so shall He view thee with a well-pleased eye.
Be still, my soul: the Sun of life divine
through passing clouds shall but more brightly shine.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

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

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should always sing of your glory,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
For you are the hope of the nations,
the builder of the city that is to come.
Your love made visible in Jesus Christ
brings home the lost,
restores the sinner
and gives dignity to the despised.
In his face your light shines out,
flooding lives with goodness and truth,
gathering into one in your kingdom
a divided and broken humanity.
Therefore with all who can give voice in your creation
we glorify your 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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you;
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with St Stephen and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour 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 Fraction

The President breaks the consecrated bread saying

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei

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

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

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

Giving of 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.
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

During Communion the choir sing the Anthem:

For the Fallen – Douglas Guest

Post Communion Prayer

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.

1. In our day of thanksgiving one psalm let us offer
for the saints who before us have found their reward;
when the shadow of death fell upon them, we sorrowed,
but now we rejoice that they rest in the Lord.
2. In the morning of life, and at noon, and at even,
he called them away from our worship below;
but not till his love, at the font and the altar,
had girt them with grace for the way they should go.
3. These stones that have echoed their praises are holy,
and dear is the ground where their feet have once trod;
yet here they confessed they were strangers and pilgrims,
and still they were seeking the city of God.
4. Sing praise, then, for all who here sought and here found him,
whose journey is ended, whose perils are past;
they believed in the Light; and its glory is round them,
where the clouds of earth's sorrows are lifted at last.

Act of Remembrance

A wreath will be brought up to the High Altar by members of the congregation

They shall not grow old,
as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them,
nor the year condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.

We will remember them.

The two minutes' silence is observed

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 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!

The Dismissal

The Blessing

God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest, to the Church, the Queen,
the Commonwealth and all people,
unity, peace and concord,
and to us his servants, life everlasting;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

The ministers and people depart

Organ Voluntary: Elegy – Sir George Thalben-Ball

The Week Ahead

Morning & Evening Prayer are said in the Tennant Chapel Monday to Friday, 9.15am & 6.00pm	
Monday	10:00am Second Half Club 3:00pm Tea@3 5:35 Eucharist
Tuesday	7:30am Yoga 5:00pm Silent Hour
Wednesday	12:30pm Holy Communion (BCP)
Thursday	3:00pm Toddler and Baby Group at Napier Hall 4:45pm AFC at Napier Hall 7:00pm Zumba

Today – The Questions Group will be meeting at 12pm in the Tennant Chapel. John Turpin will ask the question 'How do we love the intangible?'

Deanery Synod will be meeting on 13th of November at 6:30pm at St Gabriel's Pimlico.

The next PCC meeting will be held on Thursday 21st November at 7pm at Dean Abbott House.

St Stephen's new recital series featuring friends and colleagues of Matthew's performing song, piano, and harp recitals will continue next Saturday 16th November, 14th December, 18th January, and 8th February, all at 6:30pm. Admission is free admission with a retiring collection which will go towards a new Music Fund for St Stephen's.

The Civil Service Choir will be performing as part of the EFG London Jazz Festival, together with the Swingles and VoCollective, at St John's Smith Square on 23rd of November at 7:30pm. Tickets start from £15 and are available from the box office www.sjss.org.uk.

Parish Lunch – On Sunday November 24th, we will be observing the Feast of Christ the King with a Bring and Share Lunch in Napier Hall. Sign-up sheet is at the back of the hall.