

Morning Prayer
with Act of Remembrance



Processional Hymn 537 O God, our help in ages past

Greeting

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.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

They shall beat their swords into ploughshares

And their spears into pruning hooks

Nation shall not lift up sword against nation

They shall not learn war any more.

Let us kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God

Prayer of Confession

Jesus calls his people to live in peace,

And yet the world falls time and again into conflict.

Jesus calls his people to live in peace,

And yet we fail to love our neighbours as ourselves.

Jesus calls his people to live in peace,

And yet selfishness and greed are all around us.

We confess our part in his brokenness,

And ask for God's blessing, his light and his love.

There is stillness and silence

You wept over the sins of your city. On our world: Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy.

You heal the wounds of human failure and bitterness. On us: Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You bring pardon, peace and hope to those who turn to you. On your people: Lord, have mercy,

Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love and power
Forgive us and heal us from our sins,
Heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
And raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

We stand together

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth will proclaim your praise.

God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths

for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil; for you are with me;

your rod and your staff— they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

The First Reading is from Romans chapter 8 beginning at verse 32

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate

us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Canticle : Te Deum Part 1

We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as the Lord;

all creation worships you, the Father everlasting.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of · your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you;

the noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you;

throughout the world, the holy Church acclaim you:

Father, of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son, worthy of all praise,

the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

The Gospel Reading is John 15 v 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Let us pray - we kneel together

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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 for ever. Amen.

Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen
and grant her government wisdom.

Let your ministers be clothed with righteousness
and let your servants shout for joy.

O Lord, save your people
and bless those whom you have chosen.

Give peace in our time, O Lord,
and let your glory be over all the earth.

O God, make clean our hearts within us
and renew us by your Holy Spirit.

A Collect for Remembrance Sunday

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed. Kindle we pray in the hearts of all people true love of peace; and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the

nations of the earth; that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life, and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us in all assaults of our enemies, that we, surely trusting in your protection, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray that your Holy Spirit may so guide and govern us that in all the cares and occupations of our daily life, we may never forget your presence but may remember that we are always walking in your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERMON: The Reverend Jim Bates

Intercessions

Reader: May God give peace.

Response: God give peace.

We say together:

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

Act of Remembrance

Call to Remembrance - The Reverend Jim Bates

Church Wardens and Wreath Bearers move to the Altar with Wreaths

Reader: "They shall grow not 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".

Response: "We will remember them".

The National Anthem

Time of Reflection and Prayer

Everliving 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.

Commitment to peace

Will you honour all who bore the pains and adversities of war?

Will you offer them your help and support, and protect their dignity and welfare?

With the help of God, we will.

Will you remember the causes for which they endured adversity and for which many fought and died, by promoting peace, justice and harmony among all people?

With the help of God, we will.

Will you always acknowledge how precious are the gifts which God has entrusted to us, and exercise the freedoms and opportunities you have with gratitude and humility?

With the help of God, we will.

The Blessing

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

Closing Hymn 62 Abide with me

Prayer of Dismissal

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

All: We will.

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

All: We will.

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

All: 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.

All: Amen.

The loose collection today will go towards the Poppy Appeal.
Our thanks to our bugler Ben Dawson for playing this morning.

For folks at home. Google St Gall's Church to find our parish website. Put 'St Gall's Church' into YouTube and 'Like' and 'Subscribe' to the St Gall's channel.

Thank you to all those who are working to keep us safe at church. Our Sidespeople, stewards and cleaning team. Thank you.

Our Church Office has reopened with three volunteers answering the phone - our thanks to Nanette, Mary and Helen for taking on this key role. Open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 until 12 noon. Our office ministry in the coming weeks will be about reaching out and getting in touch by phone. Would you like a chat? Give us a ring on 91853810. Would you like someone to be prayed for? Is there someone in your family who is ill or in need of prayer? Get in touch with the office and the team will pray for them.

Bangor Storehouse : This just in: "Storehouse North Down would like to thank you all for your very generous donation of groceries and monetary support at this harvest time.

We are overwhelmed by the support we are receiving. We are aware that there will be even more need as we go into another lockdown and with this support we will be able to fulfil all requests.

Christian Aid: An appeal has been launched to respond to the needs of overseas communities struggling with Covid 19. Aid agencies are working with partners to provide basic medical care & support - www.christianaid.ie to give directly. Or you can ring 9064 8133 to make a donation to the Belfast office.

Prayer for this Week

A prayer for the leaders of the nations

O God our heavenly Father, whose love sets no boundaries and whose strength is in service; grant to the leaders of the nations wisdom, courage and insight at this time of change and uncertainty. Give to all who exercise authority determination to defend the principles of freedom, love and tolerance, strength to protect and safeguard the innocent and clarity of vision to guide the world into the paths of justice and peace. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.