

The Order of Service for Home Worship

THE SECOND SUNDAY of THE KINGDOM - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



Hymn 1. O God our help in ages past.

1. O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.
2. Beneath 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
Will bear us all away;
We fade and vanish, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.
6. O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
e 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.**
Grace and peace be with you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Father of glory, holy and eternal, look upon us now in power and mercy. May your strength overcome our weakness, your radiance transform our blindness, and your Spirit draw us to that love shown and offered to us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

As we come into the presence of our heavenly Father let us seek his forgiveness of our sins that we may know his peace is our hearts.

Lord Jesus, you show us the way to the Father. **Lord, have mercy.**
Lord Jesus, you have given us knowledge of your truth. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd leading us into life. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, glory be to God on high;
Alleluia, to the Saviour who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia, Alleluia, to the Triune Majesty.**

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; grant this for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A reading from the book of Job **19. 23-27a**
'O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock for ever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.'
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 17. 1-7

Response: Incline your ear to me, O Lord, and hear my words

Hear my just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry:
give ear to my prayer from free of deceit.

From you let my vindication come; let your eyes see the right. (R)

If you try my heart, if you visit by night,
if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me;
my mouth does not transgress. (R)

As for what others do, by the word of your lips
I have avoided the ways of the violent.

My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped. (R)

I call upon you, for you will answer me O God:
incline your ear to me, hear my words.

Wondrously show your steadfast love, O saviour of those who seek refuge
From their adversaries at your right hand. (R)

A reading from Paul's second letter to the Thessalonians. 2 1-5, 13-17

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose, he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! The Lord is high above all the nations, and his glory above the heavens. **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Luke.

Luke 20. 27-38

Glory to you, O Lord.

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally, the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.'

Jesus said to them, 'Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.

'This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Meditation *This week, on the Second Sunday of the Kingdom season, we commemorate Remembrance Sunday. Today we remember and honour all those who have given their lives in the service of their country in the cause of peace and justice. Today we still see armed conflicts taking place around the world. War still rages in the Ukraine and the civil war in the Sudan continues. Thankfully we are beginning to signs of hope for some sort of peace in Jesus' homeland but tensions and the risk of further violence remains high. These conflicts are, sadly, the consequences of the inability of human beings to solve their differences peacefully. The kingdom of God, which we celebrate throughout this month of November is a kingdom of peace and love, a kingdom of truth and righteousness, a kingdom where all have a place, all are valued. There have always been those who have rejected God's values of love and peace, those who seek to impose their own will on others, those who claim to speak for Jesus but who in reality are power seekers. In the Gospel reading today calls to be vigilant, to be ready to take every opportunity that comes our way to stand up against such people, to defend the values of the Kingdom of God, to be peacemakers in the face of conflict. Today we honour all those who have answered the call to fight in the defence of the values of God's kingdom. We honour all who have given their lives in the service of their country in the hope of building a better more peaceful world for all people. We honour those who gave their lives in two world wars and numerous other conflicts and we pray for those caught up in conflicts today. We remember those injured through conflict, those whose lives were changed for ever*

by their experiences. As we honour them we pledge ourselves to playing our part in building the kind of world for which they died, a world built on the values of the Kingdom of God, a world governed by love, truth and justice, a world where all can live in peace with one another, a world where hope overcomes despair and differences are resolved through peaceful conciliation. Amen.

Intercessions:

In the power of the Holy Spirit and in union with Christ let us bring our prayers for the Church and for the world to our heavenly Father.

We pray for the Church throughout the world, for the leaders of the Church among them June our Bishop. We pray for the clergy and people of our diocese and for our own parish; that the Church may support the victims of war and violence and promote reconciliation between nations and peoples.

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

We pray for the people of the world, for the victims of violence and oppression, for all suffering the effects of natural disaster and for those suffering from famine or drought; may there be peace where there is conflict and hope where there is despair.

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

We pray for our own community, for our families, friends and neighbours. We give thanks for all who serve the needs of the vulnerable; may we welcome all who come to live among us who have been displaced through conflict and terror.

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

We pray for all who are in need, for those who are sick, for those who are bereaved, for the lonely and isolated and for all injured in the service of their country and all in any kind of need. We hold in our hearts before God those known to us who are in need at this time and all whose names are recorded in our parish intercession books; may they be strengthened by the Holy Spirit and consoled with the love of Christ.

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

We pray for all who have died. We remember before God our own departed loved ones and we pray for the recently departed and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time. We pray for those who gave their lives in war in the cause of peace and justice. May they share the eternal glory of heaven in the company of all the saints.

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

bring all our prayers to our heavenly Father as we pray together:

**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 Peace:

Jesus said, Peace I bequeath to you; my own peace I give you; a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.

The peace of the Lord be with you and with all those whom you love.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing:

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn 2: Eternal Father, Strong to save.

- 1. Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm doth bind the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we call to thee
For those in peril on the sea.**
- 2. O Saviour, whose almighty word
The winds and waves submissive heard,
Who walkedst on the foaming deep,
And calm, amid its rage, didst sleep:
O hear us when we call to thee
For those in peril on the sea.**
- 3. O sacred Spirit, who didst brood
Upon the waters dark and rude,
And bid their angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion, peace:
O hear us when we call to thee
For those in peril on the sea.**
- 4. O Trinity of love and power,
Our brethren shield in danger's hour.
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them whereso'er they go,
And ever let there rise to thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.**

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