



Churches Together in Copmanthorpe

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~Remembrance Sunday~
11th November 2018

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Act of Remembrance on Memorial Green

Welcome - Julia

Uniformed organisation

An Australian Staff officer wrote:

At 11 o'clock on the 11th November I was sitting in a room in the Brewers House at Le Cateau in Northern France, which had been Sir John French's Headquarters at the time of the battle of Mons. I was sitting at a table with a British Officer, a Major in the Scots Greys, who had a large, old fashioned hunting watch which he put on the table and watched the minutes going round.

When 11 o'clock came, he shut his watch up and said " I wonder what we are all going to do next!" That was very much the feeling of everyone. What was one going to do next? To some of us it was the end of four years, to others three years, to some less. For many of us it was practically the only life we had known. We had started so young.

Prayer

Hymn

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways;
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind;
In purer lives thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard
Beside the Syrian sea
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, let them, without a word
Rise up and follow thee.

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm!

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807 – 1892)

Tune: Repton

(move Act of Remembrance to here if time needs filling)

Church bell to sound 11 times

Two Minutes Silence *flags dipped*

Last Post *(play at end of silence)*

The Act of Remembrance – please respond “We will remember them”

Elder – Derek Horsley

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

Young Person – uniformed organisation

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

All: We will remember them.

**The 4 poppy wreaths are laid
Guides, Scouts, Churches Together, The Parish Council.**

Poem – uniformed organisation

Remember those who served before
Remember those who are no more
Remember those who serve today
Remember them all on Remembrance Day

Prayer

Almighty and eternal God,
from whose love in Jesus we cannot be parted,
either by life or death, we give you thanks for all whom we remember this day,
and ask that you would so work your good purposes in us
that we might honour those who have gone before us
and share with them in your eternal joy.
Amen.

Julia: Act of Dedication

Lay white poppy wreath for the peace of the world

God, who calls us to be one with himself, through his Son Jesus Christ, tasks us to share in his work of reconciliation. So let us pledge ourselves anew to be peacemakers in our homes, in our country and throughout the world, remembering the best interests of others before our own

Response of those gathered:

Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve;

To give and not to count the cost,

To fight for justice and fairness for all and not to heed ourselves,

To toil for peace and not to seek for rest,

To labour, and not to ask for any reward save that of knowing that we do your will for the world in which we live.

Amen

Benediction

We say together:

We will remember

In gratitude

In grief

In hope

In love

We will remember this day when silence fell and peace offered hope

Reveille

Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling,

Joy of heaven to earth come down,

Fix in us thy humble dwelling,

All thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion,

Pure unbounded love thou art;

Visit us with thy salvation,

Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,

Let us all thy life receive;

Suddenly return and never,

Never more thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing,

Serve thee as thy host above,

Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,

Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,

Pure and spotless let us be;

Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee:
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Charles Wesley (1707 – 1788)

Tune: Blaenwaern

Blessing

The Blessing of God

The Father

The Son

The Holy Spirit

Go with you

and remain with you

today and forever. Amen

Julia lead to St. Giles

then band

then uniformed organisations

Flag bearers

Union flag first

Explorers

Guides

Scouts

To Methodist church: Brownies rainbows Cubs beavers

Then members of public go into

St. Giles

Flag bearers gather at Narthex of St. Giles whilst everyone is seated

flags to process down aisle when everyone seated and present to leaders

And go to reserved seats

Opening Prayer

Explanation of WW1 Tommies - Silhouettes – Sharron Little

HYMN

Christ is the world's true light,
its captain of salvation,
the day-star clear and bright,
desire of every nation;
new life, new hope awakes
for all who own his sway:
freedom her bondage breaks,
and night is turned to day.

In Christ all races meet,
their ancient feuds forgetting,
the whole round world complete,
from sunrise to its setting:
when Christ is throned as Lord,
all shall forsake their fear,
to ploughshare beat the sword,
to pruning-hook the spear.

One Lord, in one great name
unite us all who own you;
cast out our pride and shame
that hinder to enthroned you;
the world has waited long,
has travailed long in pain;
to heal its ancient wrong,
come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959)

Tune: Nun Danket

Matthew 20 – uniformed organisation – 2 voices

The Labourers in the Vineyard

Jesus said the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, ^{la} he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; ⁴and he said to them,

“You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.”

So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them,

“Why are you standing here idle all day?” ⁷

They said to him,

“Because no one has hired us.”

He said to them,

“You also go into the vineyard.”

⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager,

“Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.”

⁹ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.^[b] ¹⁰ Now

when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage.^[c] ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying,

“These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.”

¹³ But he replied to one of them,

“Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴ Take

what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not

allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?”

¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.^[f]

Reflection

Meditation – uniformed organisations – 4 voices

In the beginning ...

Out of chaos

order was born.

Out of darkness

light was breathed.

Out of water

land grew up.

Out of dust

people were formed.

Out of garden

desert land appeared.

Out of harmony

discord was heard.

Out of dreaming

nightmares were had.

Out of love

freedom raged strong.

Out of woman

God was born.

In the beginning ...

In the beginning ...

God ...

God

turned the world upside down,

inside out.

God

made the earth green
and filled it.

God

gave us something to care for and tend,
and we, playing God,
turned it round again,
outside in.

In the beginning ...

**War is ended
and children set down their guns
to play.**

Famine has her fill
and leaves the land
to harvest.

**Oppressors weary of power
and give it back
to the meek.**

Poverty gathers up her rags,
and knowledge and wisdom
are passed on.

**Despair pulls back the clouds,
and hope and light
flood in.**

Anger has one last rage,
and wounds begin to heal
across family and nations.

In the beginning ...

The desert blooms.

The word is heard.

Upside down,
inside out.

God turns the world
with light and love.

Amen.

HYMN - organ only - offering to be taken for the Royal British Legion Poppy Fund

God who weeps when we are weeping,
maker, lover, friend of all,
we commit into your keeping
those who suffer, struggle, fall.

Plant the seeds of peace inside us
in these days of fateful choice;

let your word and wisdom guide us
as we listen for your voice.

Christ, enduring hate and violence,
hounded to a martyr's death,
calmly meeting taunts with silence,
speaking peace with your last breath:

Peace, courageous and demanding,
binds us as we walk your way.
May our wills, at your commanding,
turn to acts of peace today.

Spirit, strengthen and sustain us
Grant us comfort, hope and light,
lead us in your ways and train us
as we strive for truth and right,

Rise above retaliation,
live the peace we long to hear,
look for reconciliation
past our anger, pain and fear.

God of every race and nation,
God of mercy, strong and just,
build again in us compassion,
recreate our hope and trust.

Though our lives seem dark and empty,
may we learn to live as one
till, in safety, peace and plenty,
all your work on earth is done.

Words: Marnie Barrell (1952 -) with permission

Tune: servant song

Prayers of intercession
adult

O God of truth and justice,
we hold before you those whose memory
we cherish, and those whose names we will never
know *silence*

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.

adult

God of harmony

When the nations seek peace,

They make their treaties and alliances.

There is peace of a kind, but it is subject to betrayals and denials;

There is still a lack of brotherhood and love.

adult

But your peace goes deeper.

Your peace draws together people with their neighbours.

Your peace makes us one with you.

Your peace is sacrificial love which recognises the good in all people,

Stands our against injustice and oppression,

and frees people to realise their full potential.

Your peace is health and holiness, it is wholeness and salvation.

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Lord, strengthen our hearts, hands and minds, to work together for peace;

To see you in one another, and to seek your kingdom above all things;

That your will may be seen to be done, and your kingdom come, through Jesus Christ

The act of commitment is made:

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 conflict?

All: **We will**

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

All: **We will**

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

During the next hymn flag bearers collect flags from leaders and place in holsters

Union flag first

Explorers

Guides

Scouts

And move to line up in aisle – face Altar

HYMN

O for a thousand tongues to sing

My great Redeemer's praise, *(repeat)*

The glories of my God and King

The triumphs of his grace! *(repeat)*

Jesus - the name that charms our fears,

That bids our sorrows cease; *(repeat)*

'Tis music in the sinner's ears,

'Tis life, and health, and peace. *(repeat)*

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,

He sets the prisoner free; *(repeat)*

His blood can make the foulest clean,

His blood availed for me. *(repeat)*

He speaks; and, listening to his voice,

New life the dead receive; *(repeat)*

The mournful, broken hearts rejoice;

The humble poor believe. *(repeat)*

In Christ, our Head, you then shall know,

Shall feel, your sins forgiven, *(repeat)*

Anticipate your heaven below,

And own that love is heaven. *(repeat)*

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Tune: Lyngham

Flags turn to EXIT DOOR for Blessing

Blessing

God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest,
and all people,
unity, peace and concord,
and to us and all God's servants,
life everlasting.
The blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all

flags raised - chord from organ

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!

Flag bearers leave to stand in line along exit of church until leaders dismiss