



St Laurence Church and
Alvechurch Memorial Green
**Remembrance
Sunday**

GATHERING

Flowers of the Forest played on the bagpipes
Words of welcome and introduction are said

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

All **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

You have been my helper

All **and under the shadow of your wings will I rejoice.**

Psalm 63.8

We sing,

Make me a channel of Your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring Your love
Where there's injury grant mercy O Lord
Where there's doubt true faith in You

*O Divine 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 let me bring Your hope
Where there's darkness let me bring Your light
Where there's sadness ever joy.

*O Divine 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.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Sebastian Temple (1928-1997)
Based on the Prayer of St Francis
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The Word of God

A reading from the Gospel of John

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:

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.'

John 15: 9-17

For the word of the Lord,

All **Thanks be to God.**

Address

Prayers

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict,
and ask that God may give us peace:

for service men and women who have died in the violence of war,
each one remembered by and known to God;
may God give peace.

All **God give peace.**

For those who love them in death as in life, offering the distress of
our grief and the sadness of our loss;
may God give peace.

All **God give peace.**

For all who live with the reality or threat of war this day,
remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return;
may God give peace.

All **God give peace.**

For all whose lives are disfigured by war or terror,
calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatreds of humanity;
may God give peace.

All **God give peace.**

For peacemakers and peacekeepers,
who seek to keep this world secure and free;
may God give peace.

All **God give peace.**

For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership,
political, military and religious;
asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for
reconciliation and peace;
may God give peace.

All **God give peace.**

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

Amen.

The Collect of the day is said
Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All **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.**

As we sing, the congregation turns to face the War Memorial in Church as a wreath is laid.

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, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee,
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!

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 (1872)

May God give us grace to follow the saints in glory.

All **Amen.**

Please join us as we walk to Memorial Green for an
Act of Remembrance and Commitment to Peace.

Act of Remembrance

Hymn

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 questions, 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.

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Minister In peace let us remember before God,
and commend to his sure keeping:
those who have died for their country in war;
those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure;
and all who have lived and died in the service of humankind.

Reading of Names

We honour and remember those of this parish who gave their lives in the First World War:

The names are read.

We honour and remember those of this parish who gave their lives in the Second World War:

The names are read.

We honour and remember all who gave their lives in subsequent conflicts:

Silence is held.

Older person They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn.

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

All affirm **We will remember them**

Silence

The last post is sounded, and two-minute silence is kept

Silence ends with the Reveille

Concluding with this prayer:

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.**

We all join together in the Lord's Prayer

**All 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.**

Wreaths are laid at Memorial Green



Responding in Hope and Commitment

The Kohima Epitaph is said

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

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 National Anthem

God save our gracious King!

Long live our noble King!

God save the King!

Send him victorious,

Happy and glorious,

Long to reign over us,

God save the King.

The Blessing

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest,
to the Church, the King, 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 us all
and remain with us always.

All **Amen**

*You are warmly invited for refreshments in
The Ark at St Laurence Church.*

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