



The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings



9th November 2025

Remembrance Sunday is observed on the second Sunday in November, generally the Sunday nearest to 11th November, commemorating the Armistice which ended the First World War at 11.00am on the 11th November 1918.

The Gathering

We all gather in silence. The presiding minister reads the following sentences:

God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble.

Psalms 46.1

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice,
and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6.8

The presiding minister continues

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 or 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.

Hymn: O God our help in ages past

Words: Isaac Watt - tune: ST ANNE - SG542 / CP537

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
under the shadow of your throne
your saints have dwelt secure.
Sufficient is your arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

3
Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
soon bears us all away.
We fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

4
O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

Remembering

For the Fallen - Ode of Remembrance

written in 1914 by Laurence Binyon (1869-1943)

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.
We will remember them.

We light the first candle for the 'Past / Remembering', and a period of silence is kept.

At the conclusion of the Silence, the following prayer is said

Ever-living God,
we remember those whom you have gathered
from the storms 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.

An Act of Penitence

We sit or kneel

Let us confess to God
the sins and shortcomings of the world;
its pride, its selfishness, its greed;
its evil divisions and hatreds.
Let us confess our share in what is wrong,
and our failure to seek and establish that peace
which God wills for all people.

Silence

**Most merciful God
and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

Presider: Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
forgive you from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Collect of the Day

Lord of the nations,
Saviour and judge of all:
**remove from human hearts all bitterness and hate,
grant to those who have died in war
your mercy and forgiveness
and bring us all to the peace of your eternal Kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who suffered and died,
and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.
Amen.**

Song of Praise

The Steadfast Love of the Lord - Lamentations 3: 22–26

- 1 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases:
God's mercies never come to an end;
- 2 They are new every morning:
your faithfulness O Lord is great.
- 3 You are all that I have:
and therefore I will wait for you.
- 4 You O Lord are good to those who wait for you:
to all those who seek you.
- 5 It is good to wait in patience:
for the salvation of the Lord.

The Ministry of the Word

A Reading from the Old Testament: Isaiah 2: 2-5

- 2 In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.
- 3 Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.'
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
- 4 He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.
- 5 O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God.

Hymn: Hope for the world's despair (Hymn of Peace)

Words: Ally Barrett © Jubilate Hymns - Tune: **LOVE UNKNOWN** (John Nicholson Ireland)
Ally Barrett - Winner of Jubilate's Hymns of Peace competition 2018,
to mark the centenary of Armistice Day and the end of the First World War.

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| <p>1 Hope for the world's despair:
we feel the nations' pain;
can anything repair
this broken earth again?
For this we pray: in every place
a spark of grace to light the way.</p> <p>2 Wisdom for all who bear
the future in their hand,
entrusted with the care
of this and every land.
When comes the hour,
O Lord, we pray,
inspire the way
we spend our power.</p> <p>3 Honour for all who've paid
war's painful, bitter price,
when duty called they made
the greatest sacrifice.</p> | <p>Their memory will never cease
to cry for peace and harmony.</p> <p>4 Ease for the troubled mind
in endless conflict caught,
each soul that cannot find
the peace beyond all thought.
May they be blessed
with healing balm
for inner calm and perfect rest.</p> <p>5 Love for the human heart:
when hate grows from our fears
and inwardly we start
to turn our ploughs to spears.
Help us to sow
love's precious seed
in word and deed,
that peace may grow.</p> |
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A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John, chapter fifteen, verses 9-17

Praise and glory to God.

- 9 As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.
10 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.
11 I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you,
and that your joy may be complete.
12 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.
13 No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.
14 You are my friends if you do what I command you.
15 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.
16 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.
17 I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ, the Word.

Gospel Reflection - The Beatitudes - Matthew 5: 3-10

How blest are those who are poor in spirit:
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

How blest are the sorrowful:
they shall find consolation.

How blest are those of a gentle spirit:
they shall have the earth for their possession.

How blest are those who hunger and thirst to see right prevail:
they shall be satisfied.

How blest are those who show mercy:
mercy shall be shown to them.

How blest are those whose hearts are pure:
they shall see God.

How blest are the peacemakers:
they shall be called children of God.

How blest are those who have suffered persecution
for the cause of right:
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

How blest are those who follow Jesus
and the Saviour's command to love.

The Sermon

We light the second candle for the 'Present / Reflecting', followed by a brief period of silence.

Hymn: How happy you who work for peace

Words: Shirley Erena Murray © 1992 Hope Publishing - Tune: MELCOMBE,

- 1 How happy you who work for peace!
your hands shall plant and not destroy,
your words defuse the power of hate,
your prayers bring aroha and joy.**
- 2 The scars of earth, of blast and bomb
shall then be healed and green will grow,
the air that radiated death
give life and health, as sun on snow.**
- 3 The toys of war shall all be sold
to buy a feast the world can share,
the glint of guns become the tools
that till the earth and make it fair.**
- 4 How happy you who work for peace!
who mend the torn, who bend the rod,
who make the Christ direction plain,
you truly are a child of God.**

Praying Together

Make your ways known upon earth, O God,
your saving power among all peoples.

Renew your Church in holiness,
and help us to serve you with joy.

Guide the leaders of this and every nation,
that justice may prevail throughout the world.

Let not the needy, O God, be forgotten,
nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Make us instruments of your peace,
and let your glory be over all the earth.

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict,
and ask that God may give us peace:
for the service men and women
who have died in the violence of war,
each one remembered by and known to God;
may God give peace.

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.

God give peace.

For all members of the armed forces
who serve in places of danger this day,
remembering family, friends and all who pray
for their safe return;
may God give peace.

God give peace.

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

God give peace.

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

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.

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 Ministry of the Sacrament

We stand

The Peace

Jesus says: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled neither let them be afraid.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

As we sing the next Hymn, the bread and wine are brought to the altar; our offerings for the Foodbank and money to support ministry and mission are collected and presented also.

Offertory Hymn: Put peace into each other's hands

SG479 - Words: Fred Kaan - Tune: **ST COLUMBA** [trad. Irish melody]

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| <p>¹ Put peace into each other's hands
and like a treasure hold it,
protect it like a candle flame,
with tenderness enfold it.</p> <p>² Put peace into each other's hands
with loving expectation;
be gentle in your words and ways,
in touch with God's creation.</p> | <p>³ Put peace into each other's hands,
like bread we break for sharing;
look people warmly in the eye:
our life is meant for caring.</p> <p>⁴ As at communion, shape your hands
into a waiting cradle;
the gift of Christ receive, revere,
united round the table.</p> |
| <p>⁵ Put Christ into each other's hands,
he is love's deepest measure;
in love make peace, give peace a chance
and share it like a treasure.</p> | |

The Preparation of the Gifts

To you, Lord, belongs the greatness, and the power,
and the glory, and the victory and the majesty.

**All that is in the heavens and the earth is yours,
and of your own we give you.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Lord of life,
creator of heaven and earth,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
For through his death on the cross,
your Son Jesus Christ has broken the power of evil,
and by his glorious resurrection
has opened for us the gate of life eternal.

In him you seek the lost, restoring those whose lives
have been shattered and torn apart.

In the fullness of time, he will gather all things to himself,
enfolding us and all who have died in war in his undying love.
And so we pray that we who have set our hope on Christ
may come to the peace of heaven,
there, with angels and archangels,
to sing your praise for ever:

**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.

On the night before he died
your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread;
when he had given you thanks,
he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take, eat, this is my body
which is given for you;
do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup;
when he had given you thanks,
he gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you,
for 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,
to remember me.

Therefore loving God,
recalling your great goodness to us in Christ,
we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life
and this cup of salvation.

Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive
may be to us the body and blood of Christ,
and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power,
may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

United in Christ with all who stand before you
in earth and heaven,
we worship you, O God,
in songs of everlasting praise.

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere,
now and for ever.**

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we pray, saying ...
**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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

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

The Invitation to Communion

Jesus said: Gather up the fragments that nothing may be lost.
Lord, feed us with the bread of heaven.
Haere mai - come God's people.

*Communion will be served at standing stations at the Sanctuary steps - all are welcome to receive the bread and wine at communion, (however please note that intinction, ie dipping the wafer into the wine chalice, is **NOT** permitted); although you are welcome to receive the bread only if you prefer, or to come forward for a blessing only.*

If you need communion served to you in your seat, please indicate to the servers.

Prayer after Communion

Lord God, in this Eucharist which we have shared,
you have spoken your word of life
and nourished us with the mysteries of Christ's body and blood;
bring us with all who have died in combat
or through the injuries of war,
to know the joys of heaven.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lived and died
and was raised to newness of life,
to whom be glory in every age and for eternity.
Amen.

Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.

And weeping o'er the grave we make our song:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

(from the Russian Kontakion of the Dead)

Responding in Hope and Commitment

Epitaph - John Maxwell Edmonds [1875 - 1958]

from a collection of 12 epitaphs for World War One

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

A brief period of silence is kept, then we light the third candle for the 'Future / Responding'

Let us pray -

O God, our help in the past and our hope for the future,
we thank you for all who have served in times of war and conflict;
and we commend to your care the ones we love but see no longer –
e nga mate, haere, haere, haere atu ra, moe mai i roto i te rangimarie
– grant them your peace and let light perpetual shine upon them;
let their memory inspire us to continue working for peace
and to bring light into the dark places of the world.
This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Amen.

Sentence:

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled,
and do not let them be afraid. *John 14: 27*

Collect for the Armed Forces:

God our stronghold and defence;
we commend to you those whose task it is
to defend us in danger;
inspire them in war to serve our country well;
in peace, hold them ready and alert.
In their lives may they bring honour to our country's name.
Amen.

Collect for Peace:

O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth
in a single peace.
Let the design of your great love
shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows,
and give peace to your Church,
peace among nations, peace in our homes,
and peace in our hearts.
Amen.

The Act of Commitment

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God
and our fellow men and women:
that we may help, encourage and comfort others,
and support those working for the relief of the needy
and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

Most loving God,
we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humankind,
in the cause of peace,
for the relief of want and suffering,
and for the praise of your name.
Guide us by your Spirit;
give us wisdom; give us courage; give us hope;
and keep us faithful now and always.
Amen.

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 you, and remain with you always.
Amen.

We share any notices and news

Hymn: When the guns of war fell silent

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to mark the centenary of Armistice Day and the end of the First World War.*

Alt. tune: HYFRYDOL

**1 When the guns of war fell silent,
weary soldiers cheered and sang.
In the streets of towns and cities
crowds rejoiced and
church bells rang.
Row on row of limestone crosses
now recall the sacrifice.
We remember, we will treasure
peace, that comes at such a price.**

**2 On a dark Judaeen hillside
crosses silhouette the sky,
where the Son of God was taken,
crucified and left to die.
He was wounded for our healing,
gave his life that we might live,
deepest mercy, reconciling
peace, that nothing less
could give.**

**3 When will all the guns be silent?
How we long for war to cease.
From the ruins of each conflict
rises up our prayer for peace.
May the selfless love of Jesus
give us hope at last to see
all the nations, celebrating
peace, when all the world is free.**

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love your neighbour.
Go in power to work for reconciliation.
Go in hope to proclaim the resurrection.
Go in love to serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.



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