



Remembrance Sunday



**St John the Baptist
Rogerstone**

Welcome to Church

We hope you enjoy the service today.

Whether it's your first time visiting or whether you've been many times before, **welcome**, we are so happy to see you. If you need any help before, during, or after the service please do ask one of our welcome team, who are located near the door.



Accessibility

During the service, please feel free to stand, kneel or sit as you feel comfortable. Indications of suggested posture and actions are included, in **[blue]**, throughout this booklet but are not mandatory.

Responses for the congregation can be found in **bold**.

Please leave this booklet behind at the end of the service.

**We are glad you are here.
We want to get to know you.
We want you to know us.
We know God loves us all.
We don't wish you to hide who you are.
We hope you will want to belong.
We welcome the gifts and talents you bring.**



Opening Hymn

[Stand]

(Flags are brought to the altar during the hymn)

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green.
He leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill.
For thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnishèd
In presence of my foes,
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me.
And in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.

(Psalm 23)



1. Welcome and opening prayers

[SIT]

God is our refuge and strength always ready to help in times of trouble.

We meet in God's presence.

Today we commit ourselves to working for understanding, forgiveness, and friendship among all people, so that everyone may live in freedom, justice, and peace.

We pray for those who still suffer because of war, violence, or acts of terror; for those who grieve, for those living with injuries in body or mind, and for all whose lives have been changed by conflict.

We remember with gratitude and sorrow, those whose lives were lost in wars past and present, those who gave, and those who had taken from them, the precious gift of life.

Jesus said,

“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 be afraid.” **Amen.**

Let us pray.

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



2. Readings

1st Reading - Micah 4:1-5 (The Message translation) [\[SIT\]](#)

But when all is said and done,
God's Temple on the mountain,
Firmly fixed, will dominate all mountains,
towering above surrounding hills.

People will stream to it
and many nations set out for it,
Saying, "Come, let's climb God's mountain.
Let's go to the Temple of Jacob's God.

He will teach us how to live.
We'll know how to live God's way."
True teaching will issue from Zion,
God's revelation from Jerusalem.

He'll establish justice in the rabble of nations
and settle disputes in faraway places.
They'll trade in their swords for shovels,
their spears for rakes and hoes.
Nations will quit fighting each other,
quit learning how to kill one another.

Each man will sit under his own shade tree,
each woman in safety will tend her own garden.
God-of-the-Angel-Armies says so,
and he means what he says.

Meanwhile, all the other people live however they wish,
picking and choosing their gods.
But we live honouring God,
and we're loyal to our God forever and ever.

2nd Reading - Matthew 5:1-12 (New Living Translation)

One day as he saw the crowds gathering, Jesus went up on the mountainside and sat down. His disciples gathered around him, and he began to teach them.

God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

God blesses those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

God blesses those who are humble,
for they will inherit the whole earth.

God blesses those who hunger and thirst for justice,
for they will be satisfied.

God blesses those who are merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

God blesses those whose hearts are pure,
for they will see God.

God blesses those who work for peace,
for they will be called the children of God.

God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you and lie about you and say all sorts of evil things against you because you are my followers. Be happy about it! Be very glad! For a great reward awaits you in heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets were persecuted in the same way.



Song

[Stand]

Light a candle for peace

Light a candle for love

Light a candle that shines all the way around the world

Light a candle for me

Light a candle for you

That our wish for world peace

Will one day come true!

(repeats)

Sing peace around the world

Sing peace around the world

Sing peace around the world

Sing peace around the world

(combine chorus and verse)

Light a candle for peace

Light a candle for love

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3. Talk

[SIT]



4. Prayers

[SIT or KNEEL]

Loving God, in dark and difficult times, you spoke about peace — a peace the world can't always give. We ask for that peace today. Fill us with calm hearts, so we can help bring peace wherever we are.

L: Give peace in our time, O Lord

R: Give peace in our hearts, O Lord

We pray for people who are hurt because they stand up for what's right — for those who are treated unfairly, locked up, or made to suffer because they tell the truth or try to make the world better. Jesus, who also suffered, give them strength and courage.

L: Give peace in our time, O Lord

R: Give peace in our hearts, O Lord

We pray for those who are harmed by the unkindness or foolishness of others — for people who live in places without justice or safety, and for all who are stopped from living freely and fairly.

L: Give peace in our time, O Lord

R: Give peace in our hearts, O Lord

We pray for those caught in fighting — for soldiers and families, for children and older people, for everyone who faces danger, loss, or fear.

Whatever country they are from, whatever language they speak, whatever uniform they wear — we pray for them all.

L: Give peace in our time, O Lord

R: Give peace in our hearts, O Lord

We pray for people whose lives have been broken by war:
for those who cry, and those who can't cry anymore;
for those who are in pain, and those who feel numb;
for people who are prisoners, and for those who guard
them; for anyone who has lost their home or their
homeland.

L: Give peace in our time, O Lord

R: Give peace in our hearts, O Lord

We pray for those who cause trouble or stir up hate;
for those who profit from the pain of others;
for those who turn to harmful things to forget their pain;
and for those who believe peace will never come.
We also bring before you, in silence or aloud,
the people and places we especially want to remember
today...

(silence)

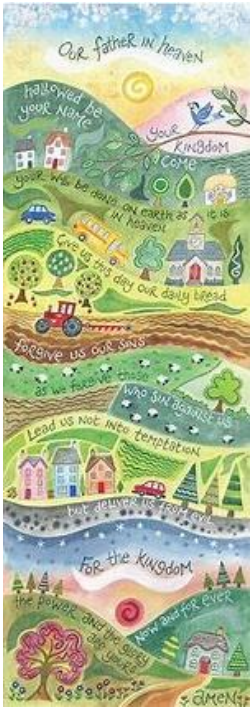
Hold us close, loving God, and help us to live as people of
hope and peace, until the day when your peace fills the
whole world.

L: Give peace in our time, O Lord

R: Give peace in our hearts, O Lord

Lord 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.

All join in saying the 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**



Hymn (a collection is taken)

Tune – Let all mortal flesh keep silence

[STAND]

For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead your people into freedom,
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how, through care and goodness,
fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator-God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness,
bring the life of Christ to mind;
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.

5. Poem

[SIT]



6. The Act of Commitment

[SIT]

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace? **We will.**

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war? **We will.**

Will you work for a just future for all humanity? **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. **Amen.**



7. The National Anthem

[STAND]

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.

8. Blessing

[STAND]

May God fill the living with grace, give peace to those who have died, and bring kindness and harmony to our community and our world.

And may God's blessing; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with us today and always. **Amen.**



Hymn (The flags are collected)

[STAND]

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 question, 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.