

Worship at Home from The Royal Military Chapel

(The Guards' Chapel)

Remembrance Sunday

8th November 2020



WELCOME

The Chaplain, Rev John Vincent CF

MUSIC

Nimrod, from the Enigma Variations, composed by E. Elgar

Played by the Band of the Irish Guards

INTROIT

For the fallen

Sung by the choir

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.

Music: Douglas Guest (1916-1996)

Text: Laurence Binyon (1869-1943)

Please stand

THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Chaplain

Let us remember before God,
and commend to his sure keeping:
those who have died for their country in conflict;
Those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure,
and all who have lived and died in the service of humanity.

Colour Sergeant Paul Hooper

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.

All: We will remember them.

THE LAST POST

Played by Lance Sergeant Ellis Ward

THE SILENCE

REVEILLE

Played by Lance Sergeant Ellis Ward

LAYING OF THE WREATH

Major General Chris Ghika CBE, General Officer Commanding London District and Major General Commanding the Household Division

Chaplain

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life; hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day; fulfil in them the purpose of thy love; and bring us all, with them, to thine eternal joy: through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN

O God, our help in ages past

Sung by the Choir

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home;

Under the shadow of thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
Thy fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

*Words: Isaac Watts
Tune: St Anne*

Chaplain

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us: but if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 St. John 1.8-9).

Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

Please sit or kneel

All: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done, And there is no health in us: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults, restore thou them that are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord: And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him, which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure, and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

All: Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that 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 OPENING RESPONSES

Sung by the Choir

O Lord, open thou our lips.

And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's Name be praised.

THE VENITE

Sung by the Choir

O COME, let us sing unto the Lord: let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving: and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth: and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down: and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God: and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Glory be to the father, and to the son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be.

World without end.

Amen.

PSALM 91

Sung by the Choir

WHOSO dwelleth under the defence of the most High: shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope, and my stronghold: my God, in him will I trust.

For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter: and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall defend thee under his wings, and thou shalt be safe under his feathers: his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night: nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

For the pestilence that walketh in darkness: nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noonday.

A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hand: but it shall not come nigh thee.

Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold: and see the reward of the ungodly.

For thou, Lord, art my hope: thou hast set thine house of defence very high.

There shall no evil happen unto thee: neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee: to keep thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee in their hands: that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.

Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him up, because he hath known my Name.

He shall call upon me, and I will hear him: yea, I am with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and bring him to honour.

With long life will I satisfy him: and shew him my salvation.

Glory be to the father, and to the son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be.

World without end.

Amen.

The Lesson 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Read by Captain Orme Clarke, Aide de Camp to the General Officer Commanding London District and Major General Commanding the Household Division

I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time. Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity.

THE BENEDICTUS

Sung by the Choir

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel : for he hath visited, and redeemed his people;

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us : in the house of his servant David;

As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets : which have been since the world began;

That we should be saved from our enemies : and from the hands of all that hate us;

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers : and to remember his holy Covenant;

To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham : that he would give us;

That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies : might serve him without fear;
In holiness and righteousness before him : all the days of our life.
And thou, Child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest : for thou shalt go before the
face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people : for the remission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God : whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited
us; To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death : and to guide
our feet into the way of peace.

Glory be to the father, and to the son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be.
World without end.
Amen.

Music: Orland Gibbons

THE APOSTLES' CREED

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy
Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the
dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father
Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe
in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints; The
Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting.
Amen.

THE PRAYERS

The choir sings:

*The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.*

Let us pray.

*Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

*Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil. Amen.*

*O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.*

*O Lord, save the Queen.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.*

*Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.*

*O Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.*

*Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.*

*O God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

THE COLLECT FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in thy 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;
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE SECOND COLLECT, FOR PEACE

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE THIRD COLLECT, FOR GRACE

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ANTHEM

My Soul there Is A Country

Sung by the Choir

My soul, there is a country
Far beyond the stars,
Where stands a winged sentry
All skilful in the wars:

There, above noise and danger
Sweet Peace sits crowned with smiles
And One, born in a manger
Commands the beauteous files.

He is thy gracious friend
And, O my soul, awake!
Did in pure love descend
To die here for thy sake.

If thou canst get but thither,
There grows the flow'r of Peace,
The Rose that cannot wither,
Thy fortress and thy ease.

Leave then thy foolish ranges,
For none can thee secure
But One who never changes,
Thy God, thy life, thy cure.

*Words: Henry Vaughan
Music: C. H Parry*

A PRAYER FOR THE QUEEN'S MAJESTY

O Lord, our heavenly Father, high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, the only Ruler of princes, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth: Most heartily we beseech thee with thy favour to behold our most gracious Sovereign Lady, Queen ELIZABETH; and so replenish her with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that she may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way. Endue her plentifully with heavenly gifts; grant her in health and wealth long to live; strengthen her that she may vanquish and overcome all her enemies; and finally after this life she may attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

A PRAYER FOR THE ROYAL FAMILY

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless Philip Duke of Edinburgh, Charles Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family: Endue them with thy Holy Spirit; enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace do proceed: Kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all the true love of peace; and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

All: Amen.

Almighty God, stretch forth your mighty arm to strengthen and protect the Armed Forces: grant that meeting danger with courage and all occasions with discipline and loyalty, they may truly serve the cause of justice and peace; to the honour of your holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

God of love, whose compassion never fails; we bring before you the griefs and perils of peoples and nations; the necessities of the homeless; the helplessness of the aged and weak; the sighings of the prisoners; the pains of the sick and injured; the sorrow of the bereaved. Comfort and relieve them, O merciful Father, according to their needs; for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

All: Amen.

Teach us, good Lord, to serve as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labour and not to seek for any reward, save that of knowing that we do your will.

All: Amen.

HYMN

O Valiant Hearts

Sung by the choir

O valiant hearts, who to your glory came
Through dust of conflict and through battle flame;
Tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,
Your memory hallowed in the land you loved.

Proudly you gathered rank on rank to war,
As you had heard God's message from afar;
All you had hoped for, all you had, you gave
To save mankind – yourself you scorned to save.

Splendid you passed, the great surrender made,
Into the light that never more shall fade;
Deep your contentment in that blest abode,
Who wait the last clear trumpet call of God.

Long years ago, as earth lay dark and still.
Rose a loud cry upon a lonely hill,
Wile the frailty of our human clay,
Christ, our Redeemer, passed the self same way.

O risen Lord, O Shepherd of our dead,
Whose Cross has brought them and whose staff has led,
In glorious hope their proud and sorrowing land
Commits her children to thy gracious hand.

Words: Sir John Stanhope Arkwright (1872–1954)

Tune: The Supreme Sacrifice

THE SERMON

The Chaplain

HYMN

Now Thank we All our God

Sung by the choir

Now thank we all our God.
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours to-day.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore,
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.
Amen.

*Words: Martin Rinkart.
Tune: Nun danket alle Gott*

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

**All: 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.**

The choir sings:

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:
Thus evermore shall rise to thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

THE COLLECT FOR THE HOUSEHOLD DIVISION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
who dost reveal thy love to mankind
in Jesus Christ Thy Son,
and through Thy Holy Spirit hast granted
Thy manifold gifts of grace to those that love Thee;
mercifully grant that Thy servants
in the sevenfold fellowship of the Household Division
may be so filled with Thy Spirit
that they may be vigilant in Thy service
and selfless in their duty, through Jesus Christ our God,
who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

All: Amen

Please stand

THE BLESSING

The Chaplain

God grant to the living, grace;
to the departed, rest;
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth and all mankind,
peace and concord;
and to us and all his servants, life everlasting;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost
be among you and remain with you always.

The Choir sings the final Amen

VOLUNTARY

Fame and Glory

Played by the Band of the Irish Guards

Albert Matt (1864-1941)

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