

# *Order of Service – Remembrance 2020*

## **Welcome**

## **HYMN**

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;  
They fly forgotten, as a dream  
Dies at the opening day.

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

## **Call to Worship & Act of Penitence**

*The Venerable Sue Pinnington, Archdeacon of the Gwent Valleys*

We meet in the presence of the living God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We gather to commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith  
for reconciliation between the nations,  
that all people may live in freedom, justice and peace.  
We pray for all who, in bereavement, disability and 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.

Firstly, let us acknowledge that we belong to a humanity  
fractured by hatred and division,  
ridden by pride, selfishness and greed,  
as we confess our share in this sinfulness.

*Sit; silence for reflection and preparation.*

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

*After a short silence, all say*

**Most merciful, God,  
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.  
In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may act justly, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

## **The Absolution**

*by Bishop Cherry*

### **The Collect**

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.**

### **Readings**

#### **Isaiah 2:1-4**

**2** The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.

## **Matthew 5:1-10 - The Beatitudes**

5 When Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

### **Address by Bishop Cherry**

#### **The Last Post and The Silence** followed by

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.**

*Led by Bishop Cherry*

## **The Prayers**

*led by The Venerable Jonathan Williams, Archdeacon of Newport*

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.

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

**All 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.

**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.

**All Amen**

### **Act of Commitment**

*led by The Venerable Ambrose Mason, Archdeacon of Monmouth*

Let us commit ourselves afresh  
to the service of God and one another:  
that we may be a source  
of help and comfort to those in need,  
and support those working for the peace  
and welfare of the nations.

**Lord God, our Father,  
we pledge ourselves  
to serve you and all people,  
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 Lord's Prayer**

### **HYMN**

Eternal Father, strong to save,  
Whose arm doth bind the restless wave,  
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep  
Its own appointed limits keep;  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

O Saviour, whose almighty word  
The winds and waves submissive heard,  
Who walkedst on the foaming deep,  
And calm amid its rage didst sleep:  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

O sacred Spirit, who didst brood  
Upon the chaos dark and rude,  
Who did'st its angry tumult cease,  
And gavest light and life and peace:  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

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:  
And ever let there rise to thee  
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea

### **The Blessing**

*by Bishop Cherry*

### **The National Anthem**

### **The Welsh National Anthem**