OOS HC Sunday 8th NOVEMBER 2026 – Remembrance Sunday

THE GATHERING

Words of welcome or introduction

OPENING HYMN: #122 Eternal Father, strong to save

INVITATION TO CONFESSION – *Please be seated*

The president says

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 his children.

(All) 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 do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

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

COLLECT FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

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.

CHILDREN LEAVE FOR SUNDAY CLUB

WE STAND FOR THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Remembrance Day and the Two Minute Silence have been observed since the end of the First World War, and their relevance remains undiminished. When we bow our heads in reflection, we remember those who fought for our freedom during the two World Wars, but we also mourn and honour those who have lost their lives in more recent conflicts.
Today, with troops from many nations on duty in trouble spots around the world, Remembrance and this two-minute tribute is as important as ever.

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, in a clearing in the forest of Compiègne, fighting on land, sea and air came to an end as the Armistice, signed in the early hours of the morning, came into force.

Together today 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.

"They shall not grow 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.

Last Post

We observe a two-minute silence

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ACT OF COMMITMENT *Please remain standing*

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 FIRST READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (NIVUK)

Believers who have died

13 Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so
that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. 14 For we believe that Jesus
died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen
asleep in him. 15 According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left
until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the
Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the
archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 After that, we
who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the

Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord for ever. [18] Therefore encourage one another with these words.

This is the word of the Lord
(All) Thanks be to God

SECOND READING:
The parable of the ten virgins
25 'At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish and five were wise. [3] The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. [4] The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. [5] The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.
[6] 'At midnight the cry rang out: "Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!"
[7] 'Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish ones said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out."
[9] '"No," they replied, "there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves."
[10] 'But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.
[11] 'Later the others also came. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us!"
[12] 'But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I don't know you."
[13] 'Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
(All) Praise to you O Christ.

THE SERMON – Revd. Vivian Sockett

THE NICENE CREED – *Please stand if you are able*
(All) We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Please be seated

Response at the end of each prayer
(Leader) May God give peace
(All) God give us peace

Merciful Father,
(All) accept these prayers,
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE PEACE – *Please stand if you are able*

We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
(All) And also with you.
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All who have a practice of taking communion are welcome to receive the sacrament.
Please hold out your hands for a wafer.
Gluten-free wafers are available upon request as you arrive at the front.
If you prefer to receive a blessing, come forward and keep your hands crossed across your chest.

OFFERTORY HYMN: #4 Abide with me

The Prayer of Preparation
Generous and gracious God,
receive and bless these gifts for your holy work;
and bless everyone who offers them to you.
(All) Amen

The Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord is here.

(All) His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

(All) We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

(All) It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right,
it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word;
through him you have created all things from the beginning,
and formed us in your own image.
(All) To you be glory and praise for ever.

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross;
you raised him from the dead
and exalted him to your right hand on high.
(All) To you be glory and praise for ever.

Through him you have sent upon us
your holy and life-giving Spirit,
and made us a people for your own possession.
(All) To you be glory and praise for ever.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and *saying:*

(All) 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.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
(All) To you be glory and praise for ever.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
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,
in remembrance of me.
(All) To you be glory and praise for ever.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:
(All) Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
(All) To you be glory and praise for ever.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:
(All) Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer
Being made one by the power of the Spirit,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us, each in our own language.

(All) Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name;
your kingdom come;
your will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

Breaking of the Bread
We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
(All) Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.

Giving of Communion
God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.
All **Jesus Christ is holy,**
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

People come forward for communion

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power

make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

THE NOTICES

CLOSING HYMN: #498 O God, our help in ages past

THE DISMISSAL

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.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
(All) In the name of Christ. Amen.