

St Matthew's  
Westminster



The Sunday Mass

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Trinity

Remembrance Sunday

November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## Welcome to St Matthew's Westminster

During the current national lockdown churches are not allowed to offer public worship, however we are permitted to stream the Mass with necessary participants and without a congregation.

This means that many people who would have received Holy Communion each Sunday, and some of them every day, are not able to receive the comfort and benefits of the sacrament.

This is a huge loss. However, it is not the first time that the Church has been in such a position. Throughout Christian history some Christian people have found themselves isolated from the sacramental life of the Church for all sorts of reasons, and particularly in times of plague, famine and warfare.

At such times the Church has encouraged people to make what is called a Spiritual Communion. It is a way of uniting yourself with Jesus and entering into communion with him even though you are not able to receive the sacrament itself.

Today is Remembrance Sunday, and our liturgy begins as ever on this day with the Act of Remembrance. The Two Minute Silence, held each year at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, marks the end of the First World War. It is also observed on Remembrance Sunday as an opportunity to remember and honour those who have paid the price for our freedom, then and now.

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## THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

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*Priest* 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 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.

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.**

*There follows the Two Minute Silence when we remember those who lost their lives in war.*

*Priest* 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.**

### The National Anthem

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.



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## THE GATHERING

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### **Mass Setting**

Mass setting  
Missa Orbis Factor (Plainsong)

### **Organ Prelude**

Nun bitten wir  
Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

### **Processional 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,  
Be thou our guard while troubles last,  
And our eternal home.

*Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)*

*Music: St Anne, William Croft (1678-1727)*



## The Greeting

*Priest* ✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Priest* Grace, mercy and peace, from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

*All* **and also with you.**

*The priest introduces the Mass, and invites the congregation to seek  
the grace and mercy of God, as we celebrate the mystery of redemption.*

## Prayers of Penitence

*Priest* **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
We are heartily sorry,  
and repent of all our sins.  
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

## Kyrie Eleison

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

*The priest pronounces Absolution.*

## The Collect of the Day

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things  
in your 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 is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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### Old Testament Reading Wisdom 3. 1-9

*at the end of the readings –*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 70

Haste thee, O God, to deliver me: make haste to help me, O Lord.  
Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul:  
let them be turned backward and put to confusion that wish me evil.  
Let them for their reward be soon brought to shame:  
that cry over me, There, there.  
But let all those that seek thee be joyful and glad in thee:  
and let all such as delight in thy salvation say always, The Lord be praised.  
As for me, I am poor and in misery: haste thee unto me, O God.  
Thou art my helper and my redeemer: O Lord, make no long tarrying.

**New Testament Reading** Romans 8. 31-35, 37-39

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Come, you who are blessed by my Father,  
inherit the kingdom prepared for you  
from the foundation of the world. Alleluia.

**The Holy Gospel** St John 6. 37-40

*when the Gospel is announced* - **Glory to you, O Lord.**  
*at the end of the reading* - **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**The Sermon** Mthr Sarah Lenton

**Hymn** 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.

*Words: Cecil Spring-Rice (1859-1918)*  
*Music: Thaxted, Gustav Holst (1874-1934)*

## The Nicene Creed

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.

## The Prayers of The People

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# THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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## The Peace

*Priest* Christ is our peace.  
If anyone is in Christ there is a new creation.  
The old has passed away, behold the new has come.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you

*All* **and also with you.**

## Offertory

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
All ye who hear,  
Now to his temple draw near,,  
Joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shieldeth thee gently from harm, or when fainting sustaineth?,  
Hast thou not seen  
How thy heart's wishes have been  
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who, when tempests their warfare are waging,  
Who, when the elements madly around thee are raging,  
Biddeth them cease,  
Turneth their fury to peace,  
Whirlwinds and waters assuaging.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen  
Sound from his people again:  
Gladly for aye we adore him.

*Words: Joachim Neander (1650-80)*

*Music: Lobe den Herren (CP 558), German C17*

*The Altar is prepared. Once prepared, the Altar, with the gifts of bread and wine upon it, is blessed with incense. The clergy & participants are also censed.*

### **Orate Fratres**

*Priest* Pray, my brothers and sisters,  
that this our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

*All* **May the Lord accept the sacrifice we offer,  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good and the good of all his Church.**

*The priest says a prayer over the gifts of bread and wine.*

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

*Priest* The Lord be with you  
*All* **and also with you.**

*Priest* Lift up your hearts.

*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Priest* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*We celebrate the work of God in creating,  
restoring and bringing to completion all that is his.*

*... for ever praising you and saying:*

*Solo* **Sanctus & Benedictus**

*We recall Jesus' institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper.*

*Priest* Great is the mystery of faith:

*All* **Christ has died;  
Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again.**

*We recall the work of Christ, and pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit,  
praying as members of the Church for our whole life and mission.*

*Priest* ... for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*A short time of silence is kept at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer.*

## 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.**

## Breaking of The Bread

*The consecrated bread is broken in silence before it is shared.  
We who are many, are one, for we all share in the one bread.*

## Agnus Dei

## Holy Communion

*Priest* Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

## **Spiritual Communion**

*The prayer that follows draws on the story of the woman who comes to Jesus but only touches the hem of his garment. She still receives healing and blessing (See St Mark 5. 25-34). In a way, spiritual communion is like this. We are not able to receive the sacramental bread and wine. But in a spiritual communion we still come to Jesus and he still receives us.*

## **Act of Spiritual Reception**

O loving God, in union with Christian people throughout the world and across the centuries gathered to make Eucharist, hearing your holy Word and receiving the Precious Body and Blood of your dear Son, I offer you praise and thanksgiving.

Even though I am exiled from tasting the Bread of Heaven and drinking the Cup of Life I pray that you will unite me with all the baptised and with your Son who gave his life for us.

Come Lord Jesus, dwell in me and send your Holy Spirit that I may be filled with your presence.

## **Communion Anthem**

Pie Jesu

*Gabriel Faure (1845-1924)*

*Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis sempiternam requiem.*

*Holy Lord Jesu, grant them everlasting rest.*

## **The Postcommunion Prayer**

*Priest* 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.

## **Announcements**

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## THE DISMISSAL

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### The Blessing

*Priest*     The Lord be with you  
*All*         **and also with you.**

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest,  
to the Church, the Queen, 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,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you  
and remain with you always.

*All*         The Mass is ended. Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**



*The Mass concludes with the Angelus which recalls the centrality of the Incarnation as we are sent out to live the faith we have proclaimed.  
This will be sung by a priest and cantor.*

## **The Angelus**

*Priest* The angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary.

*All* **And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.**

*Hail Mary ...*

*Priest* Behold, the handmaid of the Lord.

*All* **Be it unto me according to thy word.**

*Hail Mary ...*

*Priest* And the word was made flesh.

*All* **And dwelt among us.**

*Hail Mary ...*

*Priest* Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God:

*All* **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

*Priest* Almighty God, pour thy grace into our hearts, that as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his ✠ Cross and Passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Organ Postlude**

Nimrod

*Edward Elgar (1857-1934)*

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