

The Parish Church of St Faith Great Crosby

**The Eucharist**  
*and* **Act of Remembrance**  
*on* **Remembrance Sunday**



*Lest We Forget*

Remembrance Sunday is observed on the second Sunday in November, generally the Sunday nearest to 11 November.

The Order of Service for the Act of Remembrance has been prepared by a group representing the churches and convened through Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI), working in partnership with the Royal British Legion and the Joint Liturgical Group. It is therefore a symbol of the unity of the Church of God in the face of a world still torn by strife. Even when we are ourselves as a Church divided, we are always called to the unity and peace of the Kingdom.

Remembrance Sunday explores one ongoing theme of the Season of All Saints to Advent, that of memory both corporate and individual, as we together confront issues of war and peace, loss and self-giving, memory and forgetting.

## *The Gathering*

### *Hymn*

+In the name of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### **The Greeting**

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

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires  
known and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse  
the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your  
Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and  
worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our  
Lord. Amen.**

### *Prayers of Penitence*

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.

*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 neighbour 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*

*The President pronounces God's love and forgiveness:*

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**

*The Collect*

Let us pray.

*A moment of silence is kept.*

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.**

*The Liturgy of the Word*

*All sit*

*Old Testament Reading:*

*At the end of the Reading:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm*

*New Testament Reading:*

*At the end of the Reading:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Gospel*

Alleluia, alleluia,

Jesus Christ is the firstborn from the dead;  
to him be glory and power for ever and ever.

**Alleluia.**

*cf Colossians 1.18*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to *N*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end of the Gospel:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*There may be a short address.*

## *The Act of Remembrance*

We are here to worship Almighty God, whose purposes are good; whose power sustains the world he has made; who loves us, though we have failed in his service; who gave Jesus Christ for the life of the world; who by his Holy Spirit leads us in his way.

As we give thanks for his great works, we remember those who have lived and died in his service and in the service of others; we pray for all who suffer through war and are in need; we ask for his help and blessing that we may do his will, and that the whole world may acknowledge him as Lord and King.

*The names of those to be remembered are read and then:*

They shall grow not old,  
as we that are left grow old;  
age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.

*A younger person may reply:*

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
we will remember them.

*All affirm*

**We will remember them.**

*The wreath is placed. Two minutes of silence is observed, which may end with The Last Post.*

*The Kohima Epitaph is then said:*

When you go home tell them of us and say,  
for your tomorrow we gave our today.

*A Prayer of Commemoration*

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;  
fulfill in them the purpose of your love;  
and bring us all, with them,  
to your eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*An Act of Commitment*

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.**

*The National Anthem is sung*

## *The Prayers*

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God may give us peace, saying:  
may God give peace.

**God give 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.

**God give peace.**

For those who love them in death as in life,  
offering the distress of grief  
and the sadness of loss;  
may God give peace.

**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.

**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.

**God give peace.**

For peacemakers and peacekeepers,  
who seek to keep this world secure and free;  
may God give peace.

**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.

**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.

**Amen.**

*The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

*The Peace*

*All stand*

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 let them be afraid. Cf *John 14.27*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## Hymn

### *Preparation of the Table and Taking of the Bread and Wine*

*The bread and wine are brought to the altar.*

To you we come, Father of lights,

with angels and saints,

where heaven and earth unite.

May Jesus meet us in the breaking of the bread.

**Amen.**

**Yours Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours: all things come of you, and of your own do we give you.**



### *The Eucharistic Prayer*

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should always sing of your glory,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.  
For you are the hope of the nations,  
the builder of the city that is to come.  
Your love made visible in Jesus Christ  
brings home the lost, restores the sinner  
and gives dignity to the despised.  
In his face your light shines out,  
flooding lives with goodness and truth,  
gathering into one in your kingdom  
a divided and broken humanity.  
Therefore with all who can give voice  
in your creation, we glorify your name,  
for ever praising you and *saying[singing]*:

**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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died, he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:

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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died;**  
**Christ is risen;**  
**Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy  
will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Faith, and all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours,  
O loving Father, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*All kneel or sit for:*

*The Lord's Prayer*

As we await the coming of God's Kingdom,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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.**

*The Breaking of the Bread*

*The president breaks the consecrated bread saying:*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body, because we all  
share in one bread.**

*Agnus Dei*

*All sing:*

**Lamb of God, you take away  
the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away  
the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away  
the sin of the world,  
grant us your peace.**

OR

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Bearer of our Sins, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Redeemer of the World, grant us peace.**

*Invitation to Communion*

Jesus is the Lamb of God,  
who takes away the sin 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.**

*At the distribution of communion, the minister says to each communicant:*

The Body of Christ

The Blood of Christ           *and each responds: **Amen.***

*Prayer After Communion*

*All stand.*

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.

**Amen.**

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood  
of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you  
our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out  
in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

*The Dismissal*

*Hymn*

*Blessing:*

God grant to the living grace,  
to the departed rest,  
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth,  
the world, 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.  
**Amen.**

*The Dismissal*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ, Amen.**

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