

A Service of Remembrance

St John the Evangelist, Lemsford

and

St Michael and All Angels, Birchwood

A SERVICE FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Minister

Let us remember with gratitude
those who, in the cause of peace
and the service of their fellow men,
died for their country in time of war.

The list of those to be remembered by name may be read

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 may be sounded

THE SILENCE

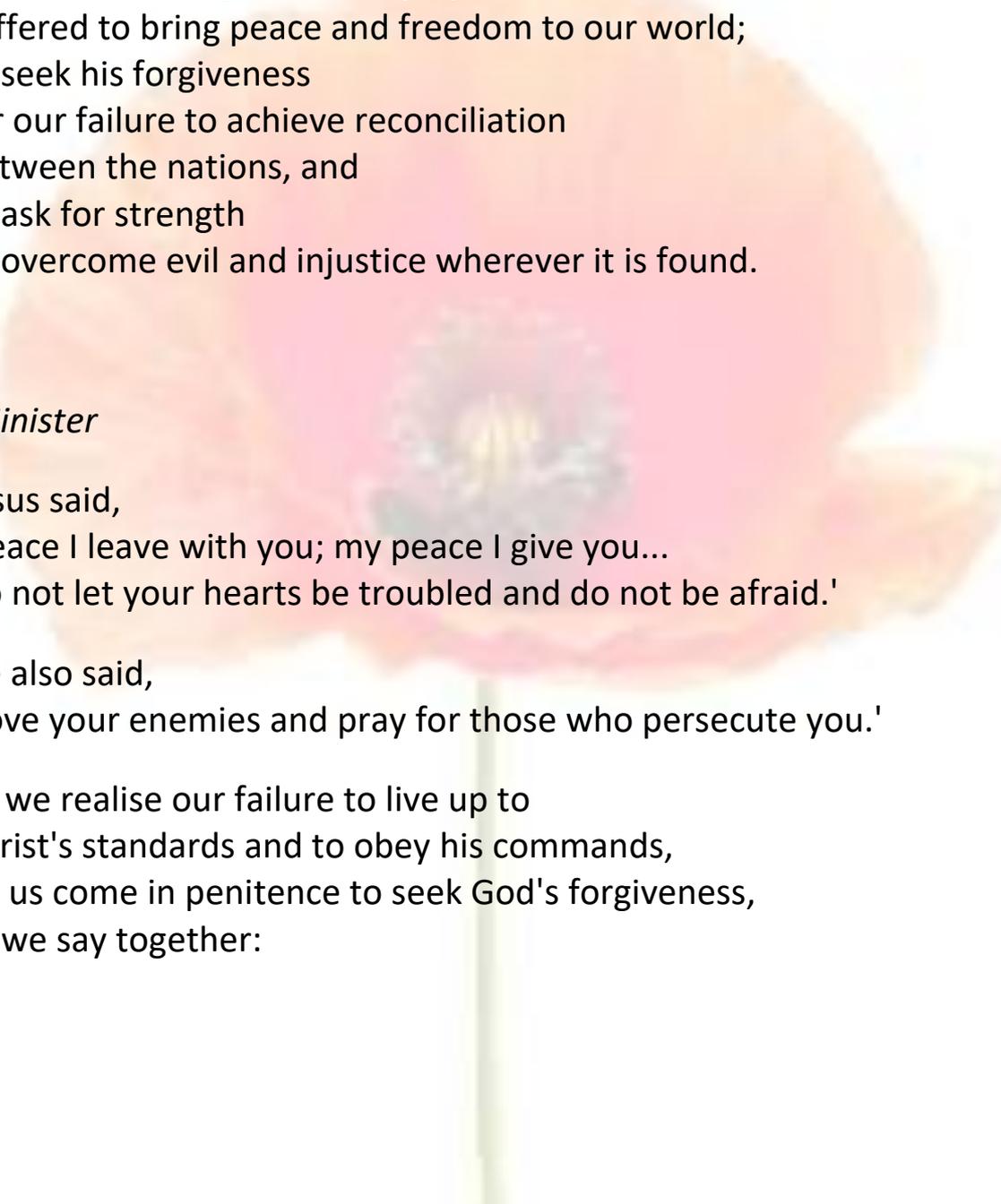
During the silence the children of St John's School place crosses at the war memorial

The Reveille may be sounded

Minister

The Lord reigns for ever;
he has established his throne for judgement.
He will judge the world in righteousness;
he will govern the peoples with justice (Psa. 9:7-8).

Praise the Lord, all you nations;
extol him, all you peoples.
For great is his love towards us
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever (Psa. 117).



We have come together to worship almighty God;
to offer him praise and thanksgiving
for our nation's deliverance in time of war;
to recall to our minds
those who through death, injury or bereavement,
suffered to bring peace and freedom to our world;
to seek his forgiveness
for our failure to achieve reconciliation
between the nations, and
to ask for strength
to overcome evil and injustice wherever it is found.

Minister

Jesus said,
'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you...
Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.'

He also said,
'Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.'

As we realise our failure to live up to
Christ's standards and to obey his commands,
let us come in penitence to seek God's forgiveness,
as we say together:

All

**Almighty and merciful God, Lord of men and nations,
we confess with shame the sins, both private and public,
by which we have broken your law and grieved your Spirit.
We acknowledge the reproach that war has brought
upon the name of Christ.**

**We confess our lack of love for you and for our fellow men.
For the sake of your Son, who died for us,
save us from our sins.
Take from us all hatred and bitterness,
whether in thought, word or action.
Teach us to forgive, as we are forgiven,
so that we may grow more like him
and live our lives according to your will.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Minister

Almighty God, who has promised to forgive
all who repent of their sins and believe
in his Son, Jesus Christ;
grant us pardon for our sins, peace in our hearts,
strength in his service, and everlasting life.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PSALM 46 will be said

1 God is our | refuge and | strength:
a very | present | help in | trouble.

2 Therefore we will not fear though the | earth
be | moved:
and though the mountains are | shaken in the |
midst of the | sea;

3 though the waters | rage and | foam:
and though the mountains quake at the | rising |
of the | sea.

4 There is a river whose streams make glad the | city
of | God:
the holy dwelling place | of the | Most | High.

5 God is in the midst of her
therefore she shall | not be | moved:
God will | help her and at | break of | day.

6 The nations make uproar and the | kingdoms
are | shaken:
but God has lifted his | voice and the | earth
shall | tremble.

*7 The Lord of | hosts is | with us:
the God of | Jacob | is our | stronghold.*

8 Come then and see what the | Lord has | done:
what destruction he has | brought up | on the earth.

9 He makes wars to cease in | all the | world:
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear
and burns the | chariots | in the | fire.

10 'Be still and know that | I am | God:
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be ex | alted up | on the | earth.'

*11 The Lord of | hosts is | with us:
the God of | Jacob | is our | stronghold.*

Glory to the Father and | to the | Son:
and | to the | Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be | ginning is | now:
and shall be for | ever | A | men.

READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 2:1-4;

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

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.

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.

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.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God.

HYMN

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 5: 1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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THE CREED

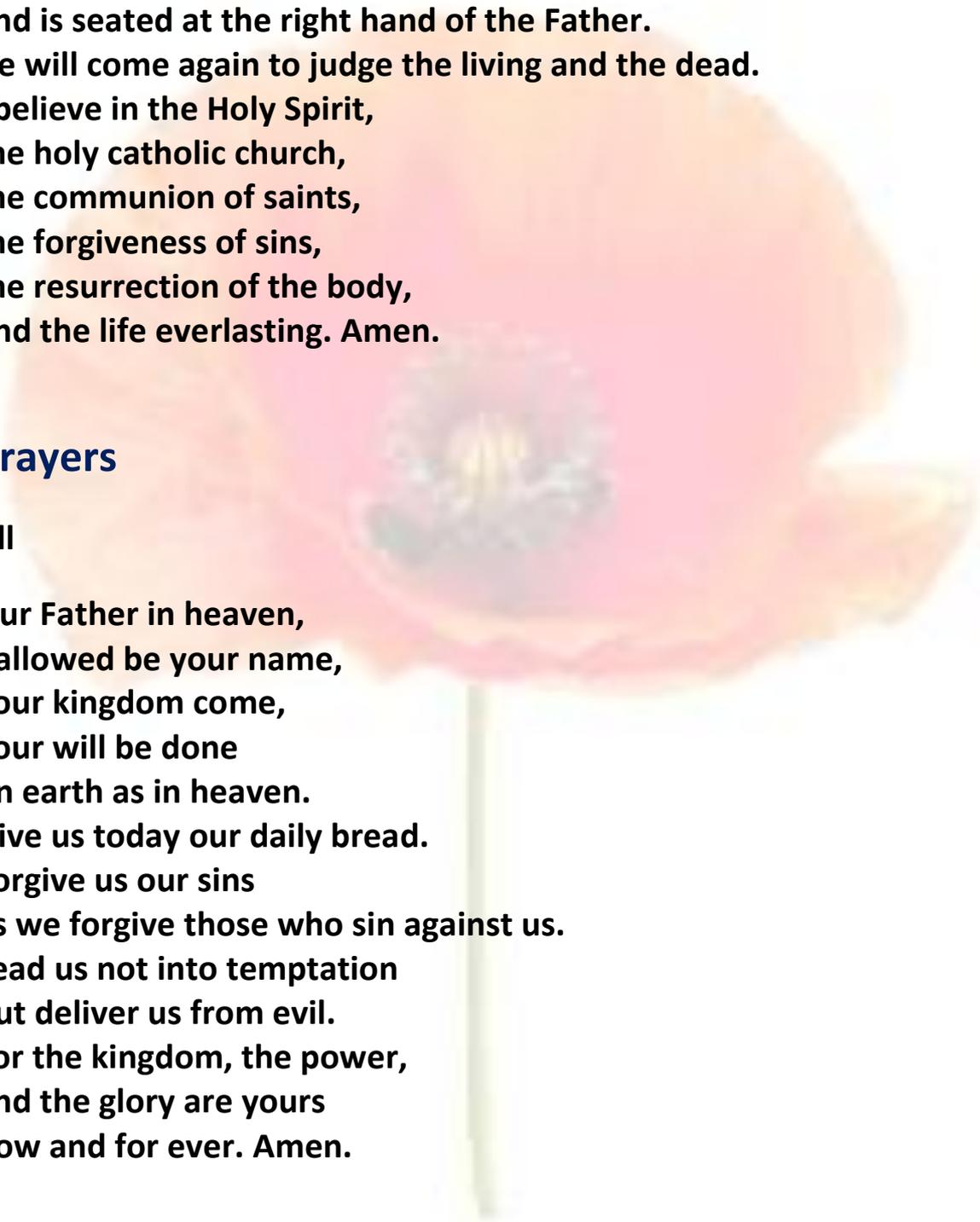
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**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,



was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers

All

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as 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.**

Minister

A prayer of thanksgiving

O God our Father,
We thank you for all your goodness to us
as a nation, and for the many occasions
when you have guided and protected us.
We thank you for your Word, the Bible,
which down the years has moulded the laws
and thinking of our country.
Above all, we thank and praise you for sending
your Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Saviour.
Today, especially, we give thanks for those
who died in the cause of freedom and justice,
so that your truth might continue to be known,
and your laws obeyed within our nation.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A prayer for those who suffer

Father, we remember how your Son, during the time
of his ministry on earth, had great compassion
for those who suffered.
We bring to you those who still suffer
as the result of war.

Hear our prayer, Father, for those who live with
the pain and scars of bodily injury; for those
whose minds are shattered by the horrors which
they witnessed or endured; for those who have
been bereaved; for those who do not believe
in you or trust their fellow men.
Grant to them peace of mind and heart, and relief
from all their suffering,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A prayer for peace

O Prince of peace,
Bring your peace into our disordered world.
Come now to live in our hearts.
Bring your order into our chaos.
Hasten the day when you will come again, and
all men will acknowledge your sovereign rule.
In your name we ask this. Amen.

For our Queen and those in authority

Lord God, whose faithfulness knows no end,
We pray for our Queen and for all those under her
who guide and govern the affairs of our nation.
Grant that they may honour you, so that they may be
set free from the fear of man.
Help them in every situation to know and do
the thing that is right.
Overrule all their deliberations for the good of our
people and the glory of your name.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For our nation

Grant, O Lord, that our people may devote themselves
unselfishly to the common good, giving much
and taking little.
Grant that we may love your Word and seek to obey
your commandments, so that justice and peace,
unity and concord, may reign in our land.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For ourselves

O God our Father, help us to realise that all striving after justice must begin with ourselves, and not with others.

Make us to be those who work for peace and seek always to express your love in the world.

Help us to encourage the spirit of reconciliation, by being those who forgive, rather than those who try to establish their rights.

We ask this in the name of the One who forgave those who persecuted him, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All

The Prayer of St Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is despair, hope;

and where there is sadness, joy.

Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and in dying that we are born again

to eternal life. Amen.

The grace

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

HYMN

THE ADDRESS

Kneel or sit

THE BLESSING

Please Stand

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

