Worship at Home

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A call to worship: Micah 6: 6

And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.



Today is Remembrance Sunday, which is a time to remember those who lost their lives in the two world wars and in conflicts since then.

STF 132: O God, our help in ages past

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 years in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

The busy tribes of flesh and blood,
with all their cares and fears
are carried downward by the flood,
and lost in following years.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening of day.

O, God our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last
and our eternal home.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

We pray

Creator God, you walk with us in your world and have done so in times of conflict as well as in times of peaceful cooperation.
We thank you for the inspiration that Jesus shares with us, as he reached out to people everywhere to bring peace in their lives.
today we pray especially for those who gave their lives in the service for their country in the wars of every age.
We pray for them, for their families and friends, for all who mourn their loss.
We pray for the world today and as we remember all people caught up in the wars/conflicts of our present age, may we continue to work for peace, justice and hope in the world.
We bring our prayer to you in and through Jesus Christ, the prince of peace. Amen

Old Testament reading: Micah 4: 1-4

Gospel reading: John 15: 9-17

A time of reflection

Today is an important day in the nation's calendar. It is a time when we remember the story of people who served their country in the last century and this, remembering especially those who did not return home to their families and friends and whose names are recorded on war memorials across the nation and around the world.

Today we reflect on the way that war has led to, and continues to lead to, deep uncertainty for individuals, families, nations and communities. We see that in the stories of the great wars, recalled perhaps in the story of the late Queen Elizabeth, who for many years led the national service of remembrance at the Cenotaph in London.

The effects of conflict resonate through the ages, and the impact of these conflicts has moulded and shaped the way community is formed. At the end of conflict and following the deep sacrifices of many, there is a renewed hope as communities reestablish, and people explore ways of living which seek to grasp a greater peace.

The prophet Micah sought the same vision when he looked forward to a time when *"they will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks"*, when a time would be established where, *"nation will not take up sword against nation, neither will they train for war any more".*

Of course, this vision remains, but it is often hidden. To find the peace that Jesus talks of, is to find in our lives the way that peace can flow. By what we say and by how we act, we can make a difference to the way the world is today. Small steps indeed, but small steps grow into something significant.

Jesus said that the greatest gift that could be offered was to lay down your life for your friends. We are not usually called to do so, but today we remember those who did, and remember Jesus too who through his teaching, work, and example give us a new vision of peace.

As we follow the one who gave his life, not just for his friends but for the whole world, may we work for

that peace, justice, and hope which one day may be established on the earth.

A time to sit quietly to reflect…

In all Churches and Cathedrals people will be praying for peace, so let us share in the words of this hymn (STF 719).

**We pray for peace,
but not the easy peace
built on complacency,
not on the peace of God.
We pray for real peace,
the peace God's love alone can seal.**

**We pray for peace,
but not the cruel peace
leaving God's poor bereft
and dying in distress;
we pray for real peace,
enriching all the human race.**

**We pray for peace,
and not the evil peace
defending unjust laws
and nursing prejudice,
but for the real peace
of justice, mercy, truth and love.**

**We pray for peace:
holy communion
with Christ our risen Lord
and every living thing;
God's will fulfilled on earth
and all creation reconciled.**

**We pray for peace,
and, for the sake of peace,
look to the risen Christ,
who gives the grace we need
to serve the cause of peace
and make our own self-sacrifice.**

**God, give us peace.
If you withdraw your love
there is no hope for us,
nor any hope for it.
With you to lead us on,
through death or tumult,
peace will come.**

Alan Gaunt (b. 1935)

A time of prayer

We pray for the world, in all its diversity.

We pray that we may listen to each other, seek what is good and just and right and walk together so as to find peace, hope and blessing in the world today.

We pray for our faith, for our journey with God and with members of our Church family.

We give thanks for the way God has called us, and continues to call us.

We pray for those who are ill, for those whose loved ones are worried about their future health problems.

And a prayer for ourselves, we pray God will continue to be our comforter and lead us on in faith. We bring our prayers in the name of the risen Christ. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer: *Our Father…*

On this Remembrance Day we share together on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the month or the Sunday nearest to that day, words that are used all over the country, now or at 11.00am.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.

Age will 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.

STF 712: Put peace into each other's hands

**Put peace into each other's hands
and like a treasure hold it,
protect it like a candle-flame,
with tenderness enfold it.**

**Put peace into each other's hands
with loving expectation;
be gentle in your words and ways,
in touch with God's creation.**

**Put peace into each other's hands
like bread we break for sharing;
look people warmly in the eye:
our life is meant for caring.**

**As at communion, shape your hands
Into a waiting cradle;
The gift of Christ receive, revere,
United around the table.**

**Put Christ into each other's hands,
He is love's deepest measure;
In love make peace, give peace a chance,
and share it like a treasure.**

Fred Kaan (1929-2009)

A prayer of blessing

from the Baptist Peace Fellowship

Send us out to be beacons of peace in a dark world of conflict.
Make us instruments of peace for whoever we meet and wherever we go.
In the name of the risen Lord, the Prince of peace.
Amen

May God bless us, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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