



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 11th November, 2018

Marking the Centenary of the Armistice 11th November 1918

at Memorial Gateway 10.40am

In St Magnus Cathedral 11.30am

Minister - Rev Fraser Macnaughton M.A., B.D., Dip; C.P.C.

Choirmaster - Michael Bell

Organist -Heather A. Rendall, L.T.C.L.

The offering today will be donated to the Royal British Legion Kirkwall Branch

From 11.20 as the congregation gathers the names of the World War 1 casualties
from the parish of Kirkwall and St Ola
will be read out by the Lord-Lieutenant's cadets

GATHERING MUSIC

“ Only remembered” by Ira D Sankey

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

HYMN [during which colours enter]

Deep in the human heart
the fire of justice burns;
with visions of a world renewed
through radical concern.
As Christians we are called
to set the captives free,
to overthrow the evil powers
and end hypocrisy.

This is our task today,
to build a world of peace;
a world of justice, freedom, truth,
where kindness will increase;
a world from hunger freed,
a world where people share,
where every person is of worth
and no-one lives in fear.

Taking the step of faith,
we leave the past behind
and move into the future's world
with open heart and mind.
By grace we work with Christ,
as one community,
to bring new hope and fuller life
to all humanity.

Words Bill Wallace

OPENING RESPONSES [remain standing]

L; The threat of war is only the push of a button away

All; We yearn for peace

L; The defeat of justice is only a corrupt person away

All; We yearn for fairness

L; The spread of discrimination is only a jeer away

All; We yearn for acceptance

L; The rise of cruelty is only an act away

All; We yearn for compassion

L; Peace is all of this;

**All; freedom from warfare, fair treatment for all,
tolerance and compassion**

L; This is true peace
All; We yearn for this

PRAYER OF THE DAY [all sit]

READING

THE AFTERMATH by SIEGFRIED SASSOON

read by Council Convener Harvey Johnston

Have you forgotten yet?...
For the world's events have rumbled on
since those gagged days,
Like traffic checked a while
at the crossing of city ways:
And the haunted gap in your mind
has filled with thoughts that flow
Like clouds in the lit heavens of life;
and you're a man reprieved to go,
Taking your peaceful share of Time, with joy to spare.

*But the past is just the same—
and War's a bloody game...
Have you forgotten yet?...*
*Look down, and swear by the slain of the War
that you'll never forget.*

Do you remember the dark months
you held the sector at Mametz—
The nights you watched and wired
and dug and piled sandbags on parapets?
Do you remember the rats;
and the stench
Of corpses rotting in front
of the front-line trench—
And dawn coming, dirty-white,
and chill with a hopeless rain?
Do you ever stop and ask,
'Is it all going to happen again?'

Do you remember that hour of din before the attack—
And the anger, the blind compassion
that seized and shook you then
As you peered at the doomed
and haggard faces of your men?
Do you remember the stretcher-cases lurching back
With dying eyes and lolling heads—those ashen-gray
Masks of the lads who once
were keen and kind and gay?

Have you forgotten yet?...
Look up, and swear by the green of the spring that you'll never forget.

HYMN

Composed for the commemoration of the hundredth anniversary of the end of
World War 1.

- 1 How can we sing of that sad conflagration:
cauldron of misery, mud, gas and fire?
Young men had gone, some inspired and excited,
then all too soon hanging dead on the wire.
- 2 Here amid blood tattered, writhing humanity,
can we find Christ? Is this glorious, this death?
Here, where the best of a whole generation
gave of their all and had breathed their last breath?
- 3 They lived and died through the lie of their 'betters',
others had said that this war would end war.
Subsequent history unfolded the story,
showing humanity hankers for more.
- 4 God let us learn how to love every neighbour,
living our lives in the style of the cross,
valuing others as sisters and brothers,
giving our all, never counting the loss.
- 5 Then is the Spirit of Christ found among us,
then are we worthy to stand in his name,
then we can say that we truly are Christian,
love is the evidence, this is our claim.

Words Andrew E Pratt

READING

FOR I WILL GIVE YOU THE MORNING STAR

FROM SUNSET SONG by Lewis Grassic Gibbon

REMEMBRANCE AFFIRMATION

[said together all standing]

**Remember with clear eyes the horrific cost of war.
Remember with deep sorrow those who killed and were
killed.**

Remember with grief the blood-stained battlefields.

Remember with tears the rending of people from their homes.

Remember with compassion the bereaved and the wounded.

Remember with reverence those who risked their lives for peace.

Remember with tenderness the children's longing for freedom.

Remember with gratefulness all who forgave their enemies.

Remember with hope that the kingdom is planted with small seeds.

Remember with confidence that faith, hope and love abide.

BIBLE READING

Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24 Read by Lord - Lieutenant Bill Spence

These are the words of Amos, a shepherd from the town of Tekoa. Two years before the earthquake, when Uzziah was king of Judah and Jeroboam son of Jehoash was king of Israel, God revealed to Amos all these things about Israel.

Amos said,

“The LORD roars from Mount Zion;
his voice thunders from Jerusalem.

The pastures dry up,
and the grass on Mount Carmel turns brown.”

Make it your aim to do what is right, not what is evil, so that you may live. Then the LORD God Almighty really will be with you, as you claim he is. Hate what is evil, love what is right, and see that justice prevails in the courts. Perhaps the LORD will be merciful to the people of this nation who are still left alive. The LORD says, “I hate your religious festivals; I cannot stand them! When you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; I will not accept the animals you have fattened to bring me as offerings. Stop your noisy songs; I do not want to listen to your harps. Instead, let justice flow like a stream, and righteousness like a river that never goes dry.

ANTHEM “ Den alles Fleisch “ by J Brahms

During which a copy of “MEMORY’S GATE”, - “The fallen of Kirkwall & St Ola in the Great War” by Richard Shearer will be placed in the World War 1 memorial niche by Ken Sutherland grandson of Gordon Sutherland who unveiled the memorial.

SHARING THE PEACE [all stand]

‘Every Sunday, in this Cathedral, we have a very special time when we greet each other in love and friendship. We welcome everyone who worships here - by shaking hands and saying to each other, ‘Peace be with you.’

L; Resisters object to political noise, loud explosions and general national militarism

**All; They call constantly for peace,
but don’t get peace-and-quiet**

L; To gain peace, quiet must be confronted,
silence broken,

All; for justice is the twin of peace.

[Everyone shakes hands with their neighbours saying ‘Peace be with you’]

ADDRESS; What is Peace?

HYMN WHAT SHALL WE PRAY

What shall we pray for those who died
Those on whose death our lives relied
Silenced by war but not denied
God give them peace

What shall we pray for those who mourn
friendships and love, their fruit unborn?
Though years have passed, hearts still are torn
God give them peace

What shall we pray for those who live
tied to the past they can't forgive?
Haunted by terrors they relive
God give them peace

What shall we pray for those who know
nothing of war, and cannot show
grief or regret for friend or foe
God give them peace

What shall we pray for those who fear
war, in some guise, may reappear
looking attractive and sincere?
God give them peace

God give us peace, and, more than this,
show us the path where justice is;

and let us never be remiss
working for peace that lasts.

Words by John L. Bell,

UPLIFTING OF THE OFFERING

“In Remembrance” [A Cant]

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF REMEMBRANCE AND HOPE

All sing Bless the Lord my soul, and bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord my soul, he rescues me from death

The candle of Remembrance and Hope is lit

Bless the Lord my soul, and bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord my soul, he leads me into life

PRAYERS OF REMEMBRANCE

TRIBUTE TO THE MILLIONS FROM ‘The Battle’s Over’

HYMN FOR THE HEALING OF THE NATIONS

For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord,
For a just and equal sharing
Of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
Help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom,
From despair your world release,
That, redeemed from war and hatred,
All may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
Fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living,
Let it from the earth be banned:
Pride of status, race or schooling,
Dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice

May we hallow brief life's span.

You, Creator God, have written
Your great name on humankind;
For our growing in your likeness
Bring the life of Christ to mind;
That by our response and service
Earth its destiny may find.

Words by Fred Kaan

[during which colours are returned]

SENDING OUT

The words of Rev D.A. Cameron minister of Papay Westray on the occasion of the unveiling of their war memorial in 1924.

L; "When will their memory fail?
**ALL; If we allow them to grow dim,
the glory of our land will depart from us.'**

BENEDICTION [remain standing]

CHORAL AMEN [remain standing]

NATIONAL ANTHEM [remain standing]

followed by National Bell ringing of Cathedral bells.

During which colours leave Cathedral

"The War generation did not talk much about it. It is their grandchildren who have ended up trying to tell their stories a hundred years later.
Perhaps this is our act of memory".

Ian Hislop

Armistice Day 2018 Programme

- 15.00 Armistice: Orkney Remembers - Orkney Arts Theatre
- 15.30 Pages of the Sea - Scapa Beach
- 17.00 The Great War: An Orkney Memorial Experience (Runs until 20.00) -
St Magnus Cathedral
- 18.55 The Last Post - St Magnus Cathedral
- 19.00 Memorial Beacon and Cry for Peace - St Magnus Cathedral
- 19.05 Bells - St Magnus Cathedral

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