RECESSIONAL HYMN

The Standards, Crucifer, Choir, Clergy, and the Priest leave, followed by the Dignitaries and Guests

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son, endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won; angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son, endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom. Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.

Thine be the glory

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life! Life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife. Make us more than conqu'rors through thy deathless love. Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Thine be the glory

'À toi la gloire' by Edmond Louis Budry (1854- 1932) trans.Richard Birch Hoyle (1875-1939)

Organ Voluntary

Intrada Ives

There will be a Retiring Collection for the work of the British Legion. Please give as generously as you can. Thank you.

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



PARISH CHURCH OF

St. Mary

the Virgin

SAFFRON WALDEN

A Service

for

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 14th November 2021

at 10.50am

CCL Licence no 25613

All say together:

Lord God our Father, we pledge ourselves to serve you and all mankind, in the cause of peace, for the relief of want and suffering, and for the praise of your name. Guide us by your Spirit; Give us wisdom; Give us courage; Give us hope; And keep us faithful now and always. Amen.

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.

Please stand

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.

Thy choicest gifts in store on her be pleased to pour, long may she reign. May she defend our laws, and ever give us cause to sing with heart and voice, God save the Queen.

BLESSING

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, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you all and remain with you always. **Amen.** **HYMN (***during which the Standards will be returned*)

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Beneath 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, will bear us all away; we fade and vanish, as a dream dies at the op'ning 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.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748) alt.

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

All remain standing

Let us remember before God, and commend to his sure keeping: those who have died for their country in war; those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure; and all who have lived and died in the service of humanity. When you go home tell them of us and say "for your tomorrow we gave our today." 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.

We will remember them.

The Last Post.

Here follows The SILENCE.

Then the Reveille will be sounded.

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

Please be seated

The choir sings the anthem:

For the fallen Irving

Please stand

ACT OF COMMITMENT

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and our fellow men: that we may help, encourage, and comfort others, and support those working for the relief of the needy and for the peace and welfare of the nations. After the service: on your way out of the church, you are invited to give to the Royal British Legion. If you are a taxpayer do put your gift into the envelopes provided and add your details, in order for the tax on your gift to be claimed back. This will add significantly to the value of your gift.

The Choir sing: Peace white dove Dolinski

INTRODUCTION

The Revd Jeremy Trew

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.

HYMN

(during which the Standards are presented)

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 doth prosper thy work and defend thee, surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee: ponder anew what the Almighty can do, if to the end he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in us adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him. Let the 'Amen' sound from his people again, gladly for ay we adore him.

Joachim Neander (1650-1680) trans. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878) Please be seated

ACT 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.

Please kneel or sit

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After a short silence, all say:

Most merciful God, 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 neighbours 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; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Micah 4: 1-5

Read by Lieutenant Colonel Richard Rees RE, Commanding Officer 33 Engineer Regiment (Explosive Ordnance Disposal and Search)

In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised up above the hills. Peoples shall stream to it, and many nations 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 many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken. For all the peoples walk, each in the name of its god, but we will walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever.

Matthew: 5: 1-12

Read by John Moran, President, British Legion

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach 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 be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart.for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

SERMON

The Revd Jeremy Trew

HYMN

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways! Re-clothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find, in deeper rev'rence praise, in deeper rev'rence praise. In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea, the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word, rise up and follow thee, rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee! O calm of hills above, where Jesus knelt to share with thee the silence of eternity, interpreted by love! Interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess

the beauty of thy peace, the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind and fire, O still small voice of calm! O still small voice of calm!

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)

INTERCESSION

Let us pray to God for peace:

for all who bear the burden of leadership, political, military and religious, give them wisdom and a steady resolution in the search for a just peace;

for all who work to bring greater understanding between people of different nationalities, cultures and beliefs; for all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day, and for their families and friends as they wait for their safe return.

Lord in your mercy; Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of war:

for those injured, for those emotionally traumatised and those whose lives have been disfigured by war;

for refugees, for those who have lost their homes, and for those living in fear;

for those who will hear of the death of someone they love today, for those who mourn, for those for whom today is filled with poignant memories;

Lord in your mercy; Hear our prayer.

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.**