



# RIPON CATHEDRAL

## Remembrance Sunday

A Service of Remembrance and Commitment

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020  
10:30am

## Welcome to the Cathedral

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## Welcome to this Service

We welcome you to this act of worship. Whatever has brought you here today, we trust that you will find yourself more aware of God through the words, prayers and music.

The service is led by the Very Rev'd John Dobson, Dean of Ripon.

The preacher is Canon Ailsa Newby, Canon Pastor.

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## Music before the Service

Nimrod (Enigma Variations)

*Edward Elgar (1857-1934) arr. William Harris (1883-1973)*

*Welcome from the Dean*

## Opening Hymn

**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.**

**O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be thou our guard while troubles last,  
And our eternal home.**

*NEH 417 (v. 1, 2, 3, 6)*

*Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)*

*Music: ST ANNE Melody 1708, probably supplied by William Croft (1678-1727)*

## Introduction

The Dean

We gather today 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 the way.

As we give thanks for God's 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 Dean  
**All** Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord,  
**and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

The Dean  
**All** May they rest in peace  
**and rise in glory.**  
**Amen.**

### **Act of Penitence**

The Dean 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.

**All** **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.**

### **Words of forgiveness**

The Dean Almighty God 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.

**All** **Amen.**

## Collect

The Dean            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.

**All                    Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## First Reading

*Read by Hon. Air Commodore Countess Peel DL.*

A reading from the book of the prophet Amos.

Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

*(Amos 5. 18-24)*

Reader            This is the word of the Lord

**All                    Thanks be to God.**

## Anthem

Holy is the true light, and passing wonderful, lending radiance to them that endured in the heat of the conflict; from Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendour, wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore. Alleluia!

*Words: Salisbury Diurnal  
Music: William Harris (1883-1973)*

## New Testament Reading

*Read by Mrs Jo Ropner, Lord Lieutenant for North Yorkshire.*

Reader A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

*(Matthew 25.1-13)*

Reader This is the word of the Lord  
**All Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

### Act of Remembrance

The Dean Brothers and sisters, we now honour those of this ancient city who have given their lives in the wars of the past centuries; they gave their lives in the cause for freedom and died that we might live.

We remember also those who continue to make the ultimate sacrifice in our Armed Forces throughout the World

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 is played followed by the silence and Reveille.*

*As wreaths are laid by the High Altar, the war memorial for the Cathedral, 'Venus' (The Bringer of Peace) from the Planets Suite by Holst is played.*

The Dean

Almighty God, we give you humble thanks  
for the memory and good example of your servants,  
who laid down their lives for our defence  
and the freedom of humankind.  
Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them.  
May their memorial stand among us  
as long as the world endures,  
and incline us all so to bind our Commonwealth in one  
bond of service to humankind and loyalty to you  
that by your grace under our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth,  
we may advance the peace of the whole world.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

**Amen.**

## Hymn

*This hymn won the 2018 Armistice hymn-writing competition.*

**Hope for the world's despair:  
we feel the nations' pain;  
can anything repair this broken earth again?  
For this we pray: in every place  
a spark of grace to light the way.**

**Wisdom for all who bear  
the future in their hand  
entrusted with the care of this and every land.  
When comes the hour, O Lord we pray  
inspire the way we spend our power.**

**Honour for all who've paid  
war's painful, bitter price,  
when duty called they made the greatest sacrifice.  
Their memory will never cease  
to cry for peace and harmony.**

**Ease for the troubled mind  
in endless conflict caught,  
each soul that cannot find the peace beyond all thought.  
May they be blessed with healing balm  
for inner calm and perfect rest.**

**Love for the human heart:  
when hate grows from our fears  
and inwardly we start to turn our ploughs to spears.  
help us to sow love's precious seed  
in word and deed, that peace may grow.**

*Words: Ally Barrett (b.1975)*

*Music: LOVE UNKNOWN John Ireland (1879-1962)*

## **Prayers**

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

**All**

**God give peace.**

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

**All**

**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.

**All**

**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; for all migrants and refugees; may God give peace.

**All**

**God give peace.**

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

**All**

**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.

**All**            **God give peace.**

May we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever.

**All**            **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour 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.**

## **Act of Commitment**

The Dean

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and our fellow men and women: that we may help, encourage and comfort others, and support those working for relief of the needy and the peace and welfare of the nations.

**All**                    Lord God our Father,  
we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humankind,  
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 Blessing**

The Dean            God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest;  
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth,  
and all humanity, peace and concord;  
and to us and all his servants, life everlasting;  
and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
come down upon you and remain with you always.  
**All**                    **Amen.**

### **The 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!**

### **Organ Voluntary**

Postlude on St. Ethelwald

*Ernest Farrar (1885-1918)*