

St Andrew's and St George's West Church

Sunday 13 November at 10.30am

Service of Remembrance with
German Speaking Congregation and
Albany Deaf Church

Christ, where are you?



'Fallen Christ' by Ronald Rae

Tolling of the bells of St Andrew's and St George's West

Welcome

I lift up my eyes to the hills – from whence will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Psalm 121

Call to Worship

Leader : Let us remember the great acts of God,

All: Of wars ended and peace restored.

Leader : Let us remember those who have served

All: Who gave lives for others and never returned.

Leader: Let us remember the Lord of our lives

All: And live as his servants and sing of his praise.

Hymn 189 Be still for the presence of the Lord

Opening Prayer with responses

In our damaged histories,
Lord, redeem us from our past.
In our willing acts of conflict,
Lord, lead us to seek peace.
In our divisions and extremism,
Lord, unite us with your love.
In our confusion, indecision,
Lord, steady us with your power.
In our muddled intentions,
Lord, enlighten us with your truth.

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
have trespassed against us
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power
and the glory for ever
and ever.
Amen.

Vater unser im Himmel,
geheiligt werde dein Name,
dein Reich komme,
dein Wille geschehe
wie im Himmel und auf Erden.
Unser tägliches Brot gib uns heute.
Und vergib uns unsere Schuld,
wie auch wir vergeben
unseren Schuldigern.
Und führe uns nicht in Versuchung,
sondern erlöse uns von dem Bösen.
Denn dein ist das Reich
und die Kraft
und die Herrlichkeit in
Ewigkeit.
Amen.

Short introduction

Scripture Readings

Psalm 121 (read in German)

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?
- ² My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.
- ³ He will not let your foot slip—
he who watches over you will not slumber;
- ⁴ indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵ The Lord watches over you—
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;
⁶ the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.

⁷ The Lord will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life;
⁸ the Lord will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.

Matthew 5:1-12

1 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, 2 and he began to teach them. He said: 3 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. 8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 'Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Hymn 694 Brother, Sister, let me serve you

Reflection

Act of Remembrance

Leader: They shall grow not old,
All: as we who are left grow old.

Leader: age shall not weary them,
All: nor the years condemn.

Leader: at the going down of the sun,
and in the morning, we will
remember them:
All: we will remember them.

Silence

Anthem

"For the Fallen"

Douglas Guest

Act of Penitence

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class,

All: Father Forgive.

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own,

All: Father Forgive.

The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth,

All: Father Forgive.

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others

All: Father Forgive.

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee,

All: Father Forgive.

The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children,

All: Father Forgive.

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,

All: Father Forgive.

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another,
as God in Christ forgave you.

AMEN

Sharing the Peace (British Sign Language)

Hymn 528 Make me a channel of your peace

Sermon

Hymn 712 What shall we pray

Dedication of Offerings

Prayers of the people

Loving God,
we come before you in awe, humbly searching and seeking, doubting and hoping, trying
to follow you. As we are gathered from different congregations and countries, but one
body in Christ, we open our hearts and minds to you, bound together in your love.

Wir kommen zu Dir, barmherziger Gott und gedenken der Menschen, deren Leben für deren Leben für immer verändert wurde, weil ein Mitglied ihrer Familie im Krieg gestorben ist. Wir bitten Dich für die Ehepartner, die Eltern, Geschwister und Kinder, deren Leben so gewaltvoll verändert wurde. Mögen Sie ihren Frieden finden können. Wir bitten dich für diejenigen, die heute auf die sichere Rückkehr ihrer Familienmitglieder hoffen.

We pray for all those people whose lives have changed forever, because a member of the family has died in one of the wars. We ask you for the spouses, parents, siblings and children, whose lives have been changed forcibly. May they be able to find their peace.

We ask you for those who hope for the safe return of their family members today.

Wir bitten Dich für unsere Städte und Länder, für die Welt.

Wir bitten Dich für alle, die Zuflucht suchen. Die sich auf den Weg gemacht haben, um Hunger, Krieg und Verfolgung zu entgehen.

We pray for the refugees in your world.

Let us see the humanity of our brothers and sisters before we see labels, nationalities, skin colour or creed. May we confront the powers that seek to criminalise what in previous generations was defining of being good neighbours: welcoming the refugee. Let us understand that all the challenges of our times, war, climate, poverty are linked and need to be challenged by us.

Wir blicken auf unsere Welt – Deine Welt mit allen Konflikten und Herausforderungen. Wir bitten Dich um Frieden. Wir wollen versuchen ihn zu halten. Lass uns begreifen, dass Krieg und Flucht, und Frieden und Zuflucht, Klima und Verteilungsgerechtigkeit zusammenhängen.

You have given us peace, and it seems to be so hard to live in peace with each other. How quickly we get caught into conflicts. We pray for all who contribute to your kingdom of peace. Peace begins in day- to- day encounters. Let there be peace – here and everywhere: in families, at school, at work, at the conference table and on the battlefield. Let there be peace among us.

Gott, der Du Erbarmen und Versöhnung bist. Lass uns aufblicken aus qualvoller Erinnerung, lass uns aufblicken aus gegenwärtigem Leid, zu Dir hin. Lass uns unseren Blick erheben, dass wir einander sehen und aufeinander zugehen. Lass uns auf dich blicken, dich wahrnehmen und Dir vertrauen. Du bist unsere Hoffnung und Zuversicht. Du bist unsere Zuflucht.

Merciful God, YOU are reconciliation, peace and love.

As we pray for the world let us see each other and pray with each other.

You are OUR hope and refuge.

Let our churches and houses, our villages and cities be places of refuge.

Let us offer refuge to those we know and to those we don't know.

Let us all find refuge in these challenging times.

Hear all our prayers said and unsaid as we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Act of Commitment

We commit ourselves to live and witness for the unity of the body of Christ.

All: This is our vow.

We commit ourselves to share the resources of this world and to work together for justice and peace.

All: This is our vow.

We own a commonness with all humanity and pledge ourselves to an ecumenical understanding which is world-embracing.

All: This is our vow.

Everyone remains standing. You are invited to place your hand on the shoulder of someone next to you and we say together

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

Hymn 702 Lord, in love and perfect wisdom

Benediction

Möge der Gott der Liebe Eure Herzen mit Frieden füllen
und Euch hinaus in die Welt senden, um die Liebe zu leben.
Und der Segen des allmächtigen Gottes, Schöpfers, Erlösers und Erhalters
sei mit Euch und allen Völkern – heute und bis in Ewigkeit.

May the God of love fill your heart with peace
and send you into the world to live it.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,
be with you and all people this day and evermore.

Congregational Response Dresden Amen

Organ Music

Tolling of the bells of St Andrew's and St George's West

Leader: Verena Jantzen

St Andrew's & St George's West Church of Scotland Edinburgh
Charity SC008990
www.stagw.org.uk