

St Andrew's and St George's West Church

Sunday 11 November at 10.30am

Service of Remembrance with German Speaking Congregation and Albany Deaf Church



**This is my command:
Love each other!**

John 15:17

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

Welcome

God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble.

Psalm 46.1

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

We are gathered in the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. AMEN

We are gathered today on this special occasion as **one** congregation, St Andrew's and St George's West, Albany Deaf Church and the German Speaking Congregation Edinburgh.

Humbly and grateful that you asked me to lead today's worship – let us worship together.

In times that remind us that peace does not come with certainty. All who fight for peace deserve our prayers and thoughts.

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 710 I have a dream

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 in heaven
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who
sin against us.
Save us in the time of trial ,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power
and the glory are yours
for 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

Micah 4:1-5 (read in German)

Peace and Security through Obedience

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.

St John 15:9-17 (read in English)

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Hymn 712 What shall we pray

Reflection What shall we pray?

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

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

Sharing the Peace (British Sign Language)

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Let's offer one another a sign of peace!

Hymn 528 Make me a channel of your peace

Sermon

Hymn 533 Will you come and follow me

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. An so vielen Orten leiden Menschen unter Krieg und Verfolgung.

Wir denken an die Menschen in Israel. In Gaza. Dem nahen Osten. In Afghanistan, im Yemen, und den vielen ungenannten Orten, an denen kein Frieden herrscht.

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. Lasst 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 724 Christ's is the world

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

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Sources:
Opening Prayer Responses:

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