

Edinburgh: The New Town Church of Scotland

Sunday 10TH November, 2024

Remembrance Sunday

Welcome and Notices

Remember, remember that Jesus Christ rose from the dead

Collect for the day – *to be said by all*

Almighty God, keep us mindful of all your benefits and heedful of our high calling, that we may yield ourselves in new obedience to your holy will, and live henceforth as those who are not their own, but are bought with a price; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

OPENING RESPONSES

From the darkness of death,

God calls us into glorious light.

From the tumult of war,

God calls us into the beauty of peace.

Children of light,

God calls us to remembrance.

In light and in peace,

We will remember.

Hymn 124 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation

Prayer

O God of all people, we come to worship you. You call us to be one family, with different gifts and abilities, ages and experiences, backgrounds and insights.

May the people praise you, O God:

May all the people praise you.

O God of all people, we come to rejoice in your loving power which overcomes the barriers we build between nations and one another.

May the people praise you, O God:

May all the people praise you.

O God of all people, we come to worship together, to receive your forgiveness, to hear your good news and to go in your name to proclaim your love.

May the people praise you, O God:

May all the people praise you.

God of truth and mercy, we bring our prayer of confession to you:

We have not always fought for peace and justice.

We have not always done what is right.

We have not always looked for your saving help.

We have often despised those who are different.

There are times when we have refused a welcome to strangers in our midst.
We have even criticised the way in which others worship.

May we imitate the compassion and justice of Jesus, holding to the truth and offering ourselves to your transforming grace.

May we see him in others and may they see him in us.

May we listen for the voice of the Holy Spirit as she enables us to live out the Gospel and to further your kingdom of love and peace in our world.

Hear us now as we pray further in the words Jesus taught his disciples, saying: *(in English or German)*

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, now and forever.

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

Reading Revelation 21 verses 1 – 6 *(read in English and German)*

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

4 he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.’

5 And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ 6 Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.’

Offenbarung 21

1 Und ich sah einen neuen Himmel und eine neue Erde; denn der erste Himmel und die erste Erde sind vergangen, und das Meer ist nicht mehr.

2 Und ich sah die heilige Stadt, das neue Jerusalem, von Gott aus dem Himmel, bereitet wie eine geschmückte Braut für ihren Mann.

3 Und ich hörte eine große Stimme von dem Thron her, die sprach: Siehe da, die Hütte Gottes bei den Menschen! Und er wird bei ihnen wohnen, und sie werden seine Völker sein, und er selbst, Gott mit ihnen, wird ihr Gott sein;

4 und Gott wird abwischen alle Tränen von ihren Augen, und der Tod wird nicht mehr sein, noch Leid noch Geschrei noch Schmerz wird mehr sein; denn das Erste ist vergangen.

5 Und der auf dem Thron saß, sprach: Siehe, ich mache alles neu! Und er spricht: Schreibe, denn diese Worte sind wahrhaftig und gewiss!

6 Und er sprach zu mir: Es ist geschehen. Ich bin das A und das O, der Anfang und das Ende. Ich will dem Durstigen geben von der Quelle des lebendigen Wassers umsonst.

Reflection by Matthias Kaffka

Hymn 528 Make me a channel of your peace

Reading John 15 verses 9 – 17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. 10 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. 11 I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

12 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 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. 16 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. 17 I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Anthem For the Fallen Douglas Guest

Act of Remembrance

On this day of remembering we 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.

Let us remember before God and commend to his sure keeping:
those who have died and who are still dying in wars in our world;
those whom we knew and whose memory we treasure;
all who have lived and died in the service of humankind.

They shall grow not old as we who 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.

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.

Sharing of the Peace

Hymn 710 "I have a dream" a man once said

Sermon **Fallen Leaves**

Prayers for Others

Hymn 200 Christ is made the sure foundation

Blessing

Go, with minds that never forget, with hearts that grow in hope and with lives that shine Christ's light.

Go to serve, to reconcile, to bring peace and to stand united as children of the light.

Go, and may the God of peace go with you. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit rest and abide with each one of you and all whom you love, this day and forevermore.

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