

14<sup>th</sup> November 2021



Psalm 46:1-11 & Matthew 11:28-30  
What does Peace look like?



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# Welcome & notices

- Allan's funeral will be this Wednesday at 3pm at Colney Woodland Burial (Green Acres)



- Roger's funeral will be the following Monday (22<sup>nd</sup>) at 10am here at the church.



- Church Council this Tue via Zoom
- Church tidy on 22<sup>nd</sup> November,  
please see Mark afterwards.
- Church Meeting on 28<sup>th</sup>  
November after the service.



# CALL TO WORSHIP



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We are met this day to glorify  
God whose power sustains the  
world; to remember with  
thanksgiving those who lived  
and died in the service of our  
country;



and to ask for God's help and blessing, that we may be worthy of their sacrifice each day of our life. God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.



# OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, you are the shepherd of our souls, the giver of life everlasting.



On this day when we  
commemorate and commend to  
you those who lived and died in  
the service of others, we are glad  
to remember that your purposes  
for us are good,



that you gave Jesus Christ for the life of the world, and that you lead us by his Holy Spirit into the paths of righteousness and peace.



Merciful and faithful God, your purpose is to fold both earth and heaven in a single peace. With sorrow we confess that in our hearts we keep alive the passions



and pride that lead to hatred and war. We are not worthy of your love, nor of the sacrifice made by others on our behalf.



Almighty God, 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.**



God of unbounded grace, you  
declared your reconciling love and  
power in the death and  
resurrection of our Saviour Jesus  
Christ.



Teach us, who live only in your  
forgiveness, to forgive one  
another.



Heal our divisions, cast out our fears, renew our faith in your unchanging purpose of goodwill and peace on earth;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, who  
lives and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for  
ever. **Amen.**





Hymn: God is our  
refuge and our  
strength



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**God is our strength and refuge,  
our present help in trouble;  
and we therefore will not fear,  
though the earth should change!**



**Though mountains shake and  
tremble,  
though swirling floods are raging,  
God the Lord of hosts is with us  
evermore!**



**There is a flowing river,  
within God's holy city;  
God is in the midst of her –  
she shall not be moved!**



**God's help is swiftly given,  
thrones vanish at his presence –  
God the Lord of hosts is with us  
evermore!**



**Come, see the works of our  
Maker,  
learn of his deeds all powerful;  
wars will cease across the world  
when he shatters the spear!**



**Be still and know your Creator,  
uplift him in the nations –  
God the Lord of hosts is with us  
evermore!**



# Introduction to Theme

What does peace look like to  
you?





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# HYMN: O LORD THE CLOUDS ARE GATHERING



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**O Lord, the clouds are gathering,  
the fire of judgement burns,  
How we have fallen!**

**O Lord, You stand appalled to see  
Your laws of love so scorned,  
And lives so broken.**



***Have mercy, Lord, (Men)***  
***Have mercy, Lord, (Women)***  
***Forgive us, Lord, (Men)***  
***Forgive us, Lord, (Women)***  
***Restore us, Lord, (All)***  
***Revive Your church again.***



***Let justice flow (Men)***  
***Let justice flow (Women)***  
***Like rivers, (Men)***  
***Like rivers, (Women)***  
***And righteousness like a never***  
***failing stream. (All)***



**O Lord, over the nations now  
where is the dove of peace?  
Her wings are broken.**



**O Lord, while precious children  
starve  
the tools of war increase;  
Their bread is stolen.**



***Have mercy, Lord, (Men)***  
***Have mercy, Lord, (Women)***  
***Forgive us, Lord, (Men)***  
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**O Lord, dark powers are poised to  
flood  
our streets with hate and fear;  
We must awaken!**



**O Lord, let love reclaim the lives  
that sin would sweep away  
And let Your kingdom come.**



***Have mercy, Lord, (Men)***  
***Have mercy, Lord, (Women)***  
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**Yet, O Lord, Your glorious cross  
shall tower triumphant in this  
land,  
Evil confounding.**



**Through the fire Your suffering  
church display the glories of her  
Christ:  
Praises resounding!**



# READINGS Psalm 46:1-11

For the director of music. Of the  
Sons of Korah. According to *alamoth*.  
A song.



<sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength,  
an ever-present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear, though  
the earth give way  
and the mountains fall into the  
heart of the sea,



<sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam  
and the mountains quake with their  
surging.

<sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams make  
glad the city of God,  
the holy place where the Most  
High dwells.



<sup>5</sup> God is within her, she will not fall;

God will help her at break of day.

<sup>6</sup> Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;

he lifts his voice, the earth melts.



<sup>7</sup> The Lord Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

<sup>8</sup> Come and see what the Lord has  
done,

the desolations he has brought on  
the earth.



<sup>9</sup> He makes wars cease  
to the ends of the earth.  
He breaks the bow and shatters the  
spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.



**10** He says, “Be still, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth.”

**11** The Lord Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.



# READINGS Matthew 11:28-30



28 “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.<sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”



This is the word of the lord  
**Thanks be to God**



# Talk

# Keep calm and carry on





**YOUR COURAGE**

**YOUR CHEERFULNESS**

**YOUR RESOLUTION**

**WILL BRING**

**US VICTORY**



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**FREEDOM IS  
IN PERIL  
DEFEND IT  
WITH ALL  
YOUR MIGHT**



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**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
CARRY  
ON**



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A close-up photograph of two hands clasped together in a prayerful gesture. The hands are positioned with fingers interlaced, palms facing each other. The lighting is soft and focused on the hands, with a dark background. The overall mood is one of devotion and intercession.

# Prayers of Intercession



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God of power and love, bless our  
country and commonwealth.  
Give wisdom and strength to the  
Queen, govern those who make  
the laws, guide those who direct  
our common life,



and grant that together we may  
fulfil our service for the welfare  
of the whole people and for your  
praise and glory.



Bless all members of the armed forces. Defend them in danger. Give them courage to meet all occasions with discipline and loyalty. So may they serve the cause of justice and peace, to the honour of your name.



Bless our young people. May they never see the flames of war, or know the depths of cruelty to which men and women can sink. Grant that in their generation they may be faithful soldiers and servants of Jesus Christ.



Bless our friends and those who  
were our enemies, who suffered  
or are still suffering from war.  
Grant that your love may reach  
out to the wounded,



the disabled, the mentally distressed, and those whose faith has been shaken by what they have seen and endured.



Comfort all who mourn the death of loved ones, remembering especially Linda and Carol. Bless all who this day miss the fellowship of friends and family.



Bless your Church throughout the world. By your Holy Spirit, draw the scattered flock of Christ into a visible unity, and make your Church a sign of hope to our divided world.



Grant that we who bear your  
Son's name may be instruments  
of peace, bringing peace to our  
homes, our nation, and our  
world.



And now, rejoicing in the communion of saints, we remember Allan and Roger and all those who were remembered at the bereavement service last Sunday.



We also remember those whom you have gathered from the storms of war into the peace of your presence, and give you thanks for those whom we have known, whose memory we treasure.



May the example of their  
devotion inspire us, that we may  
be taught to live by those who  
learned to die.



And at the last, grant that we,  
being faithful till death, may  
receive with them the crown of  
life that never fades; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



# Call to Remembrance

Let us remember the kindness of God, and his favour to us in our time of need.



Let us remember the courage,  
devotion to duty, and the self-  
sacrifice of the men and women  
in our armed forces;



the toil, endurance, and suffering  
of those who were not in  
uniform;

the support of those who sent us  
help from afar or came and stood  
by our side.



Let us remember those who were  
wounded in the fight;  
those who perished in air-raids at  
home;  
those who fell in battle, and are  
buried at sea or in some corner of a  
foreign field;



And especially those  
whom we have known and loved,  
whose place is for ever in our  
hearts.



Let us remember those who were our enemies, whose homes and hearts are as bereft as ours, whose dead lie also in a living tomb of everlasting remembrance.



Let us remember those who came  
back;

those whose lives still bear the scars  
of war; those who lost sight or limbs  
or reason; those who lost faith in  
God and hope for humanity.



Let us remember also those  
whose conscience would not  
allow them to fight.



Let us remember the continuing grace of God, who in love gave his own Son Jesus Christ to die that we might live.



They shall not grow 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.**



# Last Post

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# *Two minute silence*



# Prayer

In memory of those who died, may we be better people, and in gratitude to God, may we live as those who are not their own but who are bought with a price. **Amen.**



# Hymn: Hope for the World's Despair

*(tune: My song is love unknown)*



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**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**



# Holy communion



The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**



Let us give thanks to the Lord our  
God.

**It is right to give thanks and  
praise.**



It is right to praise you, Father,  
Lord of all creation;  
in your love you made us for  
yourself. When we turned away  
you did not reject us, but came to  
meet us in your Son.



**You embraced us as your children  
and welcomed us to sit and eat  
with you.**



In Christ you shared our life that  
we might live in him and he in us.  
**He opened his arms of love upon  
the cross  
and made for all the perfect  
sacrifice for sin.**



On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying:



Take, eat; this is my body which is  
given for you; do this in  
remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in  
remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.**



At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;



do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in  
remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all.**



As we proclaim his death and  
celebrate his rising in glory, send  
your Holy Spirit that this bread  
and this wine may be to us the  
body and blood of your dear Son.



**As we eat and drink these holy  
gifts  
make us one in Christ, our risen  
Lord.**



With your whole Church  
throughout the world we offer you  
this sacrifice of praise and lift our  
voice to join the eternal song of  
heaven:



**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of  
power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your  
glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**



# The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed  
be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will  
be done, on earth as in heaven.**



**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin  
against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.**



**For the kingdom, the power, and  
the glory are yours now and for  
ever. Amen.**



# Distribution of the Bread and Wine



# Prayers

**Father of all, we give you thanks  
and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and  
brought us home.**



**May we who share Christ's body  
live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to  
others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give  
light to the world.**



**Keep us firm in the hope you have  
set before us,  
so we and all your children shall  
be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise  
your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

<https://youtu.be/VmvmnE6erj6I>

Peace Like a River

**When peace like a river attendeth my  
way,  
when sorrows like sea-billows roll;  
whatever my lot Thou hast taught me  
to say,  
'It is well, it is well with my soul.'**



***It is well with my soul;  
It is well,  
it is well with my soul.***



**Though Satan should buffet, or trials  
should come,  
Let this blessed assurance control,  
That Christ has regarded my helpless  
estate,  
And has shed his own blood for my  
soul.**



***It is well with my soul;  
It is well,  
it is well with my soul.***



**My sin – O the bliss of this glorious  
thought –  
my sin, not in part, but the whole  
is nailed to His cross; and I bear it no  
more;  
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my  
soul.**



***It is well with my soul;  
It is well,  
it is well with my soul.***



**For me, be it Christ, be it Christ hence  
to live!**

**If Jordan above me shall roll,  
No pang shall be mine, for in death as  
in life**

**Thou wilt whisper Your peace to my  
soul.**



***It is well with my soul;  
It is well,  
it is well with my soul.***



**But Lord, tis for Thee – for Thy  
coming we wait,  
The sky, not the grave, is our goal;  
O trump of the angel! O voice of the  
Lord!  
Blessed hope! Blessed rest of my  
soul.**



***It is well with my soul;  
It is well,  
it is well with my soul.***



# Closing prayer and blessing



God grant to the living, grace;  
to the departed, rest;  
to the Church, the Queen and the  
Commonwealth, and all people,  
peace and concord; and to us his  
servants life everlasting.



And the blessing of God Almighty,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be with us and with all whom we  
love, now and for evermore. Amen.



Go in peace to love and serve  
the Lord

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

