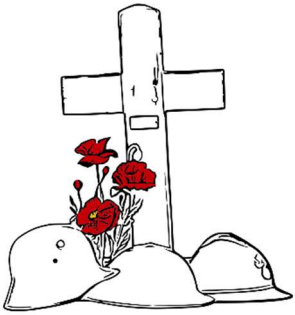
St. Clement's Anglican Episcopal Church, Prague

Holy Communion
for
Remembrance Day



Commemorating the contribution of
the military and civilian servicemen and women
in the two World Wars and later conflicts.

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
*Please join in when the words are printed in **bold** type.*

<u>Opening Hymn</u> – *please stand*

Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm does bind the restless wave,
who bids the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Saviour, whose almighty word
the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walked upon the foaming deep,
and calm amid the rage did sleep;
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who did brood
upon the waters dark and rude,
and bid their angry tumult cease,
and give for wild confusion peace;
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and pow'r,
your children shield in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire, and foe,
protect them where-so-e'er they go;
thus, evermore shall rise to thee
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

The Celebrant:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Greeting

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Words of introduction are said.

Prayer of Preparation – *please sit or kneel*

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world; its pride, its selfishness, its greed; its evil distortions and hatreds. Let us confess our share in what is wrong, and our failure to seek and establish that peace which God wills for all his children.

**Lord God, we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing
and cleanse us from our sin.**

**Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
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.
Amen.

<u>Gloria in Excelsis</u> – *please stand to sing the Gloria*

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your great glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen. Amen.**

<u>The Collect</u>

A short silence will be kept.

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All respond: **Amen.**

Children's Talk

The children then go to Sunday School in Klimentská 18 rejoining the congregation in time for Communion.

Readings – *please sit for the readings*

Old Testament reading,

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

New Testament reading

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn – *please stand*

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 your throne
Your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is your arm alone,
And our defense is sure. *(continued on next page)*

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting you are God,
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
soon bears us all away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home!

Please remain standing for the ***Gospel reading***

Alleluia, alleluia.
Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.
Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to …
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ.

Sermon – *please sit*

<u>The Creed</u> – *please stand*

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

The responses to the prayers:
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

And at the end: Merciful Father,
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Announcements

The Peace – *please stand*

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

A Poem

Sounding of The Last Post

On battlefield or on parade grounds or at places of remembrance, The Last Post is played on bugle or trumpet, as the symbol beyond its original meaning at camps as marking the end of the day.

There will now follow 2 minutes silence in memory of the dead on both sides of the World Wars and other conflicts.

Offertory Hymn

(during which a collection will be taken for the work of the Church)

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
entire and whole and perfect,
the service of my love,
the love that asks no questions,
the love that stands the test,
that lays upon the altar
the dearest and the best;
the love that never falters,
the love that pays the price,
the love that makes undaunted
the final sacrifice.

I heard my country calling, away across the sea,
across the waste of waters,
she calls and calls to me.
her sword is girded at her side,
her helmet on her head,
and round her feet are lying
the dying and the dead.
I hear the noise of battle,
the thunder of her guns,
I haste to thee my mother,
a son among thy sons.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,
most dear to them that love her,
most great to them that know;
we may not count her armies;
we may not see her King;
her fortress is a faithful heart,
her pride is suffering;
and soul by soul and silently
her shining bounds increase,
and her ways are ways of gentleness
and all her paths are peace.

There now follows the Holy Eucharist:

Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread & the Wine

Blessed be God,
who enthrones us with Christ in the heavenly realms.
May we feed upon the bread of God
and drink the royal wine of heaven.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer – *please remain standing*

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 indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Therefore, with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks;

He broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup
and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

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

Breaking of the Bread

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The Agnus Dei is sung:

Jesus, Lamb of God:
have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins:
have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
give us your peace – give us your peace.

The Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink
in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

We invite *to receive Holy Communion, all baptised persons who are communicant members of other Churches which subscribe to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, and who are in good standing in their own Church.*

To receive communion, please follow the direction of the sidespeople and form a semi-circle around the walls of the Chancel.

Non-communicant children & adults are welcome to come to receive a blessing. To indicate that you wish to receive a blessing, please keep your hands down. To receive communion, please hold out your hands clearly in front of you.

You may take the Communion only in one kind, if you wish – it is the clear principle of the Anglican Church that Communion is present in one or both kinds, the bread and the wine.

Those administering communion say:

The body of Christ, broken for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant replies:

Amen.

Prayer after Communion – *please sit or kneel*

Silence is kept.

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory. Amen.

The Dismissal

Final Hymn – *please stand*

O valiant hearts who to your glory came
through dust of conflict and through battle flame;
tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,
your memory hallowed in the land you loved.

Proudly you gathered, rank on rank, to war
as who had heard God's message from afar;
all you had hoped for, all you had, you gave,
to save mankind—yourselves you scorned to save.

Still stands his cross from that dread hour to this,
like some bright star above the dark abyss;
still, through the veil, the Victor's pitying eyes
look down to bless our lesser Calvaries.

These were his servants, in his steps they trod,
following through death the martyred Son of God:
Victor, he rose; victorious too shall rise
they who have drunk his cup of sacrifice.

Please remain standing for the Blessing and Dismissal:

…….and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

A Poem

On leaving: Organ Voluntary by St. Clement's organist

An extract from 'For the Fallen' by Laurence Binyon

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.

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