

**The Third Sunday before Advent
A Service of Commemoration for
Remembrance Sunday
9TH November 2025 at 10h30**



Welcome to Holy Trinity Church Geneva for this special service for Remembrance Sunday in which we commend to God all those who have died in the course of world wars, conflicts past and present and peace-keeping missions and in which we pray in sorrow for the sin that causes such loss.

We welcome today in particular representatives of the Royal British Legion and delegations from the International Community as we pray for those affected by past and present wars, and for those who died in them for the cause of peace.

Processional Hymn - HON 198

We stand

1 For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord;
For a just and equal sharing
Of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
Help us rise and pledge our word.

2 Lead us, Father, into freedom,
From despair the world release;
That, redeemed from war and hatred,
Men may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
Fear will die and hope increase.

3 All that kills abundant living,
Let it from the earth be banned;
Pride of status, race or schooling,
Dogmas keeping man from man.
In our common quest for justice
May we hallow life's brief span.

4 You Creator-God have written
Your great Name on all mankind;
For our growing in Your likeness
Bring the life of Christ to mind;
That, by our response and service
Earth its destiny may find.

*Alleluia Dulce Carmen
F Kaan (1929-2009)*

THE GATHERING AND WELCOME

We stand

The presiding minister reads the following sentences,

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

Psalms 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.

Psalms 121.1,2

This I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:
the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning.

Lamentations 3.21-23

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings
like eagles, they shall run and not be weary they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40.31

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk
humbly with your God?

Micah 6.8

The Priest says:

We meet in the presence of God.
We commit ourselves to work in penitence and
faith for reconciliation between the nations,
that all people may together, live in freedom,
justice and peace.

We pray for all
who in bereavement, disability and pain continue to
suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.
We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow
those whose lives,
in world wars and conflicts past and present, and peace-keeping
missions, have been given and taken away.
Stir up your power, O God, and come among
us. Heal our wounds, calm our fears, and give
us peace; through Jesus our redeemer. **Amen.**

Act of Penitence

We sit or kneel

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

After a short silence, all say

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have
not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly,
love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. 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.**

Collect for Remembrance Sunday

Let us pray

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. **Amen.**

First Reading

Micah 4.1-5

We sit

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.

Psalm 46

We stand to sing together

- 1 God is our ' refuge and ' strength,
a very ' present ' help in ' trouble.**
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the ' earth be ' moved,
and though the mountains ' tremble in the ' heart of the ' sea;**
- 3 Though the waters' rage and ' swell.
and though the mountains ' quake at the ' towering ' seas.**
- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the ' city of ' God,
the holy place of the ' dwelling of the ' Most ' High.**
- 5 God is in the midst of her;
there shall she ' not be re'moved;
God shall ' help her at the ' break of ' day.**

**6 The nations are in uproar and the ‘ kingdoms are ‘ shaken,
 But God utters his voice and the ‘ earth shall ‘ melt a’way.**
**7 The Lord of ‘ hosts is ‘ with us;
 The God of ‘ Jacob ‘ is our ‘ stronghold.**
**8 Come and behold the ‘ works of the ‘ Lord,
 what destruction he has ‘ wrought up’on the ‘ earth.**
**9 He makes wars to cease in ‘ all the ‘ world;
 he shatters the bow and snaps the spear
 And burns the ‘ chariots ‘ in the ‘ fire.**
**10 ‘Be still, and know that ‘ I am ‘ God;
 I will be exalted among the nations;
 I will be ex’alted ‘ in the ‘ earth.’**
**11 The Lord of ‘ hosts is ‘ with us;
 the God of ‘ Jacob ‘ is our ‘ stronghold.**

Second Reading

John 15.9-17

We sit

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.

Reflection - Canon Daphne Green

Music – time for reflection - G. Thalben–Ball: Elegy

We stand

Remembering

An older person says,

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

A younger person replies

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

All affirm,

We will remember them.

The Last Post is sounded.

Two minutes of Silence are kept.

The Rouse is sounded.

The following prayer is said

Ever-living God,
we remember those whom you have gathered
from the storm of war into the peace of your
presence; may that same peace calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples
and establish harmony among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn

HON 547

1 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home;

2 Under the shadow of thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

*Melody from A Supplement to the New Version 1708,
probably supplied by W Croft (1678-1727)
I Watts (1674-1748)*

Praying Together

We sit or kneel

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God may give us peace: for the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God;

May God give peace. **God give peace.**

For those who love them in death as in life, offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss;

May God give peace. **God give peace.**

For all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day, remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return;

May God give peace. **God give peace.**

For civilian women, children and men whose lives are disfigured by war or terror, calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatreds of humanity;

May God give peace. **God give peace.**

For peacemakers and peacekeepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free;

May God give peace. **God give peace.**

For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, political, military and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace;

May God give peace. **God give peace.**

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.**

All join together in 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 trespass against

us. And lead us not into temptation;

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

We sit while the choir sings

Anthem – Stanford – For lo, I raise up

For lo, I raise up that bitter and hasty nation,
which march through the breadth of the earth,
to possess the dwelling places that are not theirs.
They are terrible and dreadful,
their judgment and their dignity proceed from themselves.
Their horses also are swifter than leopards,
and are more fierce than the evening wolves,
and their horsemen spread themselves,
yea, their horsemen come from far.
They fly as an eagle that hasteth to devour,
they come all of them for violence;
their faces are set as the east wind,
and they gather captives as the sand.
Yea, he scoffeth at kings and princes are a derision unto him
for he heapeth up dust and taketh it
then shall he sweep by as a wind that shall
pass over and be guilty even he whose might is his God.
Art not thou from everlasting,
O Lord my God, mine Holy One?
We shall not die.
O Lord, thou hast ordained him for judgement
and thou, O Rock, hast established him for correction
I will stand upon my watch and set me upon the tower
and look forth to see what he will say to me
and what I shall answer concerning my complaint.
And the Lord answered me and said,
The vision is yet for the appointed time,
and it hasteth toward the end and shall not lie
though it tarry, wait for it, because it will surely come.
For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge
of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.
But the Lord is in his holy temple:
let all the earth keep silence before Him.

*CV Stanford (1852-1924)
Words Habakkuk 1 & 2*

Responding in Hope and Commitment

We stand

Representatives and other members of the congregation are invited to come forward to light a candle as a symbol of remembrance and hope and those taking part in the service online may wish to light at a candle at this point.

The Kohima Epitaph

When you go home tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow we gave our today.

Act of Commitment

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

We will.

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

We will.

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

We will.

Merciful God, we offer to you the fears in us that have not yet been cast out by love: may we accept the hope you have placed in the hearts of all people, and live lives of justice, courage and mercy; through Jesus Christ our risen redeemer. **Amen.**

Hymn - I vow to thee my country

A collection of money will be taken during the singing of the hymn. For those wishing to make a payment electronically, please use the QR code below or see page 11 for further options.

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1 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 question, 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.

2 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.

*C Rice-Spring
Thaxted by G Holst
HON 544*

Blessing

God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest,
to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth
and all people, unity, peace and concord,
and to us and all God's servants, life everlasting;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Postlude - Walton: Crown Imperial

You are warmly invited to join us for tea and coffee in the hall after the service.

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Prayer Requests

We pray for the sick who are known to us, and those caring for them, especially for Professor Thomas Adeyanju, Revd Keith & Claire Kimber, Mark Faber, Christopher Creffield, Canon Ken David, Chris Jayesingha, Lynda Ammann, Beat Ammann, Ann Elter, Diane D'Arcis, Jean Mayer, Beverley Vasiljevic, Mary Brice, Jann Coppen, Jonathan Bezzola, Sybil Sheppard, Chris Talbot, Joan Tye, Annemarie Hester, André Vivas, Timothy Creffield, Edith Tanner, Livia Varju, Brenda Hand, Valerie Offord, Phil Thomas, Diana Mason, Robin Bailey, Judi Cianci, Ruth Wyler, Germain, Joyce McNulty, Trevor Thomas, Diana Dickinson, Denise Muhlethaler, Silvio Morson, Anna Porraccin, Valerie Slessor, Frances Boo, Jenny Syrathev, Lorensz Ranasinghe.

Among the faithful departed we pray at this time for David Duncan. May he rest in peace and rise in glory with the saints.

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SERVICES in NOVEMBER 2025

Sunday All Saints & All Souls	2 Nov	9h All Saints CW Eucharist in Church 10h30 All Saints CW Eucharist in Church & Online 18h All Souls Requiem Mass in Church
Wednesday	5 Nov	10h CW Eucharist Online 18h15 Evening Prayer in Church
Thursday	6 Nov	10h BCP Eucharist in Church
Remembrance Sunday	9 Nov	9h CW Eucharist in Church 10h30 Remembrance Sunday Service of the Word in Church & Online 18h Choral Eucharist in Church
Wednesday	12 Nov	BCP Eucharist Online 18h15 Evening Prayer in Church
Thursday	13 Nov	10h BCP Eucharist in Church
Safeguarding Sunday	16 Nov	9h Choral Matins in Church 10h30 CW Eucharist in Church & Online
Wednesday	19 Nov	10h CW Eucharist Online 18h15 Evening Prayer in Church
Thursday	20 Nov	10h BCP Eucharist in Church
Sunday	23 Nov	9h CW Eucharist in Church 10h30 All Age CW Eucharist in Church & Online 18h Choral Evensong in Church
Wednesday	26 Nov	10h CW Eucharist Online 18h15 Evening Prayer in Church
Thursday	27 Nov	10h BCP Eucharist in Church
Sunday	30 Nov	9h CW Eucharist in Church 10h30 CW Eucharist in Church & Online 18h Advent Carol Service in Church