

**Morning Worship on Remembrance Sunday
12 November 2023**

Welcome and notices

Opening Prayer

We come together today to remember:

To remember with thanks those who have given their lives in service of others.

To remember with sadness the suffering, destruction and pain caused by human conflict.

We come also to commit ourselves to be peacemakers and peacekeepers wherever we can.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn: New every morning is the love

Young people and leaders leave us for FLAMES

Love is....?

Including two readings

Jesus says, "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you." (*John 15:12*)

And

"Jesus says, "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." (*John 15:13*)

Ronald and Walter – a true account of two soldiers in the first World War

During which we remain seated as we sing this verse:

Be still, my soul; the Lord is on thy side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
in every change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul; thy best, thy heav'nly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

And finish with:

Be still, my soul; my God doth undertake
to guide the future as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Intercessions

We can be thankful and we can change

Including the reading: James 4:1-7 (The Message)

Hymn: He was pieced for our transgressions

Confession

Lord Jesus, we come to you believing that your death paid for our sins.

We confess that we have not loved you with all our hearts:

Please forgive us.

We confess that we have not loved others as you have loved us:
Please forgive us.

We confess that we have not trusted you with our needs and
have sometimes taken what belongs to other people:
Please forgive us.

**Lord, wash us clean from our sins and help us to live
differently.**

A moment for personal reflection whilst our musician plays

We commit ourselves to love one another

*Our young people rejoin us and we move to the edges of the
main space for a cord of love, and then this prayer is said:*

Today, we commit ourselves to:

Choosing love over hate,

Choosing service over selfishness,

Choosing sharing over greed,

And choosing peace-making over trouble making,

For the glory and honour of your name. **Amen**

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.**

Hymn: We'll walk the land

Sending Out Prayer

Circle us, Lord. Keep protection near and danger afar.

Circle us, Lord. Keep hope within. Keep doubt without.

Circle us, Lord. Keep light near and darkness afar.

Circle us, Lord. Keep peace within. Keep evil out. **Amen.**

