ST AUGUSTINE'S
Thorpe Bay

Remembrance Sunday

10am, Sunday 8th November 2026

A warm welcome to St Augustine's. As our service begins, we stand to sing…

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 thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.



Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

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

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

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

THE GREETING

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

All Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All And also with you.

Words of welcome and notices may be given.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

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.

All 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 neighbour 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.

The Absolution

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.

All Amen.

THE COLLECT

Lord of the nations, Saviour and judge of all: remove from human hearts all bitterness and hate, grant to those who have died in war your mercy and forgiveness and bring us all to the peace of your eternal Kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who suffered and died, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

All Amen

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING: Romans 8:31-35,37-39

At the end of the reading…

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

We stand to sing…

BE THOU MY VISION, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with thee Lord;
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:
be thou mine inheritance now and always;
be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright sun,
O grant me its joys after victory is won;
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Samuel Wolcott (1813-86)

Please remain standing

THE GOSPEL READING – Matthew 25:1-13

We turn to face the reader in the centre of the church. When the Gospel is announced…

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the reading…

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

THE INTERCESSIONS

THE PEACE

Please stand.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. *Cf John 14.27*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

We stand to sing. During this hymn a collection is taken for the Royal British Legion.

ETERNAL FATHER, STRONG TO SAVE,

whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
who bidd'st 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 Christ! whose voice the waters heard
and hushed their raging at thy word,
who walked'st on the foaming deep,
and calm amid the storm didst sleep;
O hear us when we cry to thee,
for those in peril on the sea!

O Holy Spirit, who didst 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 power,
our brethren shield in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

W. Whiting (1825-78)

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

At the preparation of the table…

Yours Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours:

All **All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here

All **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The president praises God for his mighty acts and all respond (saying):

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

Please be seated.

The president recalls the Last Supper, and this acclamation is said:

Great is the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died:**
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

The president concludes the Eucharistic prayer, to which all respond boldly **"Amen."**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All **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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND INVITATION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

The Agnus Dei is said:

All **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, Grant us peace.

All whose habit it is to receive Holy Communion are welcome to receive it this morning. You will be invited to come forward. If you wish to receive a blessing, please bring a service sheet with you as a sign for the priest that this is your wish.

As we receive, we sing…

MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE.

Where there is hatred let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
and where there's doubt, true faith in you:

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.
where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy:
Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek…

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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After the Prayer of St Francis

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Please stand. The Priest offers words of introduction, followed by…

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.

All **We will remember them.**

The Last Post is sounded, and two minutes silence is observed.

The Kohima Epitaph is said:

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

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.

All **Amen.**

ACT OF COMMITMENT

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and our fellow men and women: that we may help, encourage and comfort others, and support those working for the relief of the needy and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

All **Lord God our Father, we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humankind, in the cause of peace, for the relief of want and suffering, and for the praise of your name. Guide us by your Spirit; give us wisdom; give us courage; give us hope; and keep us faithful now and always. Amen.**

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King.
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us:
God save the King.

Thy choicest gifts in store
On him be pleased to pour,
Long may he reign.
May he defend our laws,
And give us ever cause,
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the King.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest,
to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth, the world, 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.

All **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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



Please stay for refreshments.