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**11 November 2018**

*The church is fitted with a hearing loop which covers the body of the church.  
Hearing aid wearers are advised to switch their aid to T-setting.*

**THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

ORGAN PRELUDE

The choir will not process this morning. We will begin our service at 11am with two minutes of silence. At 11 am on 11 November, 1918 the guns of the Western Front fell silent after more than four years continuous warfare. The allied armies had driven the Germans back, having inflicted heavy defeats upon them over the preceding four months. In November the Germans called for an armistice (suspension of fighting) in order to secure a peace settlement. They accepted the allied terms of unconditional surrender. From 1919, Armistice Day was marked with 2 minutes silence at the 11th hour to remember the fallen of WWI. After the end of the Second World War, the Australian and British governments changed the name to Remembrance Day. As we commemorate the centenary of Armistice Day, we reflect on all times of war that Australia has been involved in, we remember the fallen, but we also pray for those who returned, many damaged physically, emotionally, and spiritually. We also think of our current serving Defence force members, and above all, we pray for peace in our world.

*Two minutes of silence is held*

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.

**We will remember them.**

Lest we forget

**Lest we forget**

CALL TO WORSHIP

This I call to mind,  
and therefore I have hope:  
the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
God's mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning. *Lamentations 3.21-23*

God has gathered us to this place,  
where we hear those stories which show us what the reign of God is like.  
Set aside your worries and come into the presence of God.  
Put down your heavy burdens and come into the presence of God.  
**Here we will restore ourselves in the company of God.**

HYMN

WELCOME

**INSERT BLURB PASSING OF THE PEACE**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unless it is you, Redeeming One, who works within and among us - our efforts are for nothing. We seek your presence. God of all mercy, grant us grace today to make a fresh start. We know we have not loved you with our whole heart, nor have we loved our neighbour as ourselves. As we hope to be forgiven, teach us how to forgive, and lead us forward in a new life where neither grudges nor resentment have a part.  
*A silence is kept*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the word to us in Jesus:  
Those who have faith will receive grace upon grace. We are forgiven!  
**Thanks be to God!**

**THE SERVICE OF THE WORD**

*The children are invited to go with Jenny to the Lounge for special activities.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open our hearts and minds to hear your Word of love, O God. **Amen**

FIRST READING                      Ruth 3: 1-5; 4: 13-17

In this is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 127

1 Except the Lord build the house, labour is but lost that build it.  
2 the Lord keep the city, watchman waketh but in vain.  
3 is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early, and so late take rest,  
and eat the bread of carefulness, so he giveth his beloved sleep.  
4, children and the fruit of the womb  
an heritage and gift that cometh of the Lord.  
5 as the arrows in the hand of the giant, so are the young children.  
6 is the man that hath his quiver full of them  
shall not be ashamed when they speak with their enemies in the gate.

*Please stand and sing the concluding Gloria*

**Glory be to the Father, and / to the / Son:  
and / to the / Holy Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and / ever /shall be  
world without / end. / A / men**

SECOND READING                      Hebrews 9: 24-28

In this is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand and face the gospel*

A reading from the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Mark.

**Glory to you, Lord**

GOSPEL READING                      Mark 12: 38-44

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

HYMN

SERMON

## **THE RESPONSE TO GOD IN WORD AND ACTION**

HYMN

*During the singing of this hymn our offering will be received.  
Please remain standing for the dedication prayer.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God bless our gifts,  
big and small,  
and bless us to honour you,  
the Giver of all.  
We honour God with giving  
that is free of self-interest  
and full of compassion. Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

May God give peace/**May peace prevail**  
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/**May peace prevail**  
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/ **May peace prevail**  
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/ **May peace prevail**  
for peace-makers and peace-keepers,

who seek to keep this world secure and free;  
May God give peace/ **May peace prevail**  
for all Defence Force chaplains offering support, encouragement, acceptance, compassion and  
understanding wherever and whenever it is needed;  
May God give peace/**May peace prevail**  
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/**May peace prevail**  
O God of truth and justice,  
we hold before you those whose memory we cherish,  
and those whose names we will never know.  
Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world,  
and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm.  
As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future;  
for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever, Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*printed inside cover of hymn book*)

## THE SENDING FORTH OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

HYMN "Remembrance" **suggestion**

Once crimson poppies bloomed  
out in a foreign field,  
each memory reminds  
where brutal death was sealed.  
The crimson petals flutter down,  
still hatred forms a thorny crown.

For in this present time  
we wait in vain for peace,  
each generation cries,  
each longing for release,  
while war still plagues the human race  
and families seek a hiding place.

How long will human life  
suffer for human greed?  
How long must race or pride,  
wealth, nationhood or creed  
be reasons justifying death  
to suffocate a nation's breath?

For everyone who dies  
we share a quiet grief,  
the pain of loss remains,  
time rarely brings relief,  
and so we will remember them  
and heaven sound a loud amen.

(*Words: © Andrew Pratt; Tune: 'Little Cornard'/Hills of the North*)

## WORDS OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Go and build, in company with God.

Build a world of safety and care for the least;  
build a world that invites openheartedness from those with the most.

**We build on the foundation of Christ:  
with compassion, wisdom, and hope.**

Let God build a good world in and through you.

**With God's help, we will build a world of justice and peace.**

Ask Christ to teach you humility.

**By the grace of Christ, we will not boast in our own power.**

Invite the Holy Spirit to keep your hope alive.

**Holy Spirit, be our guide. Amen**

*You are invited to be seated for the playing of the postlude,  
or to leave at this point without disturbing those who wish to listen.*

#### POSTLUDE

*Please stand as the Bible is taken from the church.*

Presiding Minister

Rev Sandy Boyce

Scripture Reader

Organist & Choir Director Peter Kelsall

The Choir of Pilgrim Church

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***Please join us for tea or coffee and fellowship in the Lounge  
after the service.***