

HYMNS, PRAYERS AND READINGS FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

O GOD OUR HELP IN AGES PAST
sung by the Choral Scholars of St Martin-in-the-Fields

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.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

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)

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

INTRODUCTION

MASS OF ST THOMAS – DAVID THORNE
sung by St Martin's Voices

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

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

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,

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

We worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

PS 23 (SUNG BY SERAPHIM)

THE Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing. He shall feed me in a green pasture: and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort. He shall convert my soul: and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me. Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me: thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full. But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end, amen.*

JOHN 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so have I 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. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

SERMON BY PETER HADDOCK, READER

As we ask for deliverance from the forces of war,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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.**

I VOW TO THEE MY COUNTRY
sung by the Choral Scholars of St Martin-in-the-Fields

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.

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.

Cecil Arthur Spring-Rice (1859-1918)

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

THE ODE

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.

Let us remember before God those who have died for their
country in war; those whom we knew, and whose memory
we treasure; and all who have lived and died in the service
of mankind.

THE LAST POST, THE SILENCE,
AND AFTER TWO MINUTES, THE REVEILLE

In Flanders fields, the poppies grow
between the crosses, row on row,
that mark our places; and in the sky
the larks, still bravely singing, fly
scarce heard amongst the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
we lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
loved and were loved, and now we lie
in Flanders fields.

Take up your quarrel with the foe;
to you from failing hands we throw
the torch; be yours to hold it high.

If ye break faith with us who die
we shall not sleep, though poppies grow
in Flanders fields.

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 us, as in them, the purpose of your love; and bring us all to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

God grant to the living, grace;
to the departed, rest; to the Church,
the Queen, the Commonwealth and all mankind,
peace and concord; and to us his servants,
life everlasting; and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be amongst you and remain with you, always.
Amen.

Neither death nor life can separate us from the love of God in
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

NATIONAL ANTHEM
sung by St Martin's Voices

*God save our gracious Queen,
long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen.
Send her victorious,
happy and glorious,
long to reign over us:
God save the Queen.*

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