

Before today's Morning Prayer we take some time to remember those who have given their lives or health for our sakes and for the freedom we so richly enjoy.

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

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..... (Silence).....

"When You Go Home, Tell Them Of Us And Say,
For Their Tomorrow, We Gave Our Today"

Psalm 23

“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;

³ he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths

for his name’s sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff—

they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

my whole life long”

Titus 3:1-7

“Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, ² to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarrelling, to be gentle, and to show every courtesy to everyone. ³ For we ourselves were once foolish,

disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, despicable, hating one another. ⁴ But when the goodness and loving-kindness of God our Saviour appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. ⁶ This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, ⁷ so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life”

Luke 17:11-19

“On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, ‘Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!’ ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, ‘Go and show yourselves to the priests.’ And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, ‘Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸ Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?’ ¹⁹ Then he said to him, ‘Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.’”

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Prayer: "May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer."

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The armistice was formally agreed between the Allies and Germany, and brought World War I (four years of cruel and bitter fighting) to an end on 11 November, 1918.

At 5.12am on that day, the armistice was signed.

It demanded that the Germans immediately withdraw from the territories they had captured, the disarmament of their military, and the release of all Allied prisoners.

The fighting then stopped at 11am - the eleventh hour, of the eleventh day, of the eleventh month. That is why the green leaf of a poppy of remembrance is at the position of 11 o'clock around the red petals of the flower.

While the signing of the armistice brought an end to the war, the Treaty of Versailles, signed seven months later, acted as the permanent peace treaty between the nations.

Armistice Day has been commemorated on 11 November since 1919, the first anniversary of the end of the war.

It's since become known as Remembrance Day, representing a day of reflection and respect paid to the soldiers that died fighting in World War I and every war and conflict ever since.

During the first commemoration of Armistice Day in 1919, King George V requested that the country pause in silence

for two minutes to remember the fatalities of the war. The moment of silence became synonymous with Armistice Day thereafter, and was carried out on 11 November each year until the outbreak of World War II. Now, it's traditional for the two-minute silence to be held on Remembrance Sunday at 11am at war memorials, cenotaphs, religious services and even shopping centres around the country, and there are also services of Remembrance and people stop and remember the fallen on the 11th of November also.

Our Gospel reading today is a reminder to us all to give thanks for all that is good; for life and every gift and blessing that we have from God.

The ten lepers were all healed, and yet only one is recorded as going back to Jesus to thank Him and worship Him.

Today we live in a freedom that was bought with the sacrifice of many who gave their lives for us, we live in a land of democracy and in a time of peace; we all have so much to be thankful for.

We can thank God that we have peace and friendship with Him through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross for our sakes; that we have through Jesus salvation and have been given a new life in and through Jesus Christ. We can also stop, remember and be thankful for all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice of their lives for peace in their times and for the generations that were to follow them.

Today we remember all those who have given their lives for their loved ones and for the generations that would come

after them. We also remember all those that bear the scars of conflict in their bodies, in their minds and in their spirits.

We remember all those who were ready to give 'their today for our tomorrow'.

We stop, we remember, and like the one healed man who came back to Jesus

We give thanks.....