

Order of Service

2.25pm Before the service begins the parish priest, Fr. Dick White, will extend a warm welcome to our visitors on behalf of the Catholic community whose home is this Memorial Church.

2.30pm Hymn: **Jerusalem**

Stand

And did those feet in ancient times
Walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the holy Lamb of God
On England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the countenance divine
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
Among those dark Satanic mills?

2. Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!
I shall not cease from mental fight,
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
Till we have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land.

William Blake (1757-1827)

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

Response:

Amen

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Response:

And also with you.

We gather on this solemn occasion
to bring before God
all those who suffered and died
as a result of their captivity in the Far East.

We trust in faith that God will re-unite us one day
with those men and women
whom we have loved
and whose memory we honour.

Response:

Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sit The first reading is taken from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans (8: 32-35, 37-39).

Responsorial Psalm: *repeat after cantor and each verse*

His goodness shall follow me always till the end of my days.

Stand to greet the Gospel

The Gospel according to Matthew (5: 1-12).

Sit Mr Martin Bell, OBE will speak

Hymn: **Dear Lord and Father of Mankind**

- Stand*
1. Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways!
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives thy service find,
In deeper reverence praise,
In deeper reverence praise.
 2. In simple trust like theirs who heard,
Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow thee,
Rise up and follow thee.
 3. O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee
The silence of eternity,
Interpreted by love,
Interpreted by love!
 4. Drop thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace,
The beauty of thy peace.
 5. Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm,
O still small voice of calm!

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-92)

Stand **Act of Remembrance**

Faithful God,
Lord of all creation,
You desire that nothing redeemed by your Son
Will ever be lost,
And that the just will be raised on the last day.
Comfort us today with the word of your promise
As we remember those who suffered and died

As a result of their captivity in the Far East.
Grant them a place of rest and peace
Where the world of dust and ashes has no dominion.
Confirm us in our hope that they will be created
Anew on the day when you will raise them up in glory
To live with you and all the saints.

We ask this through Christ our Lord

Response:

Amen.

The Wreaths are now laid by representatives of:

FEPOW

The Australian High Commission
The New Zealand High Commission
The Canadian High Commission
The South African High Commission
The Indian High Commission
The American Embassy
The Royal Netherlands Embassy

ABCIFER

Far East Veterans Association
Royal British Legion
Royal Engineers
Royal Norfolk Regiment
The Loyal Regiment

Stand **Act of Commitment**

The FEPOW Act of Commitment is led by Mr. Norman Wright, a parishioner of Our Lady & St. Thomas of Canterbury and a former prisoner of war.

And we that are left grow old with the years,
Remembering the heartache, the pain, and the tears.
Hoping and praying that never again
Will man sink to such sorrow and shame.

The Price that was paid we will always remember.
Every day, every month, not just November.

Response:

We will remember them.

Last Post is sounded.

Two minutes silence.

The Reveille

Final Prayer and blessing

Hymn:

For all the saints

1. For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest:
Alleluia!
2. Thou wast their rock, their refuge and their might,
thou, Lord, the vision ever in their sight
thou in the darkness drear their one true light.
Alleluia!
3. O may thy servants, faithful, true and bold,
strive for thy kingdom as saints of old,
and win with them the glorious crown of gold:
Alleluia!
4. O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine,
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine:
Alleluia!
5. And when the road is steep, the journey long,
steals on the ear the distant welcome song,
and hope is bright again, and faith is strong:
Alleluia!
6. The golden evening brightens in the west,
soon, soon to faithful pilgrims cometh rest:
sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest:
Alleluia!
7. But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array:
the King of glory passes on his way:
Alleluia!
8. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest
coast,
through gates of pearl streams the countless
host,
singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost
Alleluia!

William Walsham How (1823-1897)
Adapted by Michael Forster (b. 1946)

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Memorial Church*