



Order of Service



13 November 2022

10 am



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Let Us Not Forget

Worship led by:

Rev Dr AJ Groenewald

Musicians:

Martin Petty, OBR and the choir

AV: Jim Goodbrand

Edinburgh Balerno Parish Church of Scotland: Scottish Charity No. 018012

Gathering of God's People



The colours will be received.

Time when we greet one another and prepare for worship.

Those who are able please stand for the entry of the Bible.

Words of welcome and announcements.

Welcome to our special Remembrance service. Thank you to Jimmy Goodbrand junior for playing the pipes and for Jim Goodbrand snr for managing the AV this morning...Thank you to each one who will partake in the service. A special thank you to Janet McCracken and her team for erecting the poppies outside...

Allow me a few announcements:

The Church Guild will meet On Wednesday 16/11 at 7.30pm in the Ogston Hall, with Helen Brown who is coming to speak to the Church Guild on her work at the Water of Leith Visitor Centre!

Fresh start will be collecting toiletries during the month of November...please support this by gifting toiletries into the marked box at the entrance of the St Joseph Hall!

Can I please ask you all to pray for the delegation from Balerno who will be attending the Presbytery meeting this week where we will have to approve the final Presb plan... If you do not know what this will entail, please speak to Bill Black who will be more than happy to inform you.

Worshipping God Together

Call to worship Deut 6:4

Minister: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Shema Jisrael Jawhe Eloheina Jawhe Egat...

All: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

Beloved I greet you in the Name of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen

CH4 161 O God our help in ages past

Opening prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Let us pray:

Loving God, source of healing and hope,
strengthen us for life's challenges,
help us to trust the future to you,
and to remember the courage
of those who have faced adversity with faith.
God of yesterday, today and tomorrow,
when our world is falling apart and we turn away
from you:
forgive us and help us to trust you.
When the whole world is being torn apart and we
despair:
forgive us and help us to trust you.
When the whole universe is out of kilter and we
fear the worst:
forgive us and help us to trust you.
Help us to stand firm, speak truth and serve you,
today and tomorrow, in Jesus' name who taught

us to pray:

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 debts as we
forgive our debtors. And lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from
evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the
power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

Choir sings “A Prayer for Ukraine”.

“Remembrance Sunday” by Maria Cassee, read by David Booth

Reflecting on God’s Word

Reading: Matthew 13:1-23

Reader: Bill Black

CH4 712 What shall we pray for those who died

All age reflection: Rev Dr Groenewald

“A farmer went out to sow his seed... Still other
seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—

a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.
Whoever has ears, let them hear.”

I could not help to wonder about the connection
between Remembrance and seeds falling...

But then I thought about the poppies which just
appeared after the first world war... The common
or “corn” poppy, also known as *Papaver rhoeas*,
grows throughout the United States, Asia, Africa
and Europe and is native to the Mediterranean
region. Its seeds need light to grow, so when
they're buried in the earth, they can lay dormant
for 80 years or even longer by some accounts,
without blooming. Once soil is disturbed and the
seeds come to light, poppies nobody knew
existed can then bloom.

Although the earth was very much damaged by the wars, underneath the soil was ready to give birth to the most beautiful array of red flowers everywhere... seeds that lay dormant all through the war to come to light...

Unlike the poppies who bloomed ... humanity seemed to

BUT these seeds were not sown by mankind but God Himself...because the seeds that were sown by dictators caused destruction, loss of human lives, hurt and total carnage... while we remember the good Poppy seeds that bloomed, we also remember all the dictators ... with their big egos ... around the world who caused so

much hurt and pain... and might I add, are still causing havoc and devastation...

And this is exactly what Jesus tried to say.... The seeds are just as important as the places where they fall

We have to sow seeds of faith, hope and love. We have to make sure that the ground are prepared for the seeds to fall onto... we have to prepare and get rid of the rocks ...

Any gardener knows, how important it is to prepare and fertilize and maintain the soil .. and use the right seeds...

If the seeds of faith, hope and love fall on the right ground ... there will be harmony and peace.

But if our seeds are not of faith in Jesus Christ and not having the hope in our hearts that Jesus overcame death for us and is not filled with love - then no matter how ready the soil might be - nothing will grow ...

If our seeds are full of hatred, revenge, selfish power then equally it will destroy any land - like what happened in all wars...

But we serve a God who can turn any darkness into light, any brokenness into a field of colour and any field of destruction into a field filled with red poppies or sunflowers like in Ukraine.

God is the great Sower who is always planting seeds of faith hope and love in our hearts and souls ... if we respond these seeds will grow and mature to become beautiful portraits of God's Almighty Power!

May the wee SUNFLOWER seeds in the bags that you received, remind you of the GREAT power of God to make any seed grow.

May we go out and sow seeds that is positive, loving, full of faith and hope And let us be careful when we prepare the soil and while we look after the seeds that was sown.... Knowing that only God will make them grow and bloom

like He did in Flanders fields

Amen

**“In Flanders fields” by Lt Colonel John McCrae,
read by John Burnside**

Responding to God’s word

Prayer of Remembrance and Dedication, by Elaine McCullough

CH4 580 “Abide with me”

First verse by One Bar Rest and the rest of the congregation to join from the second verse

Last Post

Two minute silence

Buglers sound “Reveille”

The Tryst

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 affirm: We will remember them



The Laying of the wreaths

Hymn 703

The National Anthem (vs1)

Dedication – Rev Dr AJ Groenewald

“Remember, O Lord, all those who have died the death of honour and
are departed in the hope of
resurrection to Eternal Life, especially the Officers, Men and Women
of our Sea, Land and Air Forces, to whom it was given to lay down
their lives for the cause of Freedom and Justice.
In that place of light, whence sorrow and mourning are far vanished,
give them rest, O Lord, Lover of Men. Grant this for Thine only Son,
Jesus Christ’s sake. Amen.”

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

Colours taken away while we sing Songs of God’s People no. 22
Colours of day

Benediction

Receive the blessing and go in peace:

In a world still torn by conflicts,
send us out as makers of peace.

In a world of destruction,
send us out as menders and builders.

In a world of hurt,
send us out as healers.

Where worlds are ending,
send us out with faith in new beginnings.

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and
Holy Spirit will be with you, now and forevermore
Sung Amen, Amen, Amen

PRAYER

God grant to the living grace, to the
departed rest, and all people,
unity, peace and concord,
and to us and all God's servants, life
everlasting. Amen.

You are invited to stay for tea and coffee which are served in the hall.