

Remembrance Sunday

12th November 2017

St. Columba's Parish Church
of Scotland Glenrothes



Service conducted by
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Rev Alan Kimmitt, St Columba's Church of Scotland

Welcome to this Remembrance Sunday service

This service will be conducted as a Christian service of worship.
However, we are welcome people of any faith or no faith.

We come not to glorify war, but to remember the sacrifices made by many people in wars and conflicts and to pray for peace and an end to the suffering of war.

Although respect is part of remembrance, we like to encourage people to feel comfortable in St Columba's. If you need to move around or go out during the service, please feel free to do that.

Toilets are located through the door underneath the organ pipes on the left side as you face the front.

We usually stand for the singing of hymns, but if you are not easily able to stand, please remain seated

We have added some guidance *in italics* for those people who are not familiar with a Church of Scotland service.

Tea and Coffee will be served in the hall after the service and all are welcome.

Any children who joined the Junior Church can be collected from the hall after the service.

The hall can be reached through the door under the organ, or by turning to your right as you leave the church and re-entering through the glass doors.

Part 1 – Act of Remembrance

The Bible

If you can stand comfortably, please stand as the Bible comes in

Welcome

Call to worship

Hymn 161 - O God, our help in ages past

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.

Act of Remembrance

*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*

Last Post Two minutes silence Reveille

Prayer

Hymn 511 - Your hand, O God, has guided

Your hand, O God, has guided your flock, from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written, full clear, on every page;
your people owned your goodness, and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness: one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Your heralds brought glad tidings to greatest as to least;
they summoned all to hasten and share the great King's feast;
and this was all their teaching, in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming: one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Through many a day of darkness, through many a scene of strife,
the faithful few fought bravely to guard the nation's life.
Their Gospel of redemption, sin pardoned, life restored,
was all in this enfolded: one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Your mercy will not fail us, nor leave your work undone;
with your right hand to help us, your victory shall be won;
by mortals and by angels your name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem: one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

*Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891) (alt.) CH4 CD-ROM edition, number 511 CCLI No.
178199*

"In Flanders Fields" by John McCrae

Mission Praise 188 – God Is Our Strength and Refuge

God is our strength and refuge,
our present help in trouble;
and we therefore will not fear,
though the earth should change
Though mountains shake and tremble,
though swirling floods are raging,
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!

There is a flowing river,
within God's holy city;
God is in the midst of her –
she shall not be moved!
God's help is swiftly given,
thrones vanish at His presence –
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!

Come, see the works of our Maker,
learn of His deeds all powerful;
wars will cease across the world
when He shatters the spear!
Be still and know your Creator,
uplift Him in the nations –
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!.

At this point there will be a break in the service as we are joined by those coming from the war memorial.

Please feel free to move around, use the toilets or talk to those around you.

Part 2 – Shared Remembrance Day Service

Welcome

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Call to Worship

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Please remain standing after the hymn until the colours have been received

Hymn 81 - I to the hills will lift mine eyes

I to the hills will lift mine eyes.
From whence doth come mine aid?
My safety cometh from the Lord,
who heaven and earth hath made.

Thy foot he'll not let slide, nor will
he slumber that thee keeps.
Behold, he that keeps Israel,
he slumbers not, nor sleeps.

The Lord thee keeps, the Lord thy shade
on thy right hand doth stay:
the moon by night thee shall not smite,
nor yet the sun by day.

The Lord shall keep thy soul; he shall
preserve thee from all ill.
Henceforth thy going out and in
God keep for ever will.

*Psalm 121 from The Scottish Psalter, 1929
Reproduced from CH4 CD-ROM edition, number 81 CCLI No. 178199*

Choir Anthem

Reading – Amos 5:14 to 15 & 21 to 24 (page 890)

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During this hymn offering plates will be passed around the church, If you are a visitor, then you are our guest and we do not expect you to place anything in the offering - but please pass the plate to the next person.

Reflection - Lance Corporal David Toshack

Hymn 706 – For the Healing of the Nations

For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord;
For a just and equal sharing
Of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
Help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us, Father, into freedom;
From despair your world release,
That, redeemed from war and hatred,
All may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
Fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living,
Let it from the earth be banned;
Pride of status, race, or schooling,
Dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
May we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator-God, have written
Your great name on humankind;
For our growing in your likeness
Bring the life of Christ to mind;
That by our response and service
Earth its destiny may find.

Prayer of Dedication of the Offering

Address

Prayer

Hymn 710 – ‘I Have a Dream’ a Man Once Said

“I have a dream”, a man once said,
“where all is perfect peace;
where men and women, black and white,
stand hand in hand, and all unite
in freedom and in love.”

But in this world of bitter strife
the dream can often fade;
reality seems dark as night,
we catch but glimpses of the light
Christ sheds on humankind.

Fierce persecution, war, and hate
are raging everywhere;
God calls us now to pay the price
through struggles and through sacrifice
of standing for the right.

So dream the dreams and sing the songs,
but never be content:
for thoughts and words don't ease the pain:
unless there's action, all is vain;
faith proves itself in deeds.

Lord, give us vision, make us strong,
help us to do your will;
don't let us rest until we see
your love throughout humanity
uniting us in peace.

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Please remain standing

Benediction

National Anthem

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!

*Please remain standing while the colours leave the church
Thank you for joining us for this service of Remembrance.*

*Please join us in the hall for refreshments after the service today.
Either leave by the main door, turn right and re-enter through the glass
doors, or leave through the doors underneath the organ pipes.*

*If you wish to keep up to date with the activities of St Columba's
please visit our website – www.st-columbas.com
or Facebook – St Columba's Church of Scotland, Glenrothes*

St Columba's Church Notices – 13th November 2017

Messy Church

This afternoon, we will hold our monthly Messy Church from 4pm-6pm. Messy Church is informal, fun and free. There is no need to book – just come along. We will have crafts, activities, stories, singing and a hot meal together. This afternoon, we will look at the themes of Remembrance and calling. Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult. If you can't manage this month, Messy Church meets on the second Sunday of each month.

Festive Coffee Afternoon

St Columba's will be hosting a Festive Coffee Afternoon on Saturday 2nd December from 2pm – 4pm. Tea and Coffee tickets cost £3 and can be purchased from the Fundraising Committee, or at the door on the day. All are welcome.

Gift Service

Once again the Kirk Session is supporting the Rotary Shoebox Appeal on Sunday 3rd December. Boxes are now available and can be collected from the front door or pulpit. Any questions or queries should be directed to Jim & Lesley Shand or Carol Gibson. We thank you for your continued support for this wonderful charity.

Sleep in the Park

Social Bite, is organising the world's largest ever sleep-out at Edinburgh's Princes Street Gardens on Saturday 9th December. The charity hopes that by raising funds and working together, homelessness can be eradicated. Please speak to Alan if you would like to be part of a Church team, or for more information and to register yourself contact www.SleepInThePark.co.uk/register

Christmas Day Lunch

St Columba's Church will be hosting a free Christmas Lunch again in the Church Hall on Christmas Day for people who would otherwise be on their own or unable to have a Christmas Lunch. If you know anyone who might like to come to this lunch, please contact us at info@st-columbas.com or phone the office on (01592) 752539.



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