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CATHEDRAL

Sul y Cofio Remembrance Sunday



9 Tachwedd 2025
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The Mayor and Civic Body will be led to their appointed seats.

The Introit is sung by the Cathedral Choir

For the Fallen, Music by Douglas Guest. Words by Lawrence Binyon.

*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.*

The Standard Bearers will line the Centre Aisle

Hymn

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.

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
Tune: St Anne*

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

Grace and peace be with you:
And keep you in the love of Christ.

Dear friends in Christ, it is our custom at this time of year, and every year, to meet in this Cathedral Church to worship Almighty God, whose purposes are good; whose power sustains the world; who loves us though we have failed in his service; who gave Jesus Christ for the life of the world; and who by his Holy Spirit leads us in the way of peace.

We meet to remember before God, with thanksgiving, those who gave their lives in the two world wars and in conflicts since; to pray for those who still bear in mind or body the scars of war; to ask God's forgiveness for the hatred, malice, and uncharitableness which leads to war; and to commit ourselves to work for the peace and unity of the whole world, that by our example in word and deed we may prove that they did not die in vain.

The Scriptures

Please Sit

Read in English by the Mayor Councillor Peter Scott

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long;

we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Romans 8. 31b-39)

For the word of the Lord:
thanks be to God.

The Psalm

R:



Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge;
I have said to the Lord, 'You are my lord,
all my good depends on you.'
All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble in heart. **R:**

Though the idols are legion that many run after,
their drink offerings of blood I will not offer,
neither make mention of their names upon my lips. **R:**

The Lord himself is my portion and my cup;
in your hands alone is my fortune.
My share has fallen in a fair land;
indeed, I have a goodly heritage. **R:**

I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel,
and in the night watches he instructs my heart.
I have set the Lord always before me;
he is at my right hand; I shall not fall. **R:**

Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices;
my flesh also shall rest secure.
For you will not abandon my soul to Death,
nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit. **R:**

You will show me the path of life;
in your presence is the fullness of joy
and in your right hand
are pleasures for evermore. **R:**

(Psalm 16)

The Gospel

Please Sit

Read in Welsh by Councillor Ros Williams, Deputy Mayor

A reading from the Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.
(Matthew 5. 1-12)

For the word of the Lord:
thanks be to God.

The Cathedral Choir will sing the anthem

Please Sit

*So they gave their bodies to the commonwealth,
and received praise that will never die,
and a home in the minds of men.
Their story live on without visible symbol,
woven into the stuff of other men's lives.
So they gave their bodies to the commonwealth,
and received praise that will never die*

Words: Pericles c. 431 BC Music: Peter Aston (1938 – 2013)

The Sermon by the Dean, The Very Rev'd Nigel Williams

Hymn

Nid wy'n gofyn bywyd moethus,
aur y byd na'i berlau mân,
gofyn 'rwyf am galon hapus,
calon honest, calon lân.

*Calon lân yn llawn daioni,
tecach yw na'r lili dlos;
dim ond calon lân all ganu,
canu'r dydd a chanu'r nos.*

Pe dymunwn olud bydol
chwim adenydd iddo sydd;
golud calon lân, rinweddol
yn dwyn bythol elw fydd.

Hwyr a bore fy nymuniad
gwyd i'r nef ar adain cân
ar i Dduw, er mwyn fy Ngheidwad,
roddi imi galon lân.

*Calon lân yn llawn daioni,
tecach yw na'r lili dlos;
dim ond calon lân all ganu,
canu'r dydd a chanu'r nos.*

The Prayers

Please Sit

At the end of each bidding is said:

Lord in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

At the end of the prayers is said:

And now, rejoicing in the communion of saints, we remember those whom you have gathered into the peace of your presence, and give you thanks for those whose memory we have known, and treasure. May the example of their devotion inspire us, that we may be taught to live by those who learned to die. And at the last, grant that we may receive with them the crown of life that never fades; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

These thanksgivings, prayers and hopes let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven in the words which Christ taught us, in the language of our heart, saying;

**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.**

Hymn

God is Love: let heav'n adore him;
God is Love: let earth rejoice;
Let creation sing before him,
And exalt him with one voice.
He who laid the earth's foundation,
He who spread the heav'ns above,
He who breathes through all creation,
He is Love, eternal Love.

God is Love: and he enfoldeth
All the world in one embrace;
With unfailing grasp he holdeth
Every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
Under sorrow's iron rod,
Then they find that selfsame aching
Deep within the heart of God.

God is Love: and though with blindness
Sin afflicts the souls of men,
God's eternal loving-kindness
Holds and guides them even then.
Sin and death and hell shall never
O'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever
O'er the universe must reign.

*Timothy Rees 1874-1939
Tune: Blaenwern*

Act of Rededication

God in Christ reconciled the world to himself.
God has made us one with himself through his Son Jesus Christ,
and called us to share in his work of reconciliation.
Let us pledge ourselves anew to God
and our fellow men and women,
and to the cause of peace and unity among all peoples.

**Lord, set us free, to cross barriers for you,
as you crossed barriers for us, in Jesus Christ.
Make us instruments of your peace,
where there is hatred, let us bring love,
where there is injury, let there be pardon,
where there is discord, union,
where there is doubt, faith,
where there is despair, hope,
where there is darkness, light,
where there is sadness, joy,
for the relief of want and suffering,
and for the praise of your Name. Amen.**

Hymn

Lord for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him:
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us –
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

*Timothy Dudley Smith b 1926
Tune: Lord of the Years*

*Members of the congregation are asked to follow
the processions out of the Cathedral to the War Memorial*

The Act of Remembrance

Let us remember before God those
who have died for their country in war,
and all who have lived and died in the service of humankind.

The remembrancer shall say

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 will reply:

We will remember them.

The "Last Post" is sounded

Silence

The "Reveille" is sounded

The remembrancer shall say:

When you go home, tell them of us and say –
'For your tomorrow, we gave our today'.

(Kohima Epitaph)

The Laying of Wreaths

The National Anthems

God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King.
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the King.

Mae hen wlad fy nhadau yn annwyl i mi,
Gwlad beirdd a chantorion, enwogion o fri;
Ei gwrol ryfelwyr, gwladgarwyr tra mad,
Tros ryddid collasant eu gwaed.
Gwlad, gwlad, pleidiol wyf i'm gwlad,
Tra môr yn fur i'r bur hoff bau,
O! bydded i'r hen iaith barhau.

The Blessing

God grant to the living grace; to the departed rest; to the Church and Nation, and all people peace and concord, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen.

