Remember
SUNDAY Plus
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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time **Divine Office Week IV** Year A
**Rememberance Sunday**

# When the fighting stopped



## Remember

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.

Laurence Binyon

This was how it went, those years after the war, experimenting, making mistakes, learning. The doctors, psychiatrists and nutritionists who came free of charge to any place that cared for war victims, sometimes expressed surprise at our loose-run ways. At morning and evening worship people drifted in and out, table manners were atrocious, one man took a walk into Haarlem every morning at 3:00 AM. I could not bring myself to sound a whistle or to scold, or to consider gates or curfews.

And, sure enough, in their own time and their own way, people worked out the deep pain within them. It most often started… in the garden. As flowers bloomed or vegetables ripened, talk was less of the bitter past, more of tomorrow's weather. As their horizons broadened… when mention of the NSBers [Nazi collaborators] had no longer brought on the volley of self-righteous wrath, I knew the person's healing was not far away. And the day he said, "Those people you spoke of: I wonder if they'd care for some home-grown carrots," then I knew the miracle had taken place…

But the place where the hunger was greatest was Germany. Germany was a land in ruins, cities of ashes and rubble, but more terrifyingly still, minds and hearts of ashes. Just to cross the border was to feel the great weight that hung over that land…

Corrie Ten Boom, *The Hiding Place*

Love conquers death. In love, God will gather us together with our loved ones. And… our very lives become a prayer rising up to God, uniting us with the departed, drawing us closer to them as we await to meet them again in the joy of eternal life.

Pope Leo XIV

## Blessed are the peacemakers

"Blessed are you, the peacemakers" (Matthew 5:9). We are dedicated to embodying the Lord's profound words, making them a part of our very being, our legacy and our actions.

Blessed are you: God gives joy to those who spread love in the world and to those who choose to make peace with their enemies rather than defeat them.

Take courage, continue on your journey, you who are building the conditions for a future of peace, justice and forgiveness. Be gentle yet determined and never give up. Peace is a journey, and God walks with you. The Lord creates and spreads peace through his friends who are at peace in their hearts, and they in turn become peacemakers and instruments of his peace.

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Lord of life, make us instruments of your peace. Give eternal life to those who have died in war and comfort those who are left behind. ✠ Amen.

Feast of the week
Sunday 8 November

## Remembrance Day

Today, at countless war memorials, people will hold a minute's silence and a bugler will proclaim that those who sleep in death also rise to new life in the resurrection.

As we remember those who gave their lives in war and conflict, many of us will include family members and friends who didn't come home when the fighting ended. It's a grief that lasts a lifetime.

Today, we honour the fallen and also those who returned bearing wounds – seen and unseen. We remember families who waited, grieved and rebuilt. In our minute's silence we hear the call to peace, justice and compassion, committing ourselves to act as bearers of hope in our troubled world. May the poppies and war memorials remind us to pray for peace and inspire us to become peacemakers.

## READINGS

**Today:**
Wisdom 6:12-16
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

**Monday:**
Ezekiel 47:1-2. 8-9. 12
1 Corinthians 3:9-11. 16-17
John 2:13-22

**Tuesday:**
Titus 2:1-8. 11-14
Luke 17:7-10

**Wednesday:**
Titus 3:1-7
Luke 17:11-19

**Thursday:**
Philemon 7-20
Luke 17:20-25

**Friday:**
2 John 4-9
Luke 17:26-37

**Saturday:**
3 John 5-8
Luke 18:1-8

**Next Sunday:**
Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Matthew 25:14-30

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