

Sunday

12th November 2023

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

COLLECT

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all
things in your beloved Son,
the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of
those in authority, and bring the
families of the nations, divided
and torn apart by the ravages
of sin, to be subject to his just
and gentle rule; who is alive
and reigns with you, in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Micah 4.1-5

In days to come the mountain
of the Lord's house shall be
established as the highest of
the mountains, and shall be
raised up above the hills.
People shall stream to it, and
many nations shall come and
say: 'Come let us go up to the
mountain of the Lord, to the
house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his
paths.' For out of Zion shall go
forth instruction, and the word
of the Lord from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between many
peoples, and shall arbitrate
between strong nations far
away; they shall beat their
swords into ploughshares, and
their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword
against nation, neither shall
they learn war any more; but
they shall all sit under their
own vines and under their own
fig trees, and no one shall
make them afraid; for the
mouth of the Lord of hosts has
spoken. For all the peoples
walk, each in the name of its
god, but we will walk in the
name of the Lord our God for
ever and ever

SECOND READING

Romans 8.31 - end

What then are we to say about
these things? If God is for us,

who is against us? He 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.

Or

Romans 12. 9 - end

Let love be genuine; hate what
is evil, hold fast to what is
good; love one another with
mutual affection; outdo one
another in showing honour. Do
not lag in zeal, be ardent in
spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice
in hope, be patient in suffering,
persevere in prayer. Contribute
to the needs of the saints;
extend hospitality to strangers.
Bless those who persecute
you; bless and do not curse
them. Rejoice with those who
rejoice, weep with those who
weep. Live in harmony with one
another; do not be haughty, but
associate with the lowly; do not
claim to be wiser than you are.
Do not repay anyone evil for
evil, but take thought for what
is noble in the sight of all. If it
is possible, so far as it depends
on you, live peaceably with all.
Beloved, never avenge
yourselves, but leave room for
the wrath of God; for it is

written, 'Vengeance is mine, I
will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if
your enemies are hungry, feed
them; if they are thirsty, give
them something to drink; for by
doing this you will heap burning
coals on their heads.' Do not be
overcome by evil, but
overcome evil with good.

GOSPEL

John 15. 9-17

As the Father has loved me, so
I have loved you; abide in my
love. If you keep my
commandments, you will abide
in my love, just as I have kept
my Father's commandments
and abide in his love. I have
said these things to you so that
my joy may be in you, and that
your joy may be complete.
'This is my commandment,
that you love one another as I
have loved you. No one has
greater love than this, to lay
down one's life for one's
friends. You are my friends if
you do what I command you. I
do not call you servants any
longer, because the servant
does not know what the master
is doing; but I have called you
friends, because I have made
know to you everything that I
have heard from my Father.
You did not choose me but I
chose you. And I appointed
you to go and bear fruit, fruit
that will last, so that the
Father will give you whatever
you ask him in my name. I am
giving you these commands so
that you many love one
another.

PRAYER FOR THE HEALING OF THE WORLD

God of peace, whose Son Jesus
Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to
wholeness of life: look with
compassion on the anguish of
the world, and by your healing
power make whole both people
and nations; through our Lord
and Saviour Jesus Christ.

