

## *Order of Service*

2.25pm Before the service begins the parish priest, Fr. Dick White, will extend a warm welcome to our visitors on behalf of the Catholic community whose home is this Memorial Church.

2.30pm Hymn: **Jerusalem**

*Stand*

And did those feet in ancient times  
Walk upon England's mountains green?  
And was the holy Lamb of God  
On England's pleasant pastures seen?  
And did the countenance divine  
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?  
And was Jerusalem builded here  
Among those dark Satanic mills?

2. Bring me my bow of burning gold!  
Bring me my arrows of desire!  
Bring me my spear! O clouds unfold!  
Bring me my chariot of fire!  
I shall not cease from mental fight,  
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,  
Till we have built Jerusalem  
In England's green and pleasant land.

*William Blake (1757-1827)*

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

*Response:*

**Amen**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*Response:*

**And also with you.**

We gather on this solemn occasion  
to bring before God  
all those who suffered and died  
as a result of their captivity in the Far East.

We trust in faith that God will re-unite us one day  
with those men and women  
whom we have loved  
and whose memory we honour.

*Response:*

**Amen**

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*Sit* The first reading is taken from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans (8: 32-35, 37-39).

Responsorial Psalm: *repeat after cantor and each verse*

**His goodness shall follow me always till the end of my days.**

*Stand to greet the Gospel*

The Gospel according to Matthew (5: 1-12).

*Sit* Mr Martin Bell, OBE will speak

Hymn: **Dear Lord and Father of Mankind**

- Stand*
1. Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
Forgive our foolish ways!  
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,  
In purer lives thy service find,  
In deeper reverence praise,  
In deeper reverence praise.
  2. In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
Beside the Syrian sea,  
The gracious calling of the Lord,  
Let us, like them, without a word  
Rise up and follow thee,  
Rise up and follow thee.
  3. O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
The silence of eternity,  
Interpreted by love,  
Interpreted by love!
  4. Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
Till all our strivings cease;  
Take from our souls the strain and stress,  
And let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of thy peace,  
The beauty of thy peace.
  5. Breathe through the heats of our desire  
Thy coolness and thy balm;  
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still small voice of calm,  
O still small voice of calm!

*John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-92)*

*Stand* **Act of Remembrance**

Faithful God,  
Lord of all creation,  
You desire that nothing redeemed by your Son  
Will ever be lost,  
And that the just will be raised on the last day.  
Comfort us today with the word of your promise  
As we remember those who suffered and died

As a result of their captivity in the Far East.  
Grant them a place of rest and peace  
Where the world of dust and ashes has no dominion.  
Confirm us in our hope that they will be created  
Anew on the day when you will raise them up in glory  
To live with you and all the saints.

We ask this through Christ our Lord

*Response:*

**Amen.**

## **The Wreaths are now laid by representatives of:**

FEPOW

The Australian High Commission  
The New Zealand High Commission  
The Canadian High Commission  
The South African High Commission  
The Indian High Commission  
The American Embassy  
The Royal Netherlands Embassy

ABCIFER

Far East Veterans Association  
Royal British Legion  
Royal Engineers  
Royal Norfolk Regiment  
The Loyal Regiment

## *Stand*    **Act of Commitment**

*The FEPOW Act of Commitment is led by Mr. Norman Wright, a parishioner of Our Lady & St. Thomas of Canterbury and a former prisoner of war.*

And we that are left grow old with the years,  
Remembering the heartache, the pain, and the tears.  
Hoping and praying that never again  
Will man sink to such sorrow and shame.

The Price that was paid we will always remember.  
Every day, every month, not just November.

*Response:*

**We will remember them.**

**Last Post is sounded.**

Two minutes silence.

**The Reveille**

**Final Prayer and blessing**

*Hymn:*

**For all the saints**

1. For all the saints who from their labours rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest:  
Alleluia!
2. Thou wast their rock, their refuge and their might,  
thou, Lord, the vision ever in their sight  
thou in the darkness drear their one true light.  
Alleluia!
3. O may thy servants, faithful, true and bold,  
strive for thy kingdom as saints of old,  
and win with them the glorious crown of gold:  
Alleluia!
4. O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine,  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine:  
Alleluia!
5. And when the road is steep, the journey long,  
steals on the ear the distant welcome song,  
and hope is bright again, and faith is strong:  
Alleluia!
6. The golden evening brightens in the west,  
soon, soon to faithful pilgrims cometh rest:  
sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest:  
Alleluia!
7. But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array:  
the King of glory passes on his way:  
Alleluia!
8. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest  
coast,  
through gates of pearl streams the countless  
host,  
singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost  
Alleluia!

*William Walsham How (1823-1897)*  
*Adapted by Michael Forster (b. 1946)*

*Retiring Collection for the upkeep of the National  
Memorial Church*