

## Worship at Home - Sunday 13 November 2022 Remembrance Sunday

This short act of worship has been prepared for you to use at home. We invite you to spend a few moments with God, knowing that other people across the Methodist Connexion are sharing this act of worship with you.

### Call to worship

And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God  
(Micah 6 v 6)

**Hymn: StF132 O God our help in ages past**  
Sing/ Read /pray /proclaim the words or listen to it here [O God, our help in ages past \(StF 132\) \(methodist.org.uk\)](https://www.methodist.org.uk/stf132)

*Isaac Watts (1674-1748)*

### Let us pray together

Creator God, you walk with us in our world, and have done so in times of conflict as well as in times of peaceful cooperation. We thank you for the inspiration that Jesus shares with us, as he reached out to individuals to bring peace in their lives. Today we pray especially for those whose gave their lives in the service of others in the conflicts of our age. We pray for them, for their families and friends, for all who mourn their loss. We pray for our world today and as we remember all those caught up in the conflicts of our present age, may we continue to work for peace, justice and hope in today's world. We bring our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, the prince of peace. Amen.

**Today's Reading from the Old Testament** Micah 4 v 1 - 4

**Today's Gospel Reading:** John 15 v 9 - 17

**Time to Reflect** Today is an important day in the nations calendar. It is a time when we remember the story of those who served their country in the conflicts of the last Century and this, remembering especially those who did not come back home to their families and friends and whose names are recorded on War memorials across the nation and around the world. Today we reflect on the way that war has led to, and continues

to lead to, deep uncertainty for individuals, families, communities and nations. We see that in the stories of the conflicts of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> world wars, brought to mind perhaps in the story of the Late Queen Elizabeth, who for many years led the national service of remembrance at the Cenotaph in London. The effects of conflict resonate through the ages and the impact of conflict has moulded and shaped the way that community is formed. At the end of conflict and following the deep sacrifices of many, including those who gave their lives for others, there is a renewed hope as communities reestablish and people explore ways of living which seek to grasp a greater peace. The prophet Micah sought the same vision when he looked forward to a time when 'they will beat their swords in to ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks', when a time would be established where, 'nation will not take up sword against nation, neither will they train for war any more'. Of course this vision remains but it is often hidden. To find the peace that Jesus talks of is to find in our lives the way that peace can flow. By what we say and by how we act, we can make a difference to the way that our world is. Small steps indeed, but small steps grow into something significant. Jesus said that the greatest gift that could be offered was to lay down your life for your friends. We are not usually called to do so, but today we remember those who did, and remember Jesus too who through his teaching, work and example give us a new vision of peace. As we follow the one who gave his life not just for his friends but for the whole world, may we work for that peace, justice and hope which one day may be established on the earth.

Take a time to sit quietly

### A time of prayer

We pray for our world, in all of its diversity.

We pray that we may listen to each other, seek what is good and just and walk together so as to find peace, hope and blessing in our world today.

We pray for our faith, for our journey with God and with members of our church family. We give thanks for the way that God has called us, and continues to call us, as disciples of Jesus.

We pray for those who are ill, for those whose loves are challenged by illness. We remember all those who mourn, and on this remembrance Sunday we pray for all who remember loved ones who were, and continue to be, caught up in the conflicts of our world.

We remember those who have died, giving thanks for times shared together. May we, together with all the Communion of Saints be blessed as we are held in God love.

We bring our prayers in Jesus name. Amen

**On this Remembrance Sunday we share in the silence - now or at 11.00 am**

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.

We will remember them

**The Lord's Prayer**  
*Our Father .....*

**Hymn: Listen to StF712 Put peace into each others hands** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5VI\\_sd5A-h8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5VI_sd5A-h8)  
or sing a verse of a hymn that comes to mind

*Fred Kaan (1929-2009)*

**A prayer of blessing from the Baptist Peace Fellowship**

Send us out to be beacons of peace  
in a dark world of conflict.

Make us instruments of peace  
for whoever we meet  
and wherever we go,

In the name of the Prince of Peace,  
Our Lord and saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

May God bless us, the Father, the Son and  
the Holy Spirit. Amen

We are grateful to all the Ministers and Local Preachers from around the Connexion who have contributed to Worship at Home. This resource is administrated by Ministries: Vocations and Worship in the Connexional Team and will end at the end of 2022.

For more worship resources see

[The Bible \(methodist.org.uk\)](https://www.methodist.org.uk)

[Singing the Faith Plus \(methodist.org.uk\)](https://www.methodist.org.uk)

**Micah 4 v 1 - 4**

4In 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.

Peoples shall stream to it,

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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;

<sup>4</sup> 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.

**John 15 v 9 - 17**

<sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you;  
abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you  
so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy  
may be complete.

<sup>12</sup> 'This is my commandment, that you love one  
another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater  
love than this, to lay down one's life for one's  
friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I  
command you. <sup>15</sup>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 known to you everything  
that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so  
that you may love one another.