

All Age Communion Service - 9 November 2025 - REMEMBRANCE

Collect:

God, our refuge and strength,
Bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord

First reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

Isaiah son of Amoz saw this message about Judah and Jerusalem.
In the last days the mountain on which the Lord's Temple stands will become the most important of all mountains. It will be raised above the hills. And people from all nations will come streaming to it.
Many nations will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord. Let us go to the Temple of the God of Jacob.
Then God will teach us his ways. And we will obey his teachings."
The Lord's teachings will go out from Jerusalem.
Then the Lord will settle arguments among many nations. He will make decisions for strong nations that are far away. Then the nations will make their swords into ploughs. They will make their spears into hooks for trimming trees. Nations will no longer fight other nations. They will not even train for war anymore. Come, family of Jacob. We should follow the way of the Lord.

Second reading: Psalm 20

May the Lord answer you in times of trouble. May the God of Jacob protect you. May he send you help from his Temple. May he support you from Mount Zion. May he remember all your offerings. May he accept all your sacrifices. Selah
May he give you what you want.
May all your plans succeed. We will shout for joy when you succeed. We will raise a flag in the name of our God. May the Lord give you all that you ask for.
Now I know the Lord helps his appointed king. He answers him from his holy heaven. He saves him with his strong right hand. Some trust in chariots, others in horses. But we trust the Lord our God. They are overwhelmed and defeated. But we march forward and win.
Lord, save the king!
Answer us when we call for help.

Gospel Matthew 20:29-34

Then the wife of Zebedee came to Jesus. Her sons were with her. The mother bowed before Jesus and asked him to do something for her.
Jesus asked, "What do you want?" She said, "Promise that one of my sons will sit at your right side in your kingdom. And promise that the other son will sit at your left side." But Jesus said, "You don't understand what you are asking.

Can you accept the kind of suffering that I must suffer?" The sons answered, "Yes, we can!" Jesus said to them, "Truly you will suffer the same things that I will suffer. But I cannot choose who will sit at my right side or my left side. Those places belong to those for whom my Father has prepared them." The other ten followers heard this and were angry with the two brothers. Jesus called all the followers together. He said, "You know that the rulers of the non-Jewish people love to show their power over the people. And their important leaders love to use all their authority. But it should not be that way among you. If one of you wants to become great, then he must serve the rest of you like a servant. If one of you wants to become first, then he must serve the rest of you like a slave. So it is with the Son of Man. The Son of Man did not come for other people to serve him. He came to serve others. The Son of Man came to give his life to save many people."

After Communion

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.

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