

**Shared Ministry in Exning and
North Newmarket**

An Act of Remembrance

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Matins

(Morning Prayer)



St. Agnes Church

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A Service of Remembrance

Opening Sentences

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary they shall walk and not faint. *Isaiah 40.31*

Minister:

We meet in the presence of God. We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation between the nations that all people may, together, live in freedom, justice and peace. We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror. We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away.

Today we remember and honour those valiant people who fought to protect their country and its people not exclusively in WW1, WW2 but in all conflicts since and those that continue both worldwide and on the homeland. We name those who left this Church to defend justice and did not return and with their faith found peace in the Lord

Names of the Fallen from St. Agnes are Read Out

Remembering:

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.

All: We will remember them

In Silence We Remember

2 minute silence

*In the absence of a Hymn the following poem by
John McCrae, is read*

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

The following prayer is said:

Ever-living God we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Kohima Epitaph is said:

When you go home
tell them of us and say,
for your tomorrow
we gave our today.

Prayer Continues

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God may give us peace: for the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God;

All May God give peace

God give peace for those who love them in death as in life, offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss; *May God give peace*

God give peace for all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day, remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return; *All May God give peace*

God give peace for civilian women, children and men whose lives are disfigured by war or terror, calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatreds of humanity; *All..May God give peace*

God give peace for peace-makers and peace-keepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free; *All .May God give peace*

God give peace for all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, political, military and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace. *All May God give peace*

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those whose memory we cherish, and those whose names we will never know. Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world, and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm. As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The act of commitment is made:

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service. Will you strive for all that makes for peace? **We will**

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war? **We will**

Will you work for a just future for all humanity? **We will**

Merciful God, we offer to you the fears in us that have not yet been cast out by love: May we accept the hope you have placed in the hearts of all people, And live lives of justice, courage and mercy; through Jesus Christ our risen Redeemer. **Amen**

Blessing to close the Act of Remembrance

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest.

To the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth and all people, unity, peace and concord, and to us and all God's servants, life everlasting. **Amen**

**The Service of Matins will follow on from the
Service of Remembrance**

Welcome

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against him: neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws which he set before us. Daniel 9.9-10

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us: but if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 St. John 1.8-9

God is our hope and strength: a very present help in trouble. Psalm 46.

Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

All

Almighty and most merciful Father, We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws,

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done, And there is no health in us: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults, Restore thou them that are penitent, According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord: And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Minister

GRANT, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace: that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

Priest. O Lord, open thou our lips.

All Answer And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Priest. O God, make speed to save us.

All Answer . O Lord, make haste to help us.



Priest: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

All Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Priest. Praise ye the Lord.

Answer. The Lord's Name be praised.

Venite, Exultemus Domino

O come, let us sing unto the Lord : let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving : and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God :and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth :and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it :and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down :and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God :and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts :as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness;

When your fathers tempted me : proved me, and saw my works.

Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said : It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways.

Unto whom I swear in my wrath : that they should not enter into my rest. Psalm 95

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Psalm of the day

Make haste, O God, to deliver me!

Make haste to help me, O Lord!

2 Let them be ashamed and confounded

Who seek my life;

Let them be [a]turned back and confused

Who desire my hurt.

3 Let them be turned back because of their shame,

Who say, [b]“Aha, aha!”

4 Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You;

And let those who love Your salvation say continually,

“Let God be magnified!”

5 But I am poor and needy;

Make haste to me, O God!

You are my help and my deliverer;

O Lord, do not delay.

Psalm 70

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. **Amen.**

First Lesson,

Amos 5:18-24

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!

For what good is the day of the Lord to you?

It will be darkness, and not light.

19 It will be as though a man fled from a lion,

And a bear met him!

Or as though he went into the house,

Leaned his hand on the wall,

And a serpent bit him!

20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness, and not light?

Is it not very dark, with no brightness in it?

21 “I hate, I despise your feast days,

And I do not savor your sacred assemblies.

22 Though you offer Me burnt offerings and your grain offerings,

I will not accept them,

Nor will I regard your fattened peace offerings.

23 Take away from Me the noise of your songs,
For I will not hear the melody of your stringed
instruments.

24 But let justice run down like water,
And righteousness like a mighty stream.

Te Deum Laudamus

We praise thee, O God : we acknowledge thee to be
the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee : the Father
everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud : the heavens, and all
the powers therein.

To thee Cherubin and Seraphin : continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy : Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty : of thy
glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles : praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets : praise thee.
The noble army of Martyrs : praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world : doth
acknowledge thee;

The Father : of an infinite Majesty;
Thine honourable, true : and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost : the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory : O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son : of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man : thou
didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death :
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all
believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God : in the glory
of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come : to be our Judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants : whom
thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy Saints : in
glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people : and bless thine heritage.
Govern them : and lift them up for ever.
Day by day : we magnify thee;
And we worship thy Name : ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us : as our trust
is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted : let me never be
confounded.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the
Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and
ever shall be : world without end. **Amen.**

Second Reading from the Gospel of Matthew 25: 1-13

5 “Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. **2** Now five of them were wise, and five *were* foolish. **3** Those who *were* foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, **4** but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. **5** But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept.

6 “And at midnight a cry was *heard*: ‘Behold, the bridegroom [is](#) coming; go out to meet him!’ **7** Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. **8** And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us *some* of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ **9** But the wise answered, saying, ‘*No*, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.’ **10** And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.

11 “Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open to us!’ **12** But he answered and said, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.’

13 “Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour [in](#) which the Son of Man is coming.

Benedictus

Luke 1.68

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel : for he hath visited and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us : in the house of his servant David;
As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets : which have been since the world began;
That we should be saved from our enemies : and from the hand of all that hate us.
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers : and to remember his holy Covenant;
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham : that he would give us;
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies : might serve him without fear;
In holiness and righteousness before him : all the days of our life.
And thou, Child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest : for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people : for the remission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God : whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death : and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. **Amen.**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the

Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. **Amen.**



Minister. The Lord be with you.

All Answer. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Answer. Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. **Amen.**



Priest. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

All Answer. And grant us thy salvation.

Priest. O Lord, save the Queen.

All Answer. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Priest. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

All Answer. And make thy chosen people joyful.

Priest. O Lord, save thy people.

All Answer. And bless thine inheritance.

Priest. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

All Answer. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Priest. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Answer. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.



Collect of the day is read

The Second Collect, for Peace.

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Third Collect, for Grace.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Intersessions

Prayers conclude with all sharing the Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen**

A Talk, Sermon or Reflection

Blessing

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we can ask or conceive, by the power which is at work among us, to him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all ages

Amen

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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