





## Remembrance Sunday

A liturgy for worship in church,  
before an act of remembrance at  
the village war memorial.

your parish church - rites and worship texts  
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## ¶ An act of remembrance

*All gather in silence. The presiding minister reads one or more of the following sentences*

God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble. PSALM 46:1

What does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? MICAH 6:8

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God. MATTHEW 5:9

## Introduction

**Lead** We have gathered around this memorial today to remember all those who were or are caught up in the courageous but tragic events of War. We remember those who were killed in action, or by disease, the bereaved, the lost, the families which were shattered, the wounded, maimed and injured, those who held in silence unspeakable memories of warfare. We confess with shame those occasions when nations have lightly chosen war rather than peace. We pray for all who still suffer as a result of war and we commit ourselves to serve their needs and to work with all our strength to see peace and justice established throughout the world.

Jesus said: I give you a new commandment, that you should love one another as I have loved you.

As we remember those who fought and those who remained anxiously at home in this community, let us pray that God will heal all memories, speak a word of peace, and bring us his healing.

### An act of penitence

**Lead** For not being prepared for peace;  
For not being prepared for a new way of living;  
For not being prepared for the arrival of love's realm;  
**All** forgive us, and help us.

For not being ready for God's work on earth;  
For not being ready to speak out when love calls;  
For not being ready to stand firm in the gospel;  
**All** forgive us, and help us.

For not making plans to wipe out injustice;  
For not learning to love our enemy.  
**All** forgive us, and help us.

The God of all mercy, forgive all your sin and wrongdoing, fill your hearts with his love and peace, and make you one in the service of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**All** Amen.

**Lead** 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.

**All** Amen.

## Hymn

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.

Reading

Gospel reading

Prayers

**Lead** We bless you O God, for the courage, devotion to duty and self-sacrifice of those who in past conflicts gave themselves that we may live in peace, especially all men and women, enlisted and officers both of our sea, land and air forces; together with those who served in the merchant navy and auxiliary arms

**Lead** We bless you for the witness of those who today make sacrifices, which challenge us to search for peace.

We bless you for those who invite us to share their vision of a new world in which your creation is cherished and every human life valued, for Jesus sake.

**Amen.**

### The reading of the names

**Lead** So let us remember before God with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away, and commend them to the loving mercy of our Heavenly Father.

*The names of all remembered in this place are read*

*A reader recites:*

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.

The Silence

*The Last Post is sounded*

*Two minutes silence is observed*

*Reveille is sounded*

**Lead** Rest eternal grant them O Lord,  
And may light perpetual shine on them.

**Lead** 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.

**All** Amen.

## Prayers of Intercession

**Lead** In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
We pray for the leaders of the nations,  
that you will guide them in the ways of freedom, justice and  
truth.

Lord, in your mercy

**All** hear our prayer.

We pray for those who bear arms on behalf of the nation,  
that they may have discipline and discernment,  
courage and compassion.

Lord, in your mercy

**All** hear our prayer.

We pray for our enemies, and those who wish us harm,  
that you will turn the hearts of all to kindness and friendship.

Lord, in your mercy  
**All** hear our prayer.

We pray for the wounded and the captive,  
the grieving and the homeless,  
that in all their trials they may know your love and support.

Lord, in your mercy  
**All** hear our prayer.

Most holy God and Father,  
hear our prayers for all who strive for peace  
and all who fight for justice.  
Help us, who today remember the cost of war,  
to work for a better tomorrow;  
and, as we commend to you lives lost in terror and conflict,  
bring us all, in the end, to the peace of your presence;  
through Christ our Lord.

**All** Amen.



## The Lord's prayer

**All** Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name;  
Thy kingdom come;  
They will be done;  
On earth, as it is in heaven;  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
The power and the glory  
For ever and ever.  
Amen.

## The laying of wreaths

*Wreaths are laid according to the previously agreed order and directions.*

**Lead** When you go home, tell them of us and say:  
For your tomorrow, we gave our today.

# The National Anthem

1. God save our gracious Queen!  
Long live our noble Queen!  
God save the Queen!  
Send her victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us,  
God save the Queen.
2. Thy choicest gifts in store  
On her be pleased to pour,  
Long may she reign.  
May she defend our laws,  
And ever give us cause,  
To sing with heart and voice,  
God save the Queen..

## Act of committment

**Lead** Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

**All** **We will.**

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

**All** **We will.**

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

**All** **We will.**

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: Hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day; fulfil in them the purpose of your love, and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All**     **Amen.**

## Blessing

**Lead**     God the Father has brought hope to a divided world in raising Christ from the dead. Now may he strengthen you to walk in his ways and to witness to the love that banishes all fear and overcomes all hostility: And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**All**     **Amen.**

## Dismissal

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

**All**     **Thanks be to God.**

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