

## **An Order of Service for Remembrance Sunday 2020**

### **The Gathering**

**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.

**The presiding minister continues,**

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.

### **HYMN**

O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our  
eternal home;  
Under the shadow of thy throne  
thy saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is  
thine arm alone,  
and our defence is sure.  
Before the hills in order stood,  
or earth received her frame,

from everlasting thou art God,  
to endless years the same.  
A thousand ages in thy sight  
are like an evening gone;  
short as the watch that ends the night before  
the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its  
sons away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the opening day.  
O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guard while troubles last, and our  
eternal home.

### **Remembering**

Let us remember before God and commend  
to his sure keeping those who have died for  
their country in war; those whom we knew,  
and those whose memory we treasure; and  
all who have lived and died in the service of  
mankind.

**The beginning of the two-minute silence may  
be signalled.**

**Silence is kept.**

**The completion of the silence may be  
signalled.**

### **Exhortation**

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 affirm,**  
We will remember them.

### **Reading of Names of the Fallen of Two World Wars**

#### **THE LAST POST**

'The Legion of the Living salutes the legion of  
the dead'

#### **We shall not break faith with them**

#### **REVEILLE**

#### **Responding in Hope and Commitment**

#### **Representatives come forward to lay wreaths**

#### **The Kohima Epitaph is said**

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

#### **Listening for the Word from God**

#### **The reader says,**

Hear these words from the New Testament.

The wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. James 3.17,18

### Praying Together

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; 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; 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; May God give peace.

**God give peace.**

For peacemakers and peacekeepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free; 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; May God give peace.

**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.**

### All join together in the Lord's Prayer,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy 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 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.**

### The National Anthem is sung.

### The following blessing is used,

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; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**