Service for

Remembrance Sunday

Introduction

We are here to worship Almighty God, whose purposes are good, whose power sustains the world he has made; who loves us, though we have failed in his service; who gave Jesus Christ for the life of the world; who by his Holy Spirit leads us in his way.

As we give thanks for his great works, we remember those who have lived and died in his service and in the service of others; we pray for all who suffer through war and in need; we ask for his help and blessing that we may do his will, and that the whole world may acknowledge him as Lord and King.

Hymn

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,

Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Beneath 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 the sons away;

They fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hopes for years to come,

Be Thou our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

Lesson

Act of Penitence

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world; its pride, its selfishness, its greed, its evil divisions and hatreds. Let us confess our share in what is wrong and our failure to seek and establish that peace which God wills **for** his children.

After a short period of silence, all say:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Intercessions

Let us pray for the peace of the world:

For statesmen and rulers, that they may have wisdom to know and courage to do what is right…

For all who work to improve international relationships, that they may find the true way to reconcile people of different race, colour, and creed…

And for men and women the world over, that they may have justice and freedom and live in security and peace…

A short period of silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Most gracious God and Father, in whose will is our peace: turn the hearts of all people to yourself that by the power of your Spirit the peace which is founded on righteousness may be established throughout the whole world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of war:

For the injured and the disabled, for the mentally distressed, and for those who's faith in God and in humanity has been weakened or destroyed…

For the homeless and refugees, for those who are hungry, and for all who have lost their livelihood and security…

For those who mourn their dead, those who have lost husband or wife, children or parents, and especially for those who have no hope in Christ to sustain their grief…

A short period of silence

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, infinite in wisdom, love and power: have compassion on those for whom we pray: and help us to use all suffering in the cause of your kingdom; through him who gave himself for us on the cross, Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord.

Amen

Act of Remembrance

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 whose memory we treasure; and all who have lived and died in the service of humankind.

The Last Post

A member of the Royal British Legion shall say:

They shall not grow old as we are left to 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.

And all shall repeat:

We will remember them.

Here follows the SILENCE.

When you go home tell them of us and say:

For your tomorrow we gave our today.

Reveille may be sounded

Almighty and eternal God, for whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life; hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all who 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. Amen.

Then follows the laying of the wreaths.

Now thank we all our God,

With heart and hands and voices,

Who wondrous things hath done,

In whom his world rejoices;

Who from our mother’s arms

Hath blessed us on our way

With countless gifts of love,

And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God

Through all our life be near us,

With ever joyful heart

And blesses peace to cheer us;

And keep us in his grace,

And guide us when perplexed,

And free us from all ills

In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God

The Father now be given,

The son and him who reigns,

With them in highest heaven,

The one eternal God,

Whom earth and heaven adore;

For thus it was, is now,

And shall be evermore.

Act of commitment

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and our fellow human beings: that we may help, encourage, and comfort each other, and support those working for the relief of the needy and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

Lord God our Father, we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humankind, in the cause of peace, for the relief of want and suffering, and for the praise of your name.

Guide us by your Spirit; give us wisdom; give us courage, give us hope; and keep us faithful now and always. Amen.

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.

We offer to almighty God our thanksgiving for the many blessings with which he has enriched our life.

For the King and his family, and all who under him bear the responsibility of government.

Thanks be to God.

For those who serve in the Armed Forces of the Crown on sea and land and in the air.

Thanks be to God.

For doctors, nurses, chaplains, and all who minister to those in need or distress.

Thanks be to God.

For the unity of our people within the Commonwealth.

Thanks be to God.

For the sacrifices made, especially in two world wars, whereby our peace has been preserved**.**

For the Royal British Legion.

Thanks be to God.

The Blessing

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth, and all humankind, peace and concord; and to us his servants, life everlasting; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

National Anthems

Mae hen wlad fy nhadau yn annwyl I mi,

Gwlad beirdd a chantorion, enwogion o fri;

Ei gwrol ryfelwr, gwladgarwyr tra mad,

Tros ryddid collasant eu gwaed.

Gwlad, gwlad, pleidiol wfy I'm gwlad,

Tra mor yn fur I'r bur hoff bau,

O bydded I'r hen iaith barhau.

God save our gracious King,

Long live our noble King,

God save the King.

Send him victorious,

Happy and glorious,

Long to reign over us;

God save the King.

