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A Service of Remembrance

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Greeting

Blessed are the peacemakers:
they shall be called children of God.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

The Act of Remembrance

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

The Great War 1914 – 1918

Frank Astle
Ernest Bailey
Thomas Brown
Walter Dale
Sidney Deville
Alfred Dixon
Frank Fellows

Alfred Hopley
Thomas Hopley
Frank Jackson
Cecil de Burgh Persse
Owen Prandle
William Ward
James Ward

Second World War 1939 – 1945

Michael Grogan

George Roberts

The Last Post — The Silence — The Reveille

Commemoration

In the rising of the sun and in its going down,

We will remember them.

In the blowing of the wind and
in the chill of winter

We will remember them.

In the opening of the buds and
in the rebirth of spring,

We remember them.

In the blueness of the sky and
in the warmth of summer,

We will remember them.

In the rustling of the leaves and
in the beauty of autumn,

We will remember them.

In the beginning of the year and
when it ends,

We will remember them.

When we are weary and
in need of strength,

We will remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart,

We will remember them.

When we have joys we yearn to share,

We will remember them.

So long as we live, they too shall live,

For they are now a part of us,

As we remember them.

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.

Amen.

Father of all mercies:
grant that our remembrance this day
may be consecrated for practical service
and the world made better
for our children's children.

Amen.

Penitence

Lord God our Father, maker of all:
we praise you for your
great work creating the world.
Give us the skill to build a society
where all may thrive,
and forgive us when we use
your gifts poorly.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,
Prince of Peace:
as we thank you for your life among us,
forgive us when we fail to
live together as one family.
Help us to dwell together in love and peace,
seeking one another's welfare,
bearing one another's burdens,
and sharing one another's joys.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Holy Spirit, Lord of grace,
fulfiller of humanity:
give us strength to face the future,
and wisdom to learn from the past
as we remember those
who have given their lives
in the service of justice and peace.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Absolution

Bible Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ²and he began to teach them. He said: ³ 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. ⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ 'Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Address

Prayers & Intercessions

At the end of the prayers we say together:

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

Commitment

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.

Lord God our Father,
we pledge ourselves
to serve you and all your peoples,
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 War Memorial

Prayers

As we remember those who died in war
for the cause of peace:

Lord, make us peace-makers.

As we look to the future
of our children and grandchildren:

Lord, make us peace-makers.

As we think of our war torn,
blood-stained, sorrowful world:

Lord, make us peace-makers.

Lord, hear our prayer and come to us in perfect love, to drive away
our fear;

in the name of the Prince of peace,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Wreath Laying

**They shall not grow 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.

The Blessing

Go in peace to love and to serve the Lord.

In the Name of Christ. Amen



We will
Remember Them