



# **Remembrance Sunday 2020**

# THE SERVICE

## GATHERING

*We 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*

I lift up my eyes to the hills –  
from whence will my help come?  
My help comes from the Lord,  
Who made heaven and earth.

*Psalm 121.1-2*

This I call to mind,  
and therefore I have hope:  
the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning.

*Lamentations 3.21-23*

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*

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*

*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.

*We listen to*

**○ God our help in ages past**

## LISTENING FOR THE WORD FROM GOD

*Two lessons from the bible to be read.*

*The Sermon*

*We listen to*

**I vow to thee my country**

## 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 peace-makers and peace-keepers, 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.**

*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 listen to*

**Eternal father, strong to save**

## **RESPONDING IN HOPE AND COMMITMENT**

*The Kohima Epitaph is said:*

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

*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**

*We listen to*

**All my hope on God is founded**

*We listen to*

**The National Anthem**

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