

Remembrance Sunday 08.11.2020

Welcome & Prayer

God of peace, we come before you today in sorrow, in gratitude and in hope. We grieve for those who have died in war, for those who have been injured in body, mind and spirit, and for those who have been bereaved.

We acknowledge the flaws in the human heart that have led us too often to choose the path of violence instead of the way of peace. We grieve for the millions of lives lost or ruined because of human sin.

We acknowledge too our debt to those who fought for us and paid the price for our freedom in their bodies and souls. We thank you for their courage and their devotion, to their comrades and their country.

And we thank you for those who did not fight: for women who served at home or in hospitals, and for the conscientious objectors who witnessed to peace at great personal cost.

And we thank you for the Christian teaching that warfare is not your desire for the world; that peace between peoples and nations is possible; and that one day you will wipe every tear from every eye, and make all things new.

Amen

Act of Remembrance

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.

We will remember them.

Two minutes silence are kept.

Ever-living God,

we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war

into the peace of your presence;

may that same peace calm our fears,

bring justice to all peoples

and establish harmony among the nations,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Act of Commitment

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

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

Blessing and Dismissal

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

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