

An Order of Service for Remembrance Sunday



**Kettering & Corby
Methodist Circuit**

November 2020

THE SERVICE



GATHERING

All 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

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.

The following hymn, or another that similarly expresses hope in God and trust for the future, may be sung:

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 our years 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

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.**

The beginning of the two-minute silence may be signalled

Silence

The completion of the silence may be signalled

Representative and other members of the public come forward to lay wreaths, light candles or offer other symbols of remembrance and hope, such as single flowers or crosses.

The Kohima Epitaph is said:

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

The following prayer is said:

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.

LISTENING FOR THE WORD FROM GOD

The reader(s) says:

Hear these words from the New
Testament

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give
to
you. I do not give to you as the world
gives. Do not let your hearts be
troubled,
and do not let them be afraid.
John 14:27

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went
up the mountain, and after he sat down
his disciples came to him. Then he
began to speak, and taught them,
saying:
"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is

the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who
hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful,
for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted
for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile
you and persecute you and utter all
kinds of evil against you falsely on my
account. Rejoice and be glad, for your
reward is great in heaven, for in the
same way they persecuted the prophets
who were before you."
Matthew 5:1-12

PRAYING TOGETHER

Prayer is led:

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.

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**

RESPONDING IN HOPE AND COMMITMENT

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

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!

Thy choicest gifts in store,
On her be pleased to pour,
Long may she reign!
May she defend our laws,
And ever give us cause,
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the Queen

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,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you
all
and remain with you always.
Amen

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