

Traditional Remembrance Sunday



Hymn numbers, unless otherwise stated, taken from Hymns Old and New (New Anglican Edition 1996)

The Poppy

The Flanders Poppy was first described as the Flower of Remembrance by Colonel John McCrea, in peace time a well known Professor of Medicine at the great Canadian University of McGill. He has served as a Gunner in the South African War and at the outbreak of the First World War volunteered to join the fighting ranks.

However, the powers that be decided that his great medical abilities could be used to more advantage and so he landed in France as Medical Officer with the first Canadian contingent. At the second battle of Ypres in 1915, when in charge of a small first-aid post, and during a lull in the battle, he wrote in pencil, on a page torn from his dispatch book, these verses:

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses row on row,
That marks our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing fly,
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' field.

Take up your quarrel with the foe;
To you from failing hands we throw
the torch; be yours to hold it high,
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
in Flanders' fields.

Hymn: O God, our help in ages past (HO&N 366)

Introduction

We are here to worship Almighty God, whose purposes are good: whose power sustains the world he has made; who loves us; 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 are 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.

Act of Penitence

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments, and to live in love and peace with all.

please sit or kneel

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you, through our own fault, in thought and word and deed, and in what we have left undone. For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen .

Please stand

Act of Remembrance

Let us remember before God, and commend to his sure keeping those who have died for their country in conflicts past and present. All whom we knew, and whose memories we treasure, and all who have lived and died in the service of others.

"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".

We will remember them.

The Last Post

The Silence

The Reveille

A wreath of poppies will be laid at the foot of the altar.

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

Hymn: I vow to thee my country

The Lesson: *The Gospel John: 15: 9-17*

Jesus said to His disciples: "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commandments and remain in His love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

My commandment is this: Love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for what I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

You did not choose me. but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name”.

This is my command; “Love one another”.

Here ends the lesson.

Hymn: Dear Lord and Father of mankind (HO&N 106)

Address

Intercessions

please sit or kneel

Let us pray for Elizabeth our most gracious Queen and Governor that she may always trust in you and seek your honour and glory.....

For our country that we may remain united in faith and loyalty and be thankful for the heritage we have received.....

For the Armed Forces of the Crown that they may always be a safeguard to our people in times of danger and adversity.....

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

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.....

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of war, for the injured and disabled, for the mentally distressed and for those whose faith in God and man 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, wife, children or parents, and especially for those who have no hope in Christ to sustain them in their grief.....

For the work of the Royal British Legion and all who relieve the suffering of victims of war.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

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 our Lord.

Amen.

All these our prayers we offer to our Lord Jesus Christ saying together.

**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.**

Please remain kneeling or seated to sing for all on active service.

O Trinity of love and power
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go.
Thus evermore shall rise to thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Act of Commitment

please stand

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and our neighbour that we may help, encourage and comfort others and support those working for the relief of the needy and for the peace and welfare of all peoples in the world.

**Lord God our Father,
We pledge ourselves to serve you
And all people 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.**

A collection will be taken during this hymn

Hymn: For all the saints who from their labours rest (HO&N 134)

The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace, be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good, render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour all people. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon you now and always.
Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ.

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.

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.

HELP FOR HEROES

Help for Heroes was founded by Bryn and Emma Parry in October 2007 out of a desire to help the wounded Servicemen and women returning from Afghanistan and Iraq. They say - The message of the charity is simple: We are strictly non political and non critical; we simply want to help. We believe that anyone who volunteers to serve in time of war, knowing that they may risk all, is a hero. These are ordinary people doing extraordinary things and some of them are living with the consequences of their service for life. We may not be able to prevent our soldiers from being wounded, but together we can help them to get better.

For more information, or to make a donation, see:

www.helpforheroes.org.uk

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