

All Stand

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

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,
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
Be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.



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A Service for Remembrance Sunday



INTRODUCTION

We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to remember those who have given their lives for others, to pray for the needs and the peace of the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

HYMN

O valiant hearts who to your glory came
through dust of conflict and through battle flame;
tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,
your memory hallowed in the land you loved.

Proudly you gathered, rank on rank, to war
as who had heard God's message from afar;
all you had hoped for, all you had, you gave,
to save mankind – yourselves you scorned to save.

Splendid you passed, the great surrender made;
into the light that nevermore shall fade;
deep your contentment in the blest abode,
who wait the last clear trumpet-call of God.

O risen Lord, O Shepherd of our dead,
whose cross has brought them and who staff has led,
in glorious hope their proud and sorrowing land
commits her children to thy gracious hand.

Sir John S. Arkwright (1872-1954)

CONFESSION

Kneel or sit

Let us confess the sins and shortcomings of the world; its pride, its selfishness, its greed; its evil divisions and hatreds. Let us confess our share in what is wrong, and our failure to seek to establish that peace which God wills for his people.

After a short silence we all say:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with you; through Jesus Christ our lord. Amen.

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

1 Thessalonians, Chapter 4: verses 13-18

SECOND LESSON

John, Chapter 15: verses 9-17

SERMON

HYMNS

O God, our help in ages past
our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast
and our eternal home.

Under 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 its sons 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!

Issac Watts (1674—1748)

KOHIMA EPITAPH

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

Minister: Almighty God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted by death or by life, hear our prayers and thanksgivings for those whom we remember this day. Fulfil in them the purpose of your love, and bring us all, with them to your eternal joy. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

ACT OF COMMITMENT

Minister: Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and our fellow men and women: that we may help, encourage, and comfort others, and support those whose working for the relief of the needy and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

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Lord God our Father, we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humanity, 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.

HYMN

All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness ay endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of nought.
Evermore, from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth the almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.

Still from man to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call, one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

*Meine Hoffnung stehet feste Joachim Neander (1650-1680)
Paraphrased Robert Bridges (1844-1930) Joachim Neander (1650—1680)*

THE INTERCESSIONS

Prayers of Intercession leading into:

**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.**

HYMN

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love;
The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase
And her ways are ways of gentleness, and all her paths are peace.

Cecil Arthur Spring-Rice (1859-1918)

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

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

THE EXHORTATION

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.

THE LAST POST

THE SILENCE

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