

A Service for Remembrance Sunday

Commended for general use by the Archbishops of Canterbury, of York, and of Wales, the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, and the Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council.

All stand while the minister reads the

INTRODUCTION

We are here to worship Almighty God, whose purposes are good, whose power sustains the world he has made; who loves us, though we have failed in his service; 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.

HYMN

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and
salvation:
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near.
Joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously
reigneth,
Shieldeth thee gently from harm, or when fainting
sustaineth:
Hast thou not seen how thy heart's wishes have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and
defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee:
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If to the end he befriend thee.

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises
before him!
Let the Amen sound from his people again:
Gladly for aye we adore him.**

Or the metrical version of Psalm 100 (Hymn 5, p. 10)

LESSON

(St Matthew 5.1—12)

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:
‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

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

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

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

Blessed are you when men 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 so men persecuted the prophets who were before you.’

Or this (St John 15.9-17)

Jesus said to his disciples, ‘As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

‘This is my commandment, that you 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 you. No longer do I call you

servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide; so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. This I command you, to love one another.'

Instead of either of these lessons, Ephesians 4.25 – 5.2 or Revelation 21.1—7 may he read.

HYMN

- 2 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.

Pride of man 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 aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th' 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.

ACT OF PENITENCE

The minister says:

Let us confess to God 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 and establish that peace
which God wills for his children.

After a short silence, 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.**

The minister stands and says:

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.

INTERCESSION

(Special intentions may be inserted at appropriate points)

The minister says:

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...

Here follows a short silence.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Most gracious God and Father, in whose will is our peace:
Turn our hearts and the hearts of all men to yourself, that
by the power of your Spirit the peace which is founded on
righteousness may be established throughout the whole
world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Here follows a short silence.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

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 your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

*(If there is a collection, it shall be taken during the hymn which
follows.)*

HYMN

- 3 Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Thine be the glory, etc.

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors through thy deathless
love;

bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:

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(or some other hymn may be sung)

SERMON

HYMN

- 4 Our 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.

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come.
Be thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

All stand while the minister says:

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
mankind.

Here follows The SILENCE.

Then the minister says:

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: Hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day; fulfil in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ACT OF COMMITMENT

The minister, or some other person appointed, says:

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and our fellow men:

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 the nations.

All say together:

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

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.

(or a modern language version may be used)

NATIONAL ANTHEM

God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King.
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious.
Long to reign over us:
God save the King.

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

BLESSING

The minister says:

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and
the Holy Spirit, be with you, and remain with you
always. **Amen.**

Or else there may be said:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all
evermore. **Amen.**

Note on the use of the service and the observance of the Two Minutes Silence

This order has been prepared for use at any time on Remembrance Sunday, not necessarily when the Two Minutes Silence is observed. When it is used in the morning it can be so timed that the Act of Remembrance is reached at 11 a.m. without any alteration of the order. Alternatively, the Act of Remembrance may be taken out of the order and used first at 11 a.m. followed by the rest of the service. Where a brief observance is required, as at a War Memorial, the Act of Remembrance may be used, followed by the Act of Commitment, the Lord's Prayer, and the Blessing. If desired, the Act of Remembrance may take the form printed below.

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE (ALTERNATIVE FORM)

All stand while the minister says:

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
mankind.

The list of those to be remembered by name may then be read.

Then may be said:

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.

And all shall repeat:

We will remember them.

Here follows The SILENCE.

Then the Last Post and the Reveille may be sounded.

Then the minister says:

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: Hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day; fulfil in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have approved these forms of service under Canon B 4 for use in any cathedral or church or elsewhere in their respective Provinces.

HYMNS

- 5 All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
Come ye before him, and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good;
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the angel-host
Be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

- 6 Judge eternal, throned in splendour,
Lord of lords and King of kings.
With thy living fire of judgement
Purge this realm of bitter things;
Solace all its wide dominion
With the healing of thy wings.

Still the weary folk are pining
For the hour that brings release;
And the city's crowded clangour
Cries aloud for sin to cease;
And the homesteads and the woodlands
Plead in silence for their peace.

Crown, O God, thine own endeavour;
Cleave our darkness with thy sword;
Feed the faithless and the hungry
With the richness of thy word;
Cleanse the body of this nation
Through the glory of the Lord.

7 Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore,
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore. Amen.

8 Son of God, eternal Saviour,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Son of Man, whose birth incarnate
Hallows all our human race,
Thou, our Head, who, throned in glory,
For thine own dost ever plead.
Fill us with thy love and pity;
Heal our wrongs, and help our need.

As thou, Lord, hast lived for others,
So may we for others live;
Freely have thy gifts been granted,
Freely may thy servants give;
Thine the gold and thine the silver,
Thine the wealth of land and sea,
We but stewards of thy bounty,
Held in solemn trust for thee.

Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
King of love, and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion,

Bid its cruel discords cease;
By thy patient years of toiling,
By thy silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
Shame our selfish greed of gain.

Son of God, eternal Saviour,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Son of Man, whose birth incarnate
Hallows all our human race,
Thou who prayedst, thou who willest,
That thy people should be one,
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition:
Here on earth thy will be done.

- 9 Thy Kingdom come, O God,
Thy rule, O Christ, begin;
Break with thine iron rod
The tyrannies of sin.

Where is thy reign of peace
And purity and love?
When shall all hatred cease,
As in the realms above?

When comes the promised time
That war shall be no more,
And lust, oppression, crime
Shall flee thy face before?

We pray thee. Lord, arise,
Ana come in thy great might;
Revive our longing eyes,
Which languish for thy sight.

Men scorn thy sacred name.
And wolves devour thy fold;
By many deeds of shame
We learn that love grows cold.

O'er lands both near and far
Thick darkness broodeth yet:
Arise, O morning star,
Arise, and never set!

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