

An Order of Service for Remembrance Sunday

¶ *The Gathering (10.55am start)*

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*

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice,
and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God? *Micah 6.8*

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.

¶ *Remembering*

An older person says

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them, nor the years
condemn.

A younger person may reply

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

All affirm

All We will remember them.

The beginning of the two-minute silence may be signalled.

Silence is kept.

The completion of the silence may be signalled.

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.

All Amen

An Act of Penitence – Coventry Liturgy of Reconciliation

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class

Father, forgive

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own

Father, forgive

The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth

Father, forgive

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others

Father, forgive

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless and the refugee

Father, forgive

The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children

Father, forgive

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God

Father, forgive

Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Reassurance of forgiveness

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, Cleanse us from our sins and restore us in your image . To the praise and glory of your name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen**

Hymn O God, our help in ages past (MP 498)

¶ *Listening for the Word from God*

The reader says

Hear these words from the New Testament.

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*

The Sermon

Hymn For the healing of the nations

¶ *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.

All 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.

All 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.

All 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.

All God give peace.

For peacemakers and peacekeepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free; may God give peace.

All 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.

All God give peace.

For those who live in the Holy Land of Palestine and Israel, and people in Ukraine, and people in Sudan, Yemen, Afghanistan and other countries torn by war, remembering the hostages and prisoners; may God give peace.

All 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.

All Amen.

All join together in the Lord's Prayer

All Our Father...

The Kohima Epitaph is said

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

Hymn I vow to thee, my country

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?

All We will.

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

All We will.

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

All 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.

All Amen.

Full screen text

The National Anthem is sung.

Preachers - no text

The following blessing is used

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest, to the Church, the King, 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.

All Amen.