

## Central 14th November Remembrance Day Service

### **Welcome and Notices**

### **Introduction to Service**

#### **Call to Worship**

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.  
This I call to mind,  
and therefore I have hope:

Psalm 121.1-2

#### **Hymn 83 Praise my soul the King of Heaven**

Brief introduction to the service

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning.  
Lamentations 3.21-23

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary  
they shall walk and not faint.  
Isaiah 40.31

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

#### **REFLECTION ( as time allows)**

#### **Prayer**

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**

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:  
We will remember them.

The beginning of the two-minute silence is signalled

### **Silence**

The completion of the silence is signalled

### **The Kohima Epitaph :**

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

### **Prayer**

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.

### **Hymn 132 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,**

#### **LISTENING FOR THE WORD FROM GOD**

Matthew 5 verses 1-12

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."

Reflection

### **Hymn 693 Beauty from Brokenness**

## PRAISING TOGETHER

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**

For All who are engaged in other sorts of battles,  
For climate activists and all who have been part of COP26  
For scientists and medics struggling in the fight against Covid  
For individuals suffering from the effects of the Pandemic  
For people feeling fearful and lost

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.

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

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**

Will you work to build community and share Gods love?

**We will**

Will you strive to keep God's world beautiful and whole?

**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

**Hymn 470 Lord for the years**

Blessing