

An Order of Service for Remembrance Sunday 2020

The Gathering

We gather as a community to remember before God
and to commend to his safe keeping,
all those who have died for their country in war;
those whose we knew, and those whose memory we treasure;
And all who have lived and died
In the service of the peoples of the world

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

At the going down of the sun
And in the morning
We will remember them

We will remember them

The beginning of the two-minute silence is signalled

Silence is kept

The completion of the silence is signalled

Ever-loving 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

Jesus said, 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
I do not give to you as the world gives'. (John 14.27)

Praying 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 hatred of humanity;

may God give peace.

God give peace.

For peacemakers and peacekeepers
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;

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.

Responding in Hope and Commitment

Wreaths may be laid - and during the day members of the public are encouraged to come to the Radyr War Memorial to lay a wreath or leave a symbol of remembrance and hope, such as poppies, flowers or crosses.

The Kohima Epitaph

When you go home
Tell them of us and say
For your tomorrow
We gave our today

An Act of Commitment is made

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.

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 place in the hearts of all people,
And live lives of justice, courage and mercy;
Through Jesus Christ our risen redeemer.

Amen.

The 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.