

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

WELCOME & GATHERING

The presiding minister welcomes the assembled gathering and leads the opening reflections.

O 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.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all our years 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.

LISTENING FOR THE WORD FROM GOD

Some words from the New Testament are read.

THE REMEMBERING (SCOUTS TURN RIGHT)

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 Last post is sounded:

2 Minutes Silence

The Reveille is played

THE LAYING OF THE WREATHS

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.

The Wreaths are Laid

The Kohima Epitaph is said

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

(Scouts Turn Left)

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 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.

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.

**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.**

LEAD US, HEAVENLY FATHER, LEAD US
O'er the world's tempestuous sea;
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
For we have no help but Thee;
Yet possessing every blessing
If our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us;
All our weakness Thou dost know,
Thou didst tread this earth before us,
Thou didst feel its keenest woe;
Tempted, taunted, yet undaunted,
Through the desert Thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
Fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
Love with every passion blending,
Pleasure that can never cloy;
Thus provided, pardoned, guided,
Nothing can our peace destroy.

THE ACT OF COMMITMENT:

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 placed in the hearts of all people, and live lives
of justice, courage and mercy; through Jesus Christ
our risen Redeemer.
Amen.

The 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.**

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, Father, Son and
Holy Spirit be with you all and remain with you
always. **Amen.**

*All are now welcome to a short service of music and
reflection in Emmanuel with craft for children and
young people in the Parish Centre.*