REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

THE GATHERING

The service begins with all the people facing the library steps.

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

Stir up your power, O God,
and come among us.
Heal our wounds,
calm our fears
and give us peace.

The following hymn is sung by all

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways!
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard
Beside the Syrian sea
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow Thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with Thee
The silence of eternity
Interpreted by love!

Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and Thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm.

THE REMEMBRANCE

We all turn to face the war memorial.

Let us remember before God,
and commend to his sure keeping:
those who have died for their country in conflict;
those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure;
and all who have lived and died in the service of humanity.

An older voice says

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

A younger voice says

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

The Last Post The Silence The Reveille

KOHIMA EPITAPH

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

Wreaths are laid by service personnel, faith groups, uniformed organisations, educational establishments, and community groups.

COMMEMORATION

Remember, Lord, your people, who cry to you in their grief. Remember the fallen in battle, and the innocents who have died. Remember your power to heal and save.

PRAYERS

We all turn to face the library steps. The prayers end with 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.

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 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!

THE ENDING

May the Lord bless us and watch over us,
May the Lord make his face shine upon us and be gracious to us, may the Lord look kindly on us and give us peace.
Amen.

All are now welcome to a short service of music and reflection in Emmanuel Church.