



An Order of Service for Remembrance Sunday

The Introduction

We are here to worship Almighty God, whose purposes are good; whose power sustains the world he has made; who loves us, though we have failed in his service; who gave Jesus Christ for the life of the world; who by his Holy Spirit leads us in his way. As we give thanks for his great works, we remember those who have lived and died in his service and in the service of others; we pray for all who suffer through war and are in need; we ask for his help and blessing that we may do his will, and that the whole world may acknowledge him as Lord and King.

Hymn

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Under 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 its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

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**O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
And our eternal home.**

Isaac Watts

Act of Penitence

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world;
its pride, its selfishness, its greed; its evil divisions and hatreds.
Let us confess our share in what is wrong,
and our failure to seek and establish that peace
which God wills for his children.

After a short silence, all say

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed.
we have not loved you with our whole heart.
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
in your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, have mercy upon us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

First Bible Reading – Psalm 46

This is the word of the Lord
All say **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

**Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring Your love;
Where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord;
And where there's doubt, true faith in You.**

***Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love with all my soul.***

**Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
Where there is darkness, only light;
And where there's sadness, ever joy.**

**Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving to all men that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.**

Sebastian Temple

Second Bible Reading – Matthew 5:1-12

This is the word of the Lord
All say Thanks be to God.

Address

Act of Remembrance

Minister

Jesus said "Greater love has no-one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends".

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

Names are read –

Wreath(es) are laid.

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.

All: We will remember them.

The Last Post is sounded, followed by two minutes of silence, ending with Reveille.

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

Minister: Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day; fulfil in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

Intercessions

Lord in your mercy
All say **Hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, infinite in wisdom, love and power:
have compassion on those for whom we pray;
and help us to use all suffering in the cause of your kingdom;
through him who gave himself for us on the cross,
Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. **Amen**

Hymn

**Abide with me, fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.**

**Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away.
Change and decay in all around I see
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.**

I need Thy presence every passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

W.H. Monk

Act of Commitment

Minister

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. Give us by your Spirit: give us wisdom, give us courage, give us hope, and keep us faithful now and always. **Amen.**

As we ask that God's will may be done in this and every place,
so we pray together as Jesus Christ has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by 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.**

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.**

**Thy choicest gifts in store
On him be pleased to pour,
Long may he reign.
May he defend our laws,
And ever give us cause,
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the King.**

Blessing

God grant to the living, grace;
the departed, rest;
the Church, the King,
the Commonwealth, and all the world peace and concord;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God!

*Thank you for coming along to this special Remembrance Sunday Service.
Please take this service sheet home with you. Please join us for refreshments
in church after the service.*