

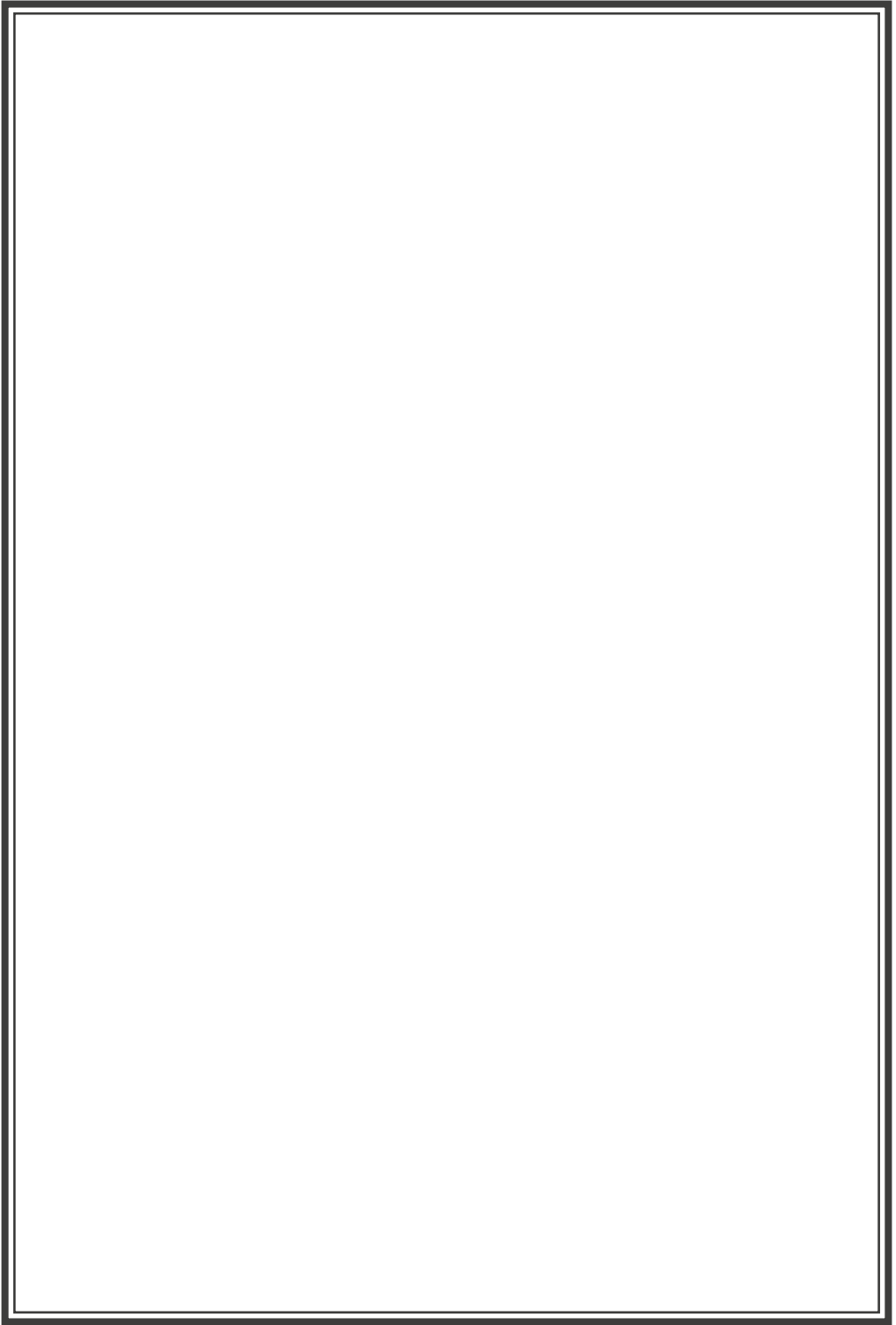


ANNUAL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE



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GATHERING

All gather in silence

The presiding minister reads one or more of the following sentences:

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

Psalms 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.

Psalms 121.1-2

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

The presiding minister continues;

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

An older person says
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.

Silence

The beginning of the two-minute silence is signalled by

The Last Post

Two Minutes Silence

The completion of the silence is signalled with:

Reveille

The following prayer is said

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

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,
Soon bears all our years away;
we fly forgotten,
as a dream dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

Listening For The Word From God

Hear these words from the New Testament. Either one or more of the following are read:

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be

John 14:27

or

The wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

James 3:17-18

or

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.

1 John 1:5

or

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."

Matthew 5:1-12

Praying Together

Prayer is led

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

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

Responding In Hope And Commitment

Representatives and other members of the public come forward to lay wreaths,
light candles or offer other symbols of
remembrance and hope, such as single flowers or crosses.

THE KOHIMA EPITAPH IS SAID:

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

Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
to his people in distress;
praise him still the same as ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness

Father-like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace
Amen

THE 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 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 is sung

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 Blessing

May The Lord bless you
and keep you;
May the Lord make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
May the Lord turn His face toward you
and give you peace.
Amen

