

MILITARY SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Words in bold type are said by all. Words in normal type are said by a minister or reader. *Italics are for instructions*

Hymn *Stand*

The clergy enter. Colours/Standards may be presented.

**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 its sons 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.**

Remembrance

The Chaplain shall say

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.

The Chaplain or a soldier shall say

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 say

We will remember them.

Last Post Silence Reveille (and Lament)

Wreaths may be laid.

The Kohima Epitaph is said:

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

Commemoration *Stand*

The chaplain shall say

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.**

Hymn *Stand*

**The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.**

**My soul he doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
even for his own Name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me; and thy rod
and staff my comfort still.**

**My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God's house forevermore
my dwelling place shall be.**

First Bible Reading *Sit*

Hymn *Stand*

**Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
was blind but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!**

**The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**

Second Bible Reading *Sit*

Sermon *Sit*

Hymn *Stand*

Guide me, O thou great redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs and praises I will ever give to thee.

Prayers *Sit or kneel*

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the leaders of the nations, that you may guide them in the ways of freedom, justice and truth.
Lord in your mercy, *All say* **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who serve in the armed forces of the Crown, that they may have discipline and discernment, courage and compassion.
Lord in your mercy, *All say* **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for our enemies, and those who wish us harm, that you may turn the hearts of all to kindness and friendship.
Lord in your mercy, *All say* **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the wounded and the captive, the grieving and the homeless, that in all their trials they may know your love and support.
Lord in your mercy, *All say* **Hear our prayer.**

Most Holy God and Father, hear our prayers for all who strive for peace, and all who yearn for justice. Help us, who today remember the cost of war, to work for a better tomorrow; and, as we commend to you lives lost in terror and conflict, bring us all, in the end, to the peace of your presence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The chaplain says

Gathering our prayers and remembrance into one, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us
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.

Hymn *Stand*

Colours or Standards may be returned to bearers.

**Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bid'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to thee,
for those in peril on the sea.**

**O Christ, the Universal Lord,
who suffered death by nails and sword,
from all assault of deadly foe
sustain thy soldiers where they go;
and evermore hold in thy hand
all those in peril on the land.**

**O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace
Who fills with strength the human race;
Inspire mankind to know the right,
Guide all who dare the eagle's flight;
And underneath thy wings of care
Guard all from peril in the air.**

**O Trinity of love and power!
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee,
Praise from the air, the land and sea.**

Commitment *Stand*

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?
All say **We will**

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?
All say **We will**

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?
All say **We will**

Lord God our Father, we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humanity, in the cause of peace, for the relief of want and suffering, and for the praise of your name. Guide us by your Spirit; give us wisdom; give us courage; give us hope; and keep us faithful now and always. **Amen.**

National Anthem *Stand*

Colours/Standards are dipped in salute.

**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.**

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

Blessing *Stand*

The chaplain says:

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest, to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth and all people, peace and concord, and to us and all his servants life everlasting, and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all evermore. **Amen.**

Colour/Standard Bearers depart.

The Clergy depart.