# **Remembrance Sunday**



ANNUAL SERVICE at THE WAR MEMORIAL MOTTINGHAM LONDON SE9 10.50 a.m.

Conducted by CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MOTTINGHAM

'Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends'



#### 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:

- 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.
- 2. My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness, e'en 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 me 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 for evermore my dwelling-place shall be.

LESSON: St John: Chapter 15, verses 9-17

Jesus said to His disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be full.

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing, but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go out and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide; so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. This I command you, to love one another."

#### ACT OF PENITENCE

The Minister says:

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.







# **ACT OF REMEMBRANCE**

The Minister says:

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 those who have lived and died in the service of mankind.

## 11 a.m. THE LAST POST

For the Fallen by Laurence Binyon:

"They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old. Age shall not wither them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We will remember them".

All repeat: We will remember them.

#### TWO MINUTES' SILENCE

#### REVEILLE

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

The Kohima Epitaph

After which representatives from the churches and other Organisations will go up to the memorial for

## THE LAYING OF WREATHS

Then the Minister says:

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.

All: AMEN.

#### HYMN:

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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.
- 3. I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour; what but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r? Who like thyself my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

- 4. 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.
- 5. Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes; shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies; heav n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

#### INTERCESSION

The Minister says:

Let us pray for the peace of the world:

for statesmen and rulers, that they may have wisdom to know and courage to do what is right ...

for all who work to improve international relationships, that they may find the true way to reconcile people of different race, colour and creed ...

and for men and women the world over, that they may have justice and freedom and live in security and peace ...

Here follows a short silence



Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of war: for all the injured and disabled, for the mentally distressed, and for those whose faith in God and in man has been weakened or destroyed ...

> for the homeless and refugees for those who are hungry, and for all who have lost their livelihood and security ...

for those who mourn their dead, those who have lost husband or wife, children or parents, and especially for those who have no hope in Christ to sustain them in their grief ...

Here follows a short silence

Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer

We say together

# 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.

#### ACT OF COMMITMENT

The Minister says:

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and our fellows, that we may help, encourage and comfort others, and support those working for the relief of the needy and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

All: Lord God our Father, We pledge ourselves To serve you and all mankind, 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 for always. AMEN.

#### THE BLESSING:

The Minister says:

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always. All: AMEN.

#### THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

God save our gracious Queen, (2) Thy choicest gifts in store, Long live our noble Queen, God save the Queen. Send her victorious, Happy and glorious Long to reign over us: God save the Queen.

On her be please 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 Oueen.

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