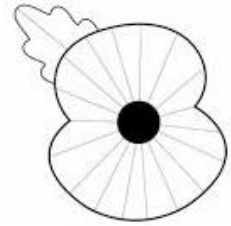
Service of Remembrance

Led by Aldbourne Churches Together



Opening prayer

We meet in the presence of God.
We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away. We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.
We commit ourselves to work in repentance and faith for reconciliation between the nations, that all people may, together, live in freedom, justice and peace.

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.

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

Act of Remembrance:

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.

The Kohima Epitaph is said:

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

The names are read from the Memorial Roll.

A wreath is laid.

The Exhortation:

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.
We will remember them.

Last Post *The Silence* *Reveille*

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.**

The Reading

The Prayers:

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict.
To 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.
To those who love and grieve for them, that they may be given comfort in their sorrow;
May God give peace.
To all members of the armed forces who are in danger today, and to all who pray for their safe return;
May God give peace.
To all those who suffer in mind, body or spirit as a result of war or terror, and to those who live in fear;
May God give peace.
To peace-makers and peace-keepers, that they may have courage and perseverance;
May God give peace.
To those who hate and seek revenge, that they may learn forgiveness;
May God give peace.
To all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership; asking for wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace,
May God give peace.

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.

Chorus: **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. *[Chorus:]*

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.

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 our fears, and we ask that we may find the faith and the trust to overcome them through your love: May we go forward in 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**

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

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore,
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

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.

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.

The Blessing

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest,
to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth and all people,
unity, peace and concord,
and to us and all God's servants, life everlasting.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**



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