



The Blyth Valley
Team Ministry

Remembrance Sunday



Introduction

We stand to sing.

During the hymn, standards are presented at the altar.

Today we remember, with sorrow and thanksgiving, all those who have died in war: both those who fought and those caught up in war's tragedy. We remember especially the two world wars of the twentieth century, but also all the conflicts since and those in our own time. We ask God to transform us and make us new, that our hearts and the hearts of all humankind may be turned to peace, following Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

We place ourselves into the presence of God our Creator, our Saviour and our Strengtheners. God made the world to be a place of beauty and wonder, but through the ages human beings have brought ugliness and destruction. Yet God, in his love, does not give up on us. Jesus Christ came among us and through his self-giving and dying, draws us back to God's love. God's Holy Spirit heals and reconciles today.

Reflection

Together we search our hearts and acknowledge in the presence of God our failure to love, our failure to act and our failure to forgive.

Made in your image to reflect your truth and light,
we have not loved you with our whole heart
or our neighbour as ourselves.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Made in your image to reflect your truth and light,
we have walked by on the other side
and not acted to prevent evil.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Made in your image to reflect your truth and light,
we have held grudges against others
and not forgiven others as you have forgiven us.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

God, your love and mercy know no end. Forgive us, restore us and
renew us in your service and in the service of others, through Jesus
Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

Prayer

Almighty God and Father,
you embrace all your children with unbounded love
and you are Lord of the living and the dead.

Hear us as we remember
the fallen in war
and all war's victims.

As your Son Jesus Christ
died and rose again to save us,
may they, together with us,
know the joy of life restored;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Readings

The Address

We stand to sing.

Praying Together

*When the leader says,
we reply:*

Lord, in your mercy
Grant us your peace.

At the end of the prayers:

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

As Jesus taught us, so we pray:
**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.**

We stand to sing.

Thanksgiving

Together, we thank God for all the many ways in which he has blessed our nation and enriched our lives and those of others.

For Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, all members of the Royal Family and all who under her bear the responsibility of government:
Thanks be to God.

For those who sacrificed themselves, especially in two world wars and in conflicts since, by which our peace has been restored and preserved:

Thanks be to God.

For those who now serve in the Armed Forces of the Crown on sea and land and in the air, including those on active service today:

Thanks be to God.

For doctors, nurses and all health workers, for chaplains, counsellors, and all who minister to those in need or distress:

Thanks be to God.

For all who work to heal and restore bodies and minds shattered by warfare and terror and families broken by bereavement and disability.

Thanks be to God.

For the unity of our people within the Commonwealth:

Thanks be to God.

For the Royal British Legion:

Thanks be to God.

Act of Commitment

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God
and our fellow men and women:
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.

**Lord God our Father, we pledge ourselves
to serve you and all humankind, 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.**

We stand to sing.

During the hymn, the standards are collected.

The National Anthem

**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.**

**Nor on this land alone -
But be God's mercies known
From shore to shore.
Lord, make the nations see
That all humanity,
Should form one family
The wide world o'er.**

The Blessing

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth, and all humankind, peace and concord; and to us and all peoples, life everlasting; and the blessing of God almighty, ✠ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

We 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 humanity. Especially we remember the men and women of this parish who gave their lives:

The names of the Fallen are read.

Wreaths are laid.

A representative of the Royal British Legion says:

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 respond loudly:

We will remember them.

The Last Post is played.

Two minutes' silence is kept and all remain still.

The Reveille is played.

A representative of the Royal British Legion says the Kohima:

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

(The piper plays a lament.)

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love, embodied for us in Jesus Christ we can never be parted, neither by death nor life: hear our prayer and thanksgiving for all whom we remember today; complete in them the purpose of your love; and bring us, with them, to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*Please note that, in services beginning at 10:50,
the ACT OF REMEMBRANCE
precedes the service.*

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