Act of Thanksgiving for Remembrance Sunday



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Lechlade Churches



A Service for Remembrance Sunday

Entrance Procession - Choir, Churchwardens, Clergy, Standards

INTRODUCTION
God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble. (Psalm 46: 1)

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.

HYMN 1

BIBLE READING

ACT OF PENITENCE
Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world;
its pride, its selfishness, its greed; its evil decisions 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:
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 neighbour 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. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN 2

PRAYERS
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.

-For all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day,
remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return.

Here follows a short silence
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

-For peacemakers and peacekeepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free.

-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.

A short silence
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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.**

A short silence
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

BIBLE READING

ADDRESS

HYMN 3

During this hymn a collection is taken for the work of the Royal British Legion

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

The ministers move to the war memorial, where wreaths are laid

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 who have lived and died in the service of humanity.

The list of those to be remembered by name will then be read

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.**

The Last Post will be sounded

Here follows **THE SILENCE**

The Reveille will be sounded

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.**

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.

All say together

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.

CHOIR ANTHEM

PRAYERS, including 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.

HYMN 4

The congregation remains standing

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!

BLESSING

God grant to his faithful people, grace and mercy;
to the Church, the King, 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,
come down upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Leaving Procession - Standards, Choir, Clergy





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