

# Remembrance Sunday - An Act of Remembrance, 11 November

Let us remember before God, and commend to his safe 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 the peoples of the world.

A list of those to be remembered by name may then be read.

## Then may be said

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.

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[The Last Post]

The Silence

### [Reveille]

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Amen.

#### The Kohima Epitaph may be read

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

## **Responding in Hope and Commitment**

Representatives and other members of the public come forward to lay wreaths, light candles or offer other symbols of remembrance and hope, such as single flowers or crosses.

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#### A hymn may be sung.

# The Act of Commitment is made

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.

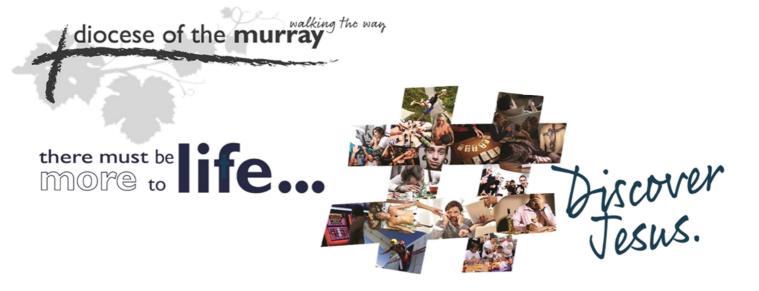
Merciful God, we offer to you the fears in us that have not yet been cast out by love: may we accept the hope you have placed in the hearts of all people, and live lives of justice, courage and mercy; through Jesus Christ our risen redeemer.

Amen.

The National Anthem is sung.

## The following blessing is used,

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest, to the Church, the Queen, the commonwealth and all people, unity, peace and concord, and to us and all God's servants, life everlasting; and the blessing ...



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#### Introduction

[A Remembrance Sunday service, first commended for general use by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster and the Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council in 1968 and revised in 1984, is widely available.]

The following supplementary resources are provided for use at Holy Communion, Morning or Evening Prayer or A Service of the Word.

### **Invitation to Confession**

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.

[An Order for Remembrance Sunday: Promise p84]

#### Introduction to the Peace

Jesus said: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives.

John 14.27

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#### **Blessing**

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[New Patterns J60\*]

## **Short Passages of Scripture**

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Psalm 46.1

Our help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. cf Psalm 121.2

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Matthew 5.9

Jesus said, In the world you will face persecution. But take courage; I have overcome the world.

John 16.33