

Act of Remembrance

Remembrance Sunday

GATHERING

All gather in silence

The presiding minister reads one of the following sentences:

God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble

Psalms 46.1

I lift up my eyes to the hills – from whence will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 121.1-2

This I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning

Lamentations 3.21-23

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary they shall walk and not faint

Isaiah 40.31

The presiding minister continues:

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.

REMEMBERING

Let us remember those fallen...

An older person says:

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

A younger person may reply:

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

All affirm: We will remember them.

The beginning of the two-minute silence may be signalled

The Last Post

Silence

The completion of the silence may be signalled

The Reveille

The Kohima Epitaph

'When You Go Home, Tell Them Of Us And Say,
For Your Tomorrow, We Gave Our Today.'

Laying of Wreaths

Conclusion

The Minister concludes with the following prayer:

Ever-living God

We remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace
of your presence;

may that same peace calm our fears,

bring justice to all peoples

and establish harmony among the nations,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.