

# An Order of Service for Remembrance Sunday 2020

## ***The Gathering***

We gather as a community to remember before God  
and to commend to his safe keeping,  
all those who have died for their country in war;  
those whose we knew, and those whose memory we treasure;  
And all who have lived and died  
In the service of the peoples of the world

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***

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 beginning of the two-minute silence is signalled*

*Silence is kept*

*The completion of the silence is signalled*

Ever-loving 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

**Amen**

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)

### ***Praying Together***

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;

may God give peace.

**God give peace.**

For those who love them in death as in life,  
Offering the distress of our grief  
And the sadness of our loss;

may God give peace.

**God give peace.**

For all members of the armed forces  
Who are in danger this day,  
Remembering family, friends  
And all who pray for their safe return;

may God give peace.

**God give peace.**

For civilian women, children and men  
Whose lives are disfigured by war or terror,  
Calling to mind in penitence  
The anger and hatred of humanity;

may God give peace.

**God give peace.**

For peacemakers and peacekeepers  
Who seek to keep this world secure and free;

may God give peace.

**God give peace.**

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;

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.**

### ***Responding in Hope and Commitment***

*Wreaths may be laid - and during the day members of the public are encouraged to come to the Radyr War Memorial to lay a wreath or leave a symbol of remembrance and hope, such as poppies, flowers or crosses.*

### ***The Kohima Epitaph***

When you go home  
Tell them of us and say  
For your tomorrow  
We gave our today

***An 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 place in the hearts of all people,  
And live lives of justice, courage and mercy;  
Through Jesus Christ our risen redeemer.

**Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

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 of God almighty,  
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
Be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**