



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Material for use by those staying in church while the community service takes place at Bearسد Cross. Organ music will be played and these words can be used for silent reflection and meditation

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

Psalm 46.1

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

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.

COLLECT

Father of all mercies, grant that our remembrance this day may be consecrated for practical service and the world made better for our children's children. **Amen**

BIBLE READING

Micah 4.1-5

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised up above the hills.



Peoples shall stream to it,

² and many nations shall come and say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

³ He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away;

they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more;

⁴ but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

⁵ For all the peoples walk, each in the name of its god, but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever.

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 forever. **Amen.**

Thanks be to you, our Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits which you have given us, for all the pains and insults which you have borne for us.

Most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly. Amen.

(Prayer of St Richard, Bishop of Chichester 1245-1253)

REMEMBERING

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 lived and died in the service of humanity.

They shall not grow 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.

THE SILENCE at 11.00am for two minutes



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

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**

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. **Amen.**

ACT OF COMMITMENT

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and our neighbour: 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 your peoples, 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

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**

At this time of remembering we look forwards with hope.

We entrust to you, eternal God, those times when we can see only shadows and lose sight of the hope to come; the times when suffering seems so senseless, life so fragile, war so unstoppable and death so permanent. Bless us with the assurance that you are in all things, the tragic and the beautiful, the nightmare and the dream, the light and the darkness. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the peace of the world, today, tomorrow and forever. **Amen.**

Peace to you from God our Father who hears our cry. Peace from his Son Jesus Christ whose death brings healing. Peace from the Holy Spirit who gives us life and strength.

God of our pilgrimage, may your kingdom come, with deliverance for the needy, with peace for the righteous, with overflowing blessings for all nations, with glory, honour and praise for Christ, the only Saviour. Amen.

When people return from the outdoor community service the Communion service commences on page 6 with the Confession

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