Holy Trinity Garrison and Parish Church Windsor



Remembrance Sunday

The Soldier

If I should die, think only this of me:

That there's some corner of a foreign field
That is for ever England. There shall be
In that rich earth a richer dust concealed;
A dust whom England bore, shaped, made aware,
Gave, once, her flowers to love, her ways to roam,
A body of England's, breathing English air,
Washed by the rivers, blest by suns of home.
And think, this heart, all evil shed away,
A pulse in the eternal mind, no less
Gives somewhere back the thoughts by England given;
Her sights and sounds; dreams happy as her day;
And laughter, learnt of friends; and gentleness,
In hearts at peace, under an English heaven.

Rupert Brooke, December 1914

A large print version of this service is available from the stewards

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A Service of Remembrance

Please stand The choir, ministers and standards process to the chancel

1 Welcome

2 Introduction

On this day when we commemorate and commend those who lived and died in the service of others, we are glad to remember that God's purposes for us are good, that He gave Jesus Christ for the life of the world, and that we will be lead by His Holy Spirit into the paths of righteousness and peace.

Let us now in a moment of silent recollection remind ourselves of God's presence with us.

3 Call to Remembrance

Let us remember the kindness of God, and His favour to us in our time of need.

Let us remember the courage, devotion to duty, and the self-sacrifice of the men and women in our armed forces; the toil, endurance, and suffering of those who were not in uniform; the support of those who sent us help from afar, or came and stood by our side.

Let us remember those who were wounded in the fight; those who fell in battle, and are buried at sea or in some corner of a foreign field; and especially those whom we have known and loved, whose place is for ever in our hearts

Let us remember those who were our enemies, whose homes and hearts are as bereft as ours, whose dead lie also in a living tomb of everlasting remembrance. Let us remember those who came back; those whose lives still bear the scars of war; those who lost sight or limbs or reason; those who lost faith in God and hope for humanity.

Let us remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away. We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.

Let us remember before God, and commend to His sure keeping: those who have died for their country in conflict; those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure; and all who have lived and died in the service of humanity.

A representative of the regimental associations will then say:

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

A serving soldier will then say:

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

All We will remember them.

The Last Post

Two minutes silence

Reveille

A representative of the regimental associations will then say:

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

All We will remember them.

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.

All Amen

4 Wreath Laying Ceremony

5 Introduction to Worship

We are here to worship Almighty God, whose purposes are good; whose power sustains the world He has made; who loves us, though we have failed in His service; who gave Jesus Christ for the life of the world; who by His Holy Spirit leads us in His way.

As we give thanks for His great works, we remember those who have lived and died in His service and in the service of others; we pray for all who suffer through war and are in need; we ask for His help and blessing that we may do His will, and that the whole world may acknowledge Him as Lord and King.

All Amen

6 Hymn which may be found at the rear of this service book

Please sit

7 Ministry of the Word

First Reading

Second Reading

Time of Meditation

8 Act of Penitence

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.

All 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 neighbours 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 you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen

Please stand

9 Hymn

Please sit

10 Sermon

Please sit or kneel

11 Prayers

These responses may be used: Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

The priest concludes:

And now, rejoicing in the communion of saints, we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence, and give you thanks for those whom we have known, whose memory we treasure. May the example of their devotion inspire us, that we may be taught to live by those who learned to die. And at the last, grant that we, being faithful till death, may receive with them the crown of life that never fades; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please stand

12 Hymn

This year there will be a retiring collection in aid of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and Holy Trinity Parish & Garrison Church.

Collection plates will be available for your donations at the main doors after the service.

Please sit or kneel

13 The Regimental Collects please see back pages

All 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.

Please stand

14 Act of Commitment

Let us pledge ourselves 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 Lord God our Father, we pledge ourselves to serve you and all mankind, 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.

15 The National Anthem

A fanfare will sound

God save our gracious Queen, Long live our noble Queen, God save the Queen. Send her victorious, Happy and glorious, Long to reign over us: God save the Queen.

Thy choicest gifts in store on her be pleased to pour, Long may she reign. May she defend our laws, And ever give us cause To sing with heart and voice, God save the Queen

16 The Blessing

The Dismissal Go in the peace of Christ All Thanks be to God

The organist will play a voluntary as the Standards, Union Flag, Ministers and choir recess.

PLEASE REMAIN IN YOUR PLACE UNTIL INSTRUCTED BY THE STEWARDS.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO TAKE THIS BOOKLET WITH YOU OR PLEASE LEAVE IT IN THE PEW.

Thank you

Hymns

1 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways; re-clothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives Thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea, the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word, rise up and follow Thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee! O calm of hills above, where Jesus knelt to share with Thee the silence of eternity, interpreted by love!

Drop Thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess The beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire Thy coolness and Thy balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm.

> Words: J G Whittier 1807 – 1892 Music: C H H Parry 1848 - 1918

2 Jerusalem

And did those feet in ancient time, walk upon England's mountains green? And was the holy Lamb of God on England's pleasant pastures seen? And did the Countenance Divine shine forth upon our clouded hills? And was Jerusalem builded here among these dark satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight,
nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
Till we have built Jerusalem
in England's green and pleasant land.

Words: William Blake 1757 – 1827 Music: C H H Parry 1848 – 1918

3 I vow to thee my country

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above, Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love; The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test, That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best; The love that never falters, the love that pays the price, The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago— Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know; We may not count her armies, we may not see her King; Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering; And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase, And her ways are ways of gentleness, and all her paths are peace.

Words: Cecil Spring-Rice 1859 – 1918 Music: Gustav Holst 1874 - 1934

4 Eternal Father, strong to save,

Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm doth bind the restless wave, Who bid'st the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep; O hear us when we cry to thee, for those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, the Universal Lord, who suffered death by nails and sword, from all assault of deadly foe sustain thy soldiers where they go; and evermore hold in thy hand all those in peril on the land.

O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace, who fills with strength the human race, Inspire us all to know the right; guide all who dare the eagle's flight; And underneath thy wings of care guard all from peril in the air.

O Trinity of love and power! Our brethren shield in danger's hour; From rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go; Thus evermore shall rise to thee, praise from the air, the land and sea.

> Words: Verses 1 & 4 William Whiting (1825 – 1878) Verses 2 & 3 www.coin.org.uk Music J B Dykes 1823 - 1876

5 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us O'er the world's tempestuous sea; Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us, for we have no help but Thee; Yet possessing every blessing if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us; all our weakness Thou dost know; Thou didst tread this earth before us, Thou didst feel its keenest woe; Lone and dreary, faint and weary, through the desert Thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending, fill our hearts with heavenly joy, Love with every passion blending, pleasure that can never cloy; Thus provided, pardoned, guided, nothing can our peace destroy.

Words: J Edmeston 1791 – 1867 Music: Adapted from E Filitz's Choralbuch 1847

6 Lord, for the years

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided, urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way, sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided: Lord for the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us, speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze, teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us: Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation, spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care: for young and old, for commonwealth and nation, Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world where men disown and doubt you, loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain, hungry and helpless, lost indeed without you: Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves; in living power remake usself on the cross, and Christ upon the throne, past put behind us, for the future take us: Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

> Words: Rt Revd Timothy Dudley Smith 1926 Music: Michael Baughen

7 Now thank we all our God

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices, Who wondrous things has done, in Whom this world rejoices; Who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, With ever joyful hearts and blessèd peace to cheer us; And keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed; And free us from all ills, in this world and the next!

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given; The Son and Him Who reigns with Them in highest Heaven; The one eternal God, whom earth and Heaven adore; For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

> Words: M Rinkhart 1586 – 1649, trans C Winkworth 1827 – 1878 Music:from J Cruger's Praxis Pietatis Melica C. 1647

8 God is our strength and refuge

God is our strength and refuge, our present help in trouble; and we therefore will not fear, though the earth should change! Though mountains shake and tremble, though swirling floods are raging, God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!

There is a flowing river, within God's holy city; God is in the midst of her - she shall not be moved! God's help is swiftly given, thrones vanish at His presence, God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!

Come, see the works of our maker, learn of His deeds all powerful; wars will cease across the world when He shatters the spear!
Be still and know your creator, uplift Him in the nations,
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!

Words: based on Psalm 46, by Richard Bewes (b. 1934) Music: DAMBUSTERS MARCH, by Eric Coates (1886 – 1958)

9 Be thou my vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art. Thou my best Thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, I Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle Shield, Sword for the fight; Be Thou my Dignity, Thou my Delight; Thou my soul's Shelter, Thou my high Tower: Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine Inheritance, now and always: Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won, May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Words: Irish, c. 8th century tr. Mary Byrne (1880-1931), versified, Eleanor Hull (1860-1935) Music: SLANE (Irish Folk Song)



REGIMENTAL COLLECTS



The Life Guards

O Ever-living God, King of Kings, in whose service we put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation, grant we beseech thee that The Life Guards may be faithful unto death, and at last receive the crown of life from Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



The Royal Horse Guards and 1st Dragoons (Blues and Royals)

O Lord Jesus Christ who by thy holy apostle has called upon us to put on the armour of God and take the sword of the Spirit, give thy grace, we beseech thee, to the Blues and Royals that we may fight manfully under thy banner against all evil and waiting on thee to renew our strength, may mount up with wings as eagles, in thy name, who livest and reignest with the Father, and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen



Grenadier Guards

O God, grant that the servants the Grenadier Guards may be ever mindful of their proud and costly heritage, that continuing to guard what is right, and fighting for what is just, they may continue to serve Thee here in this life that they may be counted worthy to join those who now continue their service in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



Coldstream Guards

Eternal Lord, beside whom there is no other God, keep, we pray, the Coldstream Guards second to none in loyal duty to thine only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who with Thee, O Father and with the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen



Scots Guards

Almighty God, whose blessed Son did say to St Andrew, 'Follow me', grant that the Scots Guards, who wear the cross of Thy Holy Apostle may follow thy Son with impunity, be made stronger in the brotherhood and fierce against all the enemies of our Saviour; ever going forward under the leadership of Him, who by the hard and painful way of the cross, won high conquest and great glory, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



Irish Guards

Almighty God, who through the glory of the eternal Trinity, hast inspired men of every age to love and serve Thee and hast promised that none shall be separated from Thy love who truly trust in Thee; we beseech Thee that thou wouldst keep Thy servants the Irish Guards steadfast in this faith, that they may show it forth not only with their lips but in their lives. Amen



Welsh Guards

O Lord, who has given us the land of our fathers for our inheritance, help Thy servants, the Welsh Guards to keep Thy laws as our heritage for ever, until we come to that better and heavenly country which Thou hast prepared for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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