

Introduction

We have come together to worship almighty God; to offer him praise and thanksgiving for our nation's deliverance in times of war; to recall those who through death, injury or bereavement, suffered to bring peace and freedom to our world; to seek his forgive-ness for our failure to achieve reconciliation between the nations, and to ask for strength to overcome injustice wherever it is found.

Hymn - with sound track

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!

Prayer of Confession

Jesus said, 'Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.' As we realise our failure to live up to Christ's standards and to obey his commands, let us seek God's forgiveness, as we say together:

Almighty and merciful God, Lord of men and nations, we confess with shame the sins, both private and public, by which we have broken your law and grieved your Spirit. We acknowledge the reproach that war has brought upon the name of Christ. We confess our lack of love for you and for our fellow men. For the sake of your Son, who died for us, save us from our sins. Take from us all hatred and bitterness, whether in thought, word or action. Teach us to forgive, as we are forgiven, so that we may grow more like him and live our lives according to your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for today

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Prayer

O God our Father, we thank you for all your goodness to us as a nation, and for the many occasions when you have guided and protected us. We thank you for your Word, the Bible, which down the years has moulded the laws and thinking of our country. Above all, we thank and praise you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Saviour. Today, especially, we give thanks for those who died in the cause of freedom and justice, so that your truth might continue to be known, and your laws obeyed within our nation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn - with sound track

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home!

Under the shadow of thy throne
Still may we dwell secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight,
Are like and evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night,
Before the rising sun.

Act of Remembrance for those who died in time of war

Let us remember with gratitude those who, in the cause of peace and the service of their fellow men died for their country in time of war

A poppy wreath is brought forward

Video of War Memorial

The Last Post is sounded

Two Minute Silence

The Reveille is sounded

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.

We will remember them.

The National Anthem

A prayer for those who suffer

Father, we remember how your Son, during the time of his ministry on earth, had great compassion for those who suffered. We bring to you those who still suffer as the result of war. Hear our prayer, Father, for those who live with the pain and scars of bodily injury; for

those whose minds are shattered by the horrors which they witnessed or endured; for those who have been bereaved; for those who do not believe in you or trust their fellow men. Grant to them peace of mind and heart, and relief from all their suffering, Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A prayer for the Queen and those in authority

Lord God, whose faithfulness knows no end, we pray for our Queen and for all those under her who guide and govern the affairs of our nation. Grant that they may honour you, so that they may be set free from the fear of man. Help them in every situation to know and do the thing that is right. Overrule all their deliberations for the good of our people and the glory of your name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayer of St Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is darkness, light; where there is despair, hope; and where there is sadness, joy. Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and in dying that we are born again to eternal life. Amen.

Further Prayers - Damian

Hymn - with sound track

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;

For we can only wonder at every gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end:

We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,

We honour and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious saviour, accept the love
we bring,
That we who know your favour may serve you
as our king;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with
good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to
bless you still:
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

Bible Readings

James 4:1-10 (NT 1012) - video Lesley

John 15:9-17 (NT 902) - video Bob

The Creed

Almighty Saviour, those who have died in faith
have eternal joy in your presence.
For us who remain, be with us in our sadness
and turn our eyes to you. By your death once
for all upon the cross, raise us to new life, give
us victory over death and confidence to look
forward to your coming.

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of
our Lord Jesus Christ:

**Christ died for our sins in accordance with the
Scriptures; he was buried; he was raised to
life on the third day in accordance with the
Scriptures; afterwards he appeared to his
followers, and to all the apostles: this we
have received, and this we believe. Amen.**

Hymn - Harry to play

There is a hope that burns within my heart,
That gives me strength for every passing day
A glimpse of glory now revealed in meagre part,
Yet drives all doubt away:

I stand in Christ, with sins forgiven;
And Christ in me, the hope of heaven!
My highest calling and my deepest joy,
To make His will my home.

There is a hope that lifts my weary head,
A consolation strong against despair,
That when the world has plunged me in its
deepest pit,
I find the Saviour there!

Through present sufferings, future's fear,
He whispers 'courage' in my ear.
For I am safe in everlasting arms,
And they will lead me home.

There is a hope that stands the test of time,
That lifts my eyes beyond the beckoning grave,
To see the matchless beauty of a day divine
When I behold His face!
When sufferings cease and sorrows die,
And every longing satisfied.
Then joy unspeakable will flood my soul,
For I am truly home

Sermon - Paul Clemence

Hymn - Harry to play

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Oh master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light;
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving to all men that we receive;
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good
courage; hold fast that which is good; render
to no one evil for evil; strengthen the
fainthearted; support the weak; help the
afflicted; honour everyone; love and serve the
Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father,
the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and
remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Video - Hope for the world's despair