



11 November 2018

Remembrance Day

Centenary of the First Armistice

11am

After an introduction the service begins with a minute of silence at 11am.

¶ *Opening Prayers*

O God, our ruler and guide,
In whose hands are the destinies of this and every nation,
We give you thanks for the freedoms we enjoy in this land
And for those who laid down their lives to defend them:
We pray that we and all the people of Australia,
Gratefully remembering their courage and their sacrifice,
May have the grace to live in a spirit of justice, of generosity, and of peace;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Lord God, help us this day to remember the sacrifice of the first ANZACs,
Australian and New Zealander, and the generations of men, women and
children who have died in the cause of liberty and peace.
Help us to remember those who still bear the physical and mental scars and
disabilities of their service.
Help us to remember the widows, girlfriends, parents and orphans and all
those who waited in vain for the return of a loved one.
Help us to remember the mateship, agony, courage and compassion of war
service, but save us from ever glorifying the horror and tragedy of war.
Lord God, help us to remember.

Amen

¶ *Hymn. God is our strength and refuge. (TIS 28. Tune: DAM BUSTERS MARCH)*

¶ *Psalm 4*

¹ Answer me when I call, O God of my right!

You gave me room when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

² How long, you people, shall my honour suffer shame?

How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?

³ But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself;
the LORD hears when I call to him.

⁴ When you are disturbed, do not sin;

ponder it on your beds, and be silent.

⁵ Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶ **There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!
Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!"**

⁷ You have put gladness in my heart
more than when their grain and wine abound.

⁸ **I will both lie down and sleep in peace;
for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.**

¶ *Reading: Matthew 5:1-12*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful,
for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you
and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven,
for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The reader says:

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

¶ *Affirmation of Faith and Confession*

Priest:

We believe in God,
creator of the world and of all people;
and in Jesus Christ,
incarnate among us, who died and rose again;
and in the Holy Spirit,
present with us to guide, strengthen, and comfort.

**We believe.
Lord, help our unbelief.**

Lay assistant:

We rejoice in every sign of God's kingdom:
in the upholding of human dignity and community;
in every expression of love, justice, and reconciliation;
in each act of self-giving on behalf of others;
in the abundance of God's gifts
entrusted to us that all may have enough;
in all responsible use of the earth's resources.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

Priest:

We confess our sin, individual and collective,
by silence or action:
through the violation of human dignity
based on race, class, age, sex, nation, or faith;
through the exploitation of people
by greed and indifference;
through the misuse of power
in personal, communal, national, and international life;
through the search for security
by military and economic forces
that threaten human existence:
through the abuse of technology
which endangers the earth and all life upon it.

**Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

Lay assistant:

We commit ourselves individually and as a community
to the way of Christ;
to take up the cross;
to seek abundant life for all humanity;
to struggle for peace with justice and freedom;
to risk ourselves in faith, hope, and love,
praying that God's kingdom may come.

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

¶ *An act of remembrance and prayer.
Prayer is led by a member of the community:*

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God may give us peace:

for the servicemen 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
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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 hatreds of humanity;

May God give peace
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for peace-makers and peace-keepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free;

May God give peace
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for all Defence Force chaplains offering support, encouragement, acceptance, compassion and understanding wherever and whenever it is needed;

May God give peace
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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.

May God give peace
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Taize – My Peace. We sing together five times.

**My peace I leave you, my peace I give you:
Trouble not your hearts.
My peace I leave you, my peace I give you:
Be not afraid.**

¶ *Reading of the names*
While the names are recited candles are lit for those being remembered.

¶ *The ode.*
Lay assistant:
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.

All affirm:
We will remember them.

¶ *Final Prayers*

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.

We join together in the prayer which Jesus taught his friends:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

¶ *Hymn. Great God, your Spirit, like the wind. (TIS 416. Tune: JERUSALEM)*

¶ *The 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 faint hearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted;
give honour to all; 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.

¶ *The dismissal.*

Lay assistant:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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