

# Remembrance Sunday 2015

## Verse of Scripture

Jesus said, There is no greater love than this,  
to lay down one's life for one's friends. *John Chapter 5:13*

## Welcome

Minister:  
The Lord is here

**All:**  
**His Spirit is with us**

## Introduction

Minister: 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.



## Hymn

All my hope on God is founded;  
He doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
Only good and only true.  
God unknown,  
He alone  
Calls my heart to be his own.

Pride of man and earthly glory,  
Sword and crown betray his trust;  
What with care and toil he buildeth,  
Tower and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's power,  
Hour by hour,  
Is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness ay endureth,  
Deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
Splendour, light, and life attend him,  
Beauty springeth out of nought.  
Evermore,  
From his store  
New-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth the almighty giver  
Bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
His desire our soul delighteth,  
Pleasure leads us where we go.  
Love doth stand  
At his hand;  
Joy doth wait on his command.

Still from man to God eternal  
Sacrifice of praise be done,  
High above all praises praising  
For the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call  
One and all:  
Ye who follow shall not fall.

## **Act of Penitence**

Minister: 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.**

Minister: 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, **Amen.**

## **Act of Remembrance** *(all standing)*

Minister: 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 have lived and died in the service of others.

## **Placing of the Remembrance Wreath**

*(The wreath is brought forward and placed at the altar, after which there will be two minutes silence observed)*

## **Last Post, The Silence and The Rouse**

*To conclude*

*Minister:* 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: We will remember them.**

Minister: Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: Hear our prayers and thanksgivings for those whom we remember this day; fulfill in them the purpose of your love; and bring us, with them, to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen.**

**Act of Commitment** (*all standing*)

Minister: Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and others: 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 others,  
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.**

**The National Anthem**

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.

**Offering**

**All: Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you:  
Use them your holy purpose to fulfill;  
Tokens of love and pledges they shall be  
That our whole life is offered to your will. Amen**

## Hymn

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.  
*Cecil Arthur Spring-Rice (1859-1918)*

## The Collect

### Bible Readings

*These may be followed on partnership news*

Reader: This is the word of the Lord  
**All: Thanks be to God**

## Hymn

For the healing of the nations,  
Lord, we pray with one accord,  
for a just and equal sharing  
of the things that earth affords.  
To a life of love in action  
help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom,  
from despair your world release,  
that, redeemed from war and hatred,  
all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness  
fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living,  
let it from the earth be banned:  
pride of status, race or schooling,  
dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice  
may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator-God, have written  
your great name on humankind;  
for our growing in your likeness  
bring the life of Christ to mind;  
that by our response and service  
earth its destiny may find.

## Sermon

## Prayers

### The Lord's Prayer

**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**

## Hymn

*(Tune St Anne)*

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  
Thy saints have dwelt 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 an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Bears all its sons away;  
They fly forgotten, as a dream  
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,  
And our eternal home!

*Isaac Watts (1674–1748)*

## The Blessing

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest, to all people unity, peace and concord, and to us and all God's servants, life everlasting. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all and remain with you always. **AMEN**



## The Kohima Epitaph

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



**This service is commended by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, and the Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council**

