

**An Order of Service
for
Remembrance
Sunday**



**ST ANDREW'S
GIRTON**

THE SERVICE

GATHERING

*All gather in silence by the War Memorial.
The presiding minister reads one or
more of the following sentences:*

God is our refuge and strength;
a very present help in trouble.
Psalms 46.1

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

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary
they shall walk and not faint.
Isaiah 40.31

What does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?
Micah 6.8

The presiding minister continues:

We meet in the presence of God.

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.

REMEMBERING

Today, in this place, we remember...

The names of the fallen are read out.

An older person says:

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

A younger person may reply:

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

All affirm:

We will remember them.

The Last Post is played.

When the clock strikes 11 a two-minute silence begins.

When the silence is complete, the Reveille is played.

Representatives of local groups may lay wreaths.

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.**

The service continues in the church. All are welcome.

Please remain standing for the hymn below or another chosen from the hymn book.

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

Beneath 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 our years 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.

LISTENING FOR THE WORD FROM GOD

This or another reading is read. Please be seated.

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."

Matthew 5.1-12

ADDRESS

We remain seated for the address. Afterwards there may be a short time of silent reflection.

HYMN *Please stand*

PRAYING TOGETHER *Please be seated*

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

For the service men 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:

God give peace

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:

God give peace

For peace-makers and peace-keepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free;

May God give peace:

God give peace

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:

God give peace

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.**

All join together in 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.**

RESPONDING IN HOPE AND COMMITMENT

Members of the public are invited to come forward to offer symbols of remembrance and hope, such as single flowers or crosses. These are placed on the High Altar.

The Kohima Epitaph is said:

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

HYMN

Please stand

The act of commitment is made:

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living
and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

We will

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

We will

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

We will

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.**

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM *Please stand*

God save our gracious King;
Long live our noble King;
God save the King!
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the King!

Thy choicest gifts in store
On him be pleased to pour,
Long may he reign.
May he defend our laws,
And ever give us cause,
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the King!

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest,
to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth,
and 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

Go in peace:
Be at peace with yourself:
Live peacefully with one another.
Thanks be to God.