



# A Service of Remembrance

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

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 your throne  
your saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is your arm alone,  
and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,  
or earth received its frame,  
from everlasting you are God,  
to endless years the same.





A thousand ages in your sight  
are like an evening gone,  
short as the watch that ends the  
night before the rising sun.

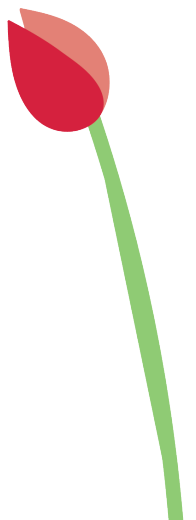
Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
soon bears us all away;  
we fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the op'ning day.

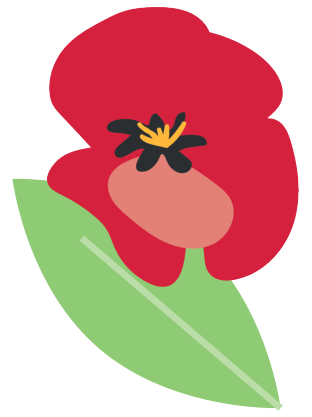
O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last,  
and our eternal home.

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.





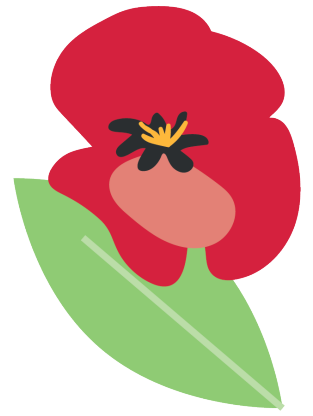
## Remembering

*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.  
**We will remember them.**  
*Two minutes silence.*

Ever-living God, we remember those 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  
people and establish harmony among the nations,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Eternal Father, strong to save,  
Whose arm does bind the restless wave,  
Who bids 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 Savior, whose almighty word  
The winds and waves submissive heard,  
Who walked upon the foaming deep,  
And calm amid the rage did sleep;  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who did brood  
Upon the waters dark and rude,  
And bid their angry tumult cease,  
And give for wild confusion peace;  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and pow'r,  
Your children shield in danger's hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire, and foe,  
Protect them where-so-e'er they go;  
Thus, evermore shall rise to Thee  
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

### **Old Testament Reading**

Seek the Lord while he may be found;  
call on him while he is near.  
Let the wicked forsake their ways  
and the unrighteous their thoughts.

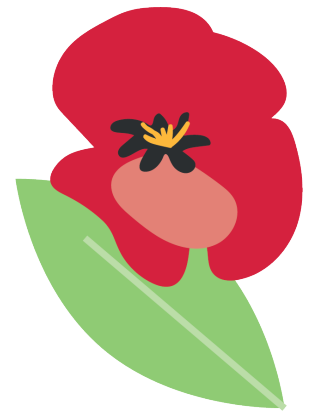


Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

‘For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways,’ declares the Lord.  
‘As the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return to it without watering the earth and  
making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the  
sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes  
out from my mouth: it will not return to me empty,  
but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the  
purpose for which I sent it.

You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the  
mountains and hill will burst into song before you, and  
all the trees of the field will clap their hands.  
Instead of the thorn-bush will grow the juniper, and  
instead of briers the myrtle will grow. This will be for  
the Lord’s renown, for an everlasting sign, that will  
endure for ever’.  
(*Isaiah 55:6-13*)



## New Testament

As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?”

Jesus said to them: “Watch out that no one deceives you. Many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and will deceive many. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains”.

*(Mark 13:3-8)*

## Homily

### Praying Together

Heavenly Father we 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.

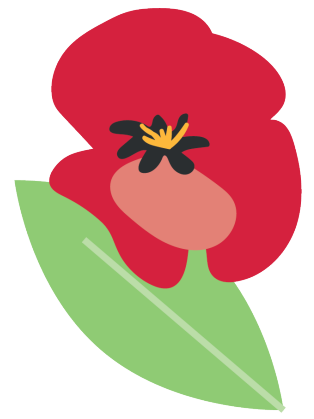
**God give peace.**

For peacemakers and peacekeepers, 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. Amen**



## **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.

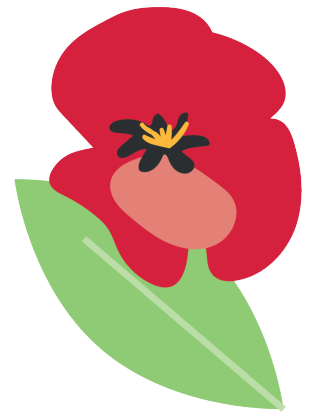
## **The lighting of a candle, and laying of a wreath**

### **The Kohima Epitaph**

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

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways;  
reclothe 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!



## **Act of Committal**

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.**

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
To his feet your tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Evermore his praises sing.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour  
To his people in distress.  
Praise him, still the same as ever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glorious in his faithfulness!



Fatherlike he tends and spares us;  
Well our feeble frame he knows.  
In his hand he gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Widely yet his mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore him;  
You behold him face to face.  
Sun and moon, bow down before him,  
Dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace!

The National Anthem  
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.

## **The Blessing**

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, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**