

Meon Bridge Benefice

Droxford, Corhampton & Meonstoke cum Exton with Preshaw



**WE WILL
REMEMBER**

**A Requiem for the Fallen
1939-45**

Introduction

This may be read silently before the service begins.

God's love and power extend over all creation. Every life, including our own, is precious to God. Christians have always believed that there is hope in death as in life, and that there is new life in Christ after death.

Even those who share such faith find that there is a real sense of loss at the death of a casualty of war, especially when that casualty is a loved one. We will each have had our own experiences or memories of their life and death, with different memories and different feelings of love, grief and respect for their life as someone who made the ultimate sacrifice for his or her country. To acknowledge this helps us to use this occasion to express our faith and our feelings, to acknowledge our loss and our sorrow, and to reflect on our own mortality. Those who mourn need support and consolation. Our presence here today is part of that continuing support.

We remember the casualties of war because of their personal sacrifice, the commitment of the nation to the greater and common good, and to encourage us to seek the ways of peace.

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

Psalm 46.1

I lift up my eyes to the hills – from whence will my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth

Psalm 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*

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

Amen.

A Requiem for the Fallen 1939-1945

*Please sit or kneel quietly when waiting for the service to begin
as we hear iii Dies irae from: War Requiem, op.66 Benjamin Britten (1913–1976).*

The Preparation

An Extract of the Diary of Ruby Side Thompson (1884-1970), housewife and mother of seven sons living in Romford

Monday May 12, 1941

No news of mother but presume she is all right, or I should have heard to the contrary. We had three alerts last night, and a fairly noisy night, though nothing like as bad as Saturday night. Saturday's was another terrorizing raid on London.

In the nine o'clock news last night we were told of some of the damage. The heart of the attack was at Westminster. Serious damage was done to Westminster Abbey, the British Museum, and the Houses of Parliament. Big Ben, The Houses of Parliament, and Westminster Hall were all seriously damaged by high explosives and incendiaries. The abbey is open to the sky, the Lantern Roof burned. The Little Cloisters were burnt out. Five more hospitals hit, a cinema, a "large" hotel.

In the hotel one hundred and forty guests and employees were sheltering in the basement, but a bomb crashed through, and it is feared all are dead. Frightful. It is the Devil's work.

About four o'clock yesterday Mary Bernadette came in pale and shaking. She came to bring me news of Doreen Peel. Mary had been in her house alone all night. She had spent the evening at the Peel's; they asked her to stay the night, but she declined. About noon a boy called in to tell her that the Peel house was destroyed, the family all safe, but Doreen was in the hospital. The Peel's live or lived on Castellan Avenue, Gidea Park. A land mine came down just outside their house. Doreen heard it landing and went to warn the family. Before she could do so, the front door blew in on her, knocked her unconscious and cut her face open. (It is feared she will lose an eye.) The house is collapsing. Mary had come from seeing it, and described the fantasticness of the wreckage to us. The house is beyond all repairs. ...

Processional Hymn - All people that on earth do dwell

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell;
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
Without our aid He did us make;
We are His folk, He doth us feed,
And for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise;
Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His Name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good;
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
The God Whom Heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore.

All people that on earth do dwell
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Greeting

We meet in the name of Jesus Christ,
who died and was raised to the glory of God the Father.

Grace and mercy be with you,
and also with you.

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord:
and let light perpetual shine upon them.

You, O God, are praised in Zion:
and to you shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.

Hear our prayer:
to you shall all flesh come.

Let us 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. **Amen**



Remembrance

The presiding minister says

Let us remember before God,
and commend to his sure keeping:
those who have died for their country in conflict;
those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure;
and all who have lived and died in the service of humanity.

Exhortation

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.

We will remember them.

The Last Post

The Silence

The Reveille

The Last Post and Rouse

Anon

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Wreath is placed on the altar.

Commemoration

The names on the War Memorials are read

MEON BRIDGE BENEFICE ROLL OF HONOUR DROXFORD

Corporal Bunning
Sergeant Clark
Private Croucher
Corporal Gilbert
Private S Hall
Private Hurley
Sapper Manuel
Private May
Private H Merritt
Marine Pearce
Sapper Robinson
Temporary Captain Sullivan

Private Carter
Chief Petty Officer Cresdee
Captain Garland
Private W Hall
Captain Hulbert
Lt Cdr Leybourne-Popham
Captain Martin MC
Private E Merritt
Chief ERA Nettleton
Marine Pickett
Marine Smith
Captain Turton Royal Navy

MEONSTOKE

Major Baillie
Aircraftsman Callaghan
Private B Davis
Leading Aircraftswoman Farmer
Bombardier Fossey
Able Seaman Glover
Lieutenant Holland Royal Navy
2nd Lieutenant C Macrae
Leading Seaman Merritt
Lance Corporal Parker
Stoker 1st Class H Purnell Royal Navy
Private Searle
Gunner H Smith
Lance Corporal Stephens
Private Varndell
Lance Corporal G Weston

Private Blandford
Major Chrystal
Private F Davis
Aircraftswoman Fawcett
Private French
Flying Officer Hale
Captain Jones
Lieutenant F Macrae
Driver Pamplin
Private C Purnell
Bombardier Rye
Serjeant B Smith
Corporal S Smith Royal Marines
Private Tilbury
Private Wassell
Corporal H Weston

CORHAMPTON

Private Churchill
Third Engineer Robertson
Private Vivash

Private Goddard
Private Stubbington
Private Warner

EXTON

Cecil Attwood
William Cozens
Julian Hasler
James Moriarty
William Stubbington

Albert Cook
Algernon Hasler
William Ilet
John Stewart
George Woodley

Henry Worthington

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord:
and let light perpetual shine upon them.

You, O God, are praised in Zion:
and to you shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.

Hear our prayer:
to you shall all flesh come.

Penitence

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'
So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
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, our god. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison is sung

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
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

The Collect

Eternal God, our maker and redeemer,
grant us, with all the faithful departed,
the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion
and his glorious resurrection:
that, in the last day, when you gather up all things in Christ,
we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever. **Amen**

The Liturgy of the Word

Father of all mercies:
grant that our remembrance this day
may be consecrated for practical service
and the world made better
for our children's children. **Amen.**

First Reading

A Reading from the Prophecy of Micah

In days to come
the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised up above the hills.
Peoples shall stream to it,
and many nations shall come and say:
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between many peoples,
and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more;
but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees,
and no one shall make them afraid;
for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

For all the peoples walk,
each in the name of its god,
but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God
for ever and ever.

Micah 4: 1-5

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble;

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains tremble in the heart of the sea;**

Though the waters rage and swell,
and though the mountains quake at the towering seas.

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place of the dwelling of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of her;
therefore shall she not be removed;
God shall help her at the break of day.

**The nations are in uproar and the kingdoms are shaken,
but God utters his voice and the earth shall melt away.**

The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

**Come and behold the works of the Lord,
what destruction he has wrought upon the earth.**

He makes wars to cease in all the world;
he shatters the bow and snaps the spear
and burns the chariots in the fire.

**'Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth.'**

The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now:
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Second Reading

A Reading from St Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our [javascript:void\(0\);](#) struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, [javascript:void\(0\);](#) take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Ephesians 6: 10-17

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn - O God, our help in ages past

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 an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night,
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever rolling stream,
bears all who breathe 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 guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

O God, our help in ages past
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Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.
God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son.

Alleluia.

The Lord be with you
and also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *St John*.

Glory to you, O Lord.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that your joy may be complete, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants [javascript:void\(0\)](#); any longer, because the servant [javascript:void\(0\)](#) does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

John 15: 9-17

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

We are here today to remember all those who have fallen in wars present and past and specifically, in this 75th Anniversary of VE and VJ Days the fallen of the Second World War.

Some of us have a personal memory of losing a member of our own family or a friend, but for many of us it will be an inherited memory, passed on from one generation to the next.

The surrender of Imperial Japan, announced by Emperor Hirohito on 15th August 1945, and formally signed on 2nd September, 1945; FM Jodl signing of an unconditional 'Act of Military Surrender' and ceasefire at Reims on 7th May 1945, going into effect on 8th May; The 'Act of Political Surrender' signed on 9th May in Berlin; And for that matter, The Armistice of 11 November 1918 signed at Le Francport near Compiègne that ended fighting on land, sea and air in World War I.

These things are part of history, but for millions of people around the world, war is not just history but a part of their lives. In recent years, numerous members of our armed forces have died in conflicts such as Northern Ireland, Iraq, Afghanistan, leaving yet more families and friends grieving.

When we hear the names from our villages read out; we know their names; they will be remembered. It is each of their names that are important, not so much the number of them. It is eternally important that we remind ourselves of the dreadful cost of war if we are ever to live in peace. The most compelling outward sign of our remembrance is the simple red flower, the Flanders Poppy.

In 1921, the British Legion began the Poppy Day Appeal to raise money for poor and disabled veterans and their families. The appeal also serves to maintain our awareness of our past, and present, in order that our prayers for peace, and the future of our families, our children and grandchildren, will be fulfilled.

The bible records much violence, many wars and countless deaths, and it is a heart-breaking reflection that there has probably never been a time when conflict has not existed somewhere in the world. The prophet Micah was writing around 700 years before Christ, and in our reading today he prophesied a future of hope, an ideal world, a world when nations come together in peace instead of war. His words came against a background of violence with the fall of Samaria in the North and instability in the region created by the aggressive superpower of Assyria. However, he never lost faith for the future. His vision saw a time when people would live in peaceful community.

Jesus was born into an occupied land, and he lived and died in that land. The Jews were waiting for their king, the Messiah, and they expected him to overthrow the Roman invaders by the traditional, violent, means. Peace was not on the agenda in those New Testament times. Jesus came and taught peace to the disciples and anyone who would hear him, he said,

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

Peace is a precious commodity; it comes from trust, patience, tolerance and faith. It is not unilateral, it cannot be "Peace only on my terms", it results from mutual agreement and understanding it has to be God-centred and God-given. Peace has never been easy to achieve; it is very hard work to establish and keep the peace at any level in our society.

Yet regardless of the difficulties, peace must be what we all strive for, what Micah foresaw, what Jesus taught us. The driving force for peace must come from us, it must come from our remembrance of those who have given their lives in war; it must come from those injured in conflict and for their families and loved ones. Peace will not come if we forget; it will not happen if we wait for others to work for it. It is through our vigilance, our voice, and our prayers that peace and light will emerge.

The poppy wreaths that we lay up and down this land today and on so many other dates for so many other conflicts remember not only those from our communities who have given their lives, but we also remember the injured and their families for whom we have no recorded names. The Poppy is our symbol of Remembrance, but let us remember through the remembering of pain and loss that there is always the light of hope, love and faith through Jesus Christ.

Amen

Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Prayers

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

Send forth your strength, O God,
establish what you have wrought in us.

Uphold all those who fall
and raise up those who are bowed down.

Open the eyes of the blind
and set the prisoners free.

Sustain the orphan and widow
and give food to those who hunger.

Grant them the joy of your help again
and sustain them with your Spirit.

O Lord, judge the peoples
and take all nations for your own.

Intercessions

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 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.

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.**

God of infinite mercy,
we trust in your good purposes of peace for all your children.
We pray for those who at this time
face danger in the defence of justice.

Watch over those in peril;
support those who are anxious for loved ones;
gather into your eternal purpose those who will die.

Remove from the hearts of all people
the passions that keep alive the spirit of war,
and in your goodness, restore peace among us;
for the sake of the Prince of peace,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For the Royal Navy and Merchant Navy

O Eternal Lord God, who alone spreadest out the heavens, and rulest the raging of the sea; who hast compassed the waters with bounds until day and night come to an end: Be pleased to receive into thy Almighty and most gracious protection the persons of us thy servants, and the Fleet in which we serve. Preserve us from the dangers of the sea, and from the violence of the enemy; that we may be a safeguard unto our most gracious Sovereign Lady, Queen ELIZABETH, and her Dominions, and a security for such as pass on the seas upon their lawful occasions; that the inhabitants of our Island may in peace and quietness serve thee our God; and that we may return in safety to enjoy the blessings of the land, with the fruits of our labours; and with a thankful remembrance of thy mercies to praise and glorify thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For the Army

Almighty God, in you alone we find safety and peace. We commend to your gracious keeping all the men and women who serve in the Army who face danger and put their lives at risk so that others might live in safety. Defend them day by day by your heavenly power; and help them to know that they can never pass beyond the reach of your care. Keep alive in them and in us your vision of that peace which alone we must seek and serve; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For the Royal Air Force

Almighty God, who makest the clouds thy chariots and walkest upon the wings of the storm, look in mercy we beseech thee upon the Royal Air Force. Make us, with them, a tower of strength to our Queen and to our country. Help us, with them, to do our duty with prudence and with fearlessness, confident that in life or in death the eternal God is our refuge and strength. Grant this for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Once we were far off,
but now in union with Christ Jesus
you who were once far off
have been brought near
through the shedding of Christ's blood;
for he is our peace.

Ephesians 2: 13

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Offertory Hymn

I vow to thee my country

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.

I vow to thee my country

Tune: THAXTED

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The people's gifts of bread and wine are brought forward.

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Preparation of the Table

God of wisdom,
may the light of your eternal Word,
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
lead us in holiness and guide us to glory;
we ask this in his name.
Amen.

The Altar is prepared during which these prayers are used:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth,
giver of life, and conqueror of death.
By his death on the cross,
your Son Jesus Christ
offered the one true sacrifice for sin,
breaking the power of evil
and putting death to flight.

Through his resurrection from the dead
you have given us new birth into a living hope,
into an inheritance which is imperishable,
undefiled, and unfading.

The joy of resurrection fills the universe,
and so we join with angels and archangels,
with those who gave their lives in the service of their country
and all your faithful people,
evermore praising you and *singing*:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,

we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
St Andrew, St Peter and St Paul and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom,
as we pray in the words you gave us.

**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.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

For ourselves and for the fallen, we sing

AGNUS DEI

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on them.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world:
grant them peace.**

The president says:

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

The bread of heaven in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The cup of life in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

Once all have received Communion, the president says:

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord:
and let light perpetual shine upon them.

You, O God, are praised in Zion:
and to you shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.

Hear our prayer:
to you shall all flesh come.

Post-Communion Hymn

In candle glow most sacred the Spirit rises,
Hovers, blesses one and all who gather here to pray.
Here to pray to God almighty,
Creator, splendid Mother of all,
Who gave birth to moon and sun.
Whose Spirit breathes living breath
To all who trust in Thee.
We who seek for Thee
Find comfort in the soul.

With divine light so holy,
Rises the great Holy Spirit,
Companion at times of peril,
Comforter and dearest friend.
Consoler of hearts,
Lover of our souls,
Creator, Saviour.
We sing to You our joy!
Amen.

In candle glow most sacred the Spirit rises

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Post-Communion Prayers

Let us pray.

God of love,
may the death and resurrection of Christ,

which we have celebrated in this Eucharist,
bring us, with all the faithful departed,
into the peace of your eternal home.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,
our rock and our salvation. **Amen.**

**Heavenly Father,
in your Son Jesus Christ
you have given us a true faith and a sure hope.
Strengthen this faith and hope in us all our days,
that we may live as those who believe in
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
and the resurrection to eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Kohima Epitaph

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

Commitment

Let us pledge ourselves anew
to the service of God and humanity:
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.

**Lord God our Father,
we pledge ourselves
to serve you and all your peoples,
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.**

SR 1968, adapted

Thanksgiving Hymn

Now thank we all our God

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in Whom this world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed;
And free us from all ills, in this world and the next!

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;
The Son and Him Who reigns with Them in highest Heaven;
The one eternal God, whom earth and Heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Now Thank We All Our God

Tune: NUN DANKET

Meter: 67 67 66 66

Composer: Johann Crüger (1598 – 1662),
harmonised by William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

Lyricist: Martin Rinkart (1586 – 1694)

Translator: Catherine Winkworth (1827 – 1878)

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Ending

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest,
to the Church, the Queen, 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.

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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.

Not on this land alone –
But be God's mercies known
From shore to shore.
Lord, make the nations see
That men should brothers be,

And form one family
The wide world o'er.

Generally two verses used, but here we conclude with a third verse as found in some hymn books which is by William E Hickson (1817 – 1877) and taken from the hymn *God Bless Our Native Land* an American hymn sung to the same tune.

The National Anthem

Tune: National Anthem, composer unknown
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I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh even from the Lord who hath made heaven and earth.
The Lord himself is thy keeper the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in
from this time forth for evermore.

Verses from Psalm 121



They shall grow not old
as we that are left grow old.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.



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All people that on earth do dwell

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The Last Post and Rouse

Anon

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O God, our help in ages past

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I vow to thee my country

Tune: THAXTED

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Composer: Gustav Theodore Holst (1874 – 1934)

from Jupiter in his Planets' Suite

Lyricist: Cecil Spring-Rice (1859 – 1918)

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