



An Order for Remembrance Sunday St Andrew's Shrivenham

INTRODUCTION

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

COLLECT FIRST READING GOSPEL

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[During which the collection is taken]

ACT OF PENITENCE

The minister says

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.

After a short silence, all say

**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.**

The minister stands and says

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INTERCESSION

[Led by a member of the congregation]

Let us pray for the peace of the world:
for statesmen and rulers, that they may have wisdom to
know and courage to do what is right . . .

for all who work to improve international relationships,
that they may find the true way to reconcile people of
different race, colour, and creed . . .

and for men and women the world over, that they may
have justice and freedom, and live in security and peace
. . .

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Most gracious God and Father, in whose will is our
peace: turn our hearts and the hearts of all to yourself,
that by the power of your Spirit the peace which is
founded on righteousness may be established
throughout the whole world; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of war:
for the injured and the disabled, for the mentally
distressed, and for those whose faith in God and man
has been weakened or destroyed . . .

for the homeless and refugees, for those who are
hungry, and for all who have lost their livelihood and
security . . .

for those who mourn their dead, those who have lost
husband or wife, children or parents, and especially for
those who have no hope in Christ to sustain them in
their grief . . .

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, infinite in wisdom,
love, and power: have compassion on those for whom
we pray; and help us to use all suffering in the cause of
your kingdom; through him who gave himself for us on
the cross, Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

SERMON *[or appropriate reading on the theme]*

HYMN

*[During the hymn the clergy & people make their way
out of church for the act of remembrance.]*

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

All shall stand while the Minister says:

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
mankind.

The Roll of the Fallen

The Laying of Wreaths

The Last Post

The Silence

The Reveille

The 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.”

All “We will remember them”.

Then the minister says

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.**

ACT OF COMMITMENT

The minister, or some other person appointed, says
Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God
and our fellow men and women:
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 say together

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

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.**

THANKSGIVING

We offer to almighty God our thanksgiving for the
many blessings with which he has enriched our lives.

For the King and his family, and all who under him bear
the responsibility of government:

Thanks be to God.

For those who serve in the Armed Forces of the Crown
on sea and land and in the air:

Thanks be to God.

For doctors, nurses, chaplains, and all who minister to
those in need or distress:

Thanks be to God.

For the unity of our people within the Commonwealth:

Thanks be to God.

For the sacrifices made, especially in two world wars:

Thanks be to God.

For the Royal British Legion:

Thanks be to God.

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.

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 KOHIMA EPITAPH

When you go home
Tell them of us and say
For your tomorrow
We gave our today

BLESSING

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to
the Church, the King, the Commonwealth, and all
mankind, peace and concord; and to us and all his
servants, life everlasting; and the blessing of God
almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, come down
upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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