



Remembrance Sunday

The Gathering

The presiding minister reads one or more of the following sentences

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

Welcome

*Welcome by the Revd Dimitri Theulings, Rector of Beccles with
Worlingham, North Cove and Barnby.*

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.

Prayer of Commemoration

This prayer may be said

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.

All **Amen.**

Hymn

The Royal British Legion standard is brought forward during the hymn and laid on the altar.

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless;
Alleluia, alleluia,
glorious in his faithfulness!

Father-like 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 as his mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye 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.

Henry Francis Lyte (1793 – 1847)

Act of Penitence

A minister uses this invitation to confession or other suitable words

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.

A short silence follows.

All **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.**

Absolution

The president says

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.

All **Amen.**

Collect

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words
'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding.*

The Collect is said

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever..

All **Amen.**

Hymn

God is our strength and refuge,
our present help in trouble;
and we therefore will not fear,
though the earth should change!
Though mountains shake and tremble,
though swirling floods are raging,
God the Lord of hosts
is with us evermore!

There is a flowing river,
within God's holy city;
God is in the midst of her —
she shall not be moved!
God's help is swiftly given,
thrones vanish at his presence —
God the Lord of hosts
is with us evermore!

Come, see the works of our maker,
learn of his deeds all-powerful:
wars will cease across the world
when he shatters the spear!
Be still and know your creator,
uplift him in the nations —
God the Lord of hosts
is with us evermore!

Richard Bewes (1934 – 2019)

Bible Reading

Hear these words from the New Testament.

¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: 'It is mine to avenge; I will repay,' says the Lord. ²⁰ On the contrary:

'If your enemy is hungry, feed him;
if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.
In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.'

²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Romans 12.15 – end (NIVUK)

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Preached by the Revd Dimitri Theulings.

Hymn

Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm doth bind the restless wave,
who bidd'st 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 Saviour, whose almighty word
the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walkedst on the foaming deep,
and calm, amid its rage, didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O sacred Spirit, who didst 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,
our brethren shield in danger's hour.
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them whereso'er they go,
and ever let there rise to thee
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

William Whiting (1825 – 1878)

A minister leads the 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.

All **May 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.

All **May 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.

All **May 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.

All **May God give peace.**

For peacemakers and peacekeepers,
who seek to keep this world secure and free;
may God give peace.

All **May 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.

All **May 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.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All **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

During the hymn the Royal British Legion Standard is removed from the altar and brought into the nave of the church.

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 defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its 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 Exhortation

All remain standing as a representative from the Royal British Legion reads 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.**

The Last Post is played and a two minute silence is held, followed by the Reveille.

Kohima Epitaph

The chairman of the Royal British Legion says

When You Go Home, Tell Them Of Us And Say,
For Your Tomorrow, We Gave Our Today.

Act of Commitment

A minister introduces the Act of Commitment

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 **Lord God our Father,
we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humankind,
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 Blessing

The president may use this, or another suitable blessing

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

All **Amen.**

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.

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.

St Michael the Archangel, Beccles, CCLi 29781.

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