

Verses of comfort from the Psalms

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

I will lift up mine eyes to the hills – from whence comes my help? My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Welcome

Confession – Let us pray. 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 we all say:

Father, forgive us for having been selfish and unkind in what we have thought, said or done, and in what we have failed to do. For these and all our sins, we are truly sorry. Forgive us in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

May God our Heavenly Father, who has promised to forgive all who sincerely turn to Him, have mercy on each one of us, deliver us from our sins and strengthen us for His service.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Reading -

Intercessions –

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God gives us peace and healing... For all the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered and known to God.

God, give us peace...**and by your grace bring healing**

For all those who love them in death as in life, offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss

God, give us peace...**and by your grace bring healing**

For all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day, remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return

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For civilian women, children and men whose lives are disfigured by war or terror, and calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatreds of humanity

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For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership; military, political and religious...asking for the gift of wisdom whilst searching for reconciliation and peace

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We hold before the God of truth and justice, all 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 dignity as we 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 forever. Amen.

As Jesus taught us, we boldly pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven
Hallowed by 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.
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**

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.

Lord God our Father, we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humanity, 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 names of the fallen -

Prayer – Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: hear our prayer 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.**

Ode of Remembrance - *Read by Cdr Jennifer Watson RD MR (St Bartholomew's Church)*

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 SILENCE

The Kohima Epitaph –

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

Wreaths are laid

The Blessing –

Be with us Lord as we go out into the world.
Grant to the living grace, to the departed rest,
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth and all the people peace and concord,
and to us and all God's servants, life everlasting.

May the blessing of God the Father,
who made from one, every nation that occupies the earth;
of God the Son who bought us for God from every tribe and language and people and nation;
and of God the Spirit who brings us together in unity,
be with us and remain with us always.

Amen.

Music - The National Anthems

Music – 'Nimrod' (Enigma Variation 9) by Edward Elgar