



ENTRY

Minister: God is our refuge and strength;
a very present help in trouble (*Psalms 46.1*)

What does the Lord require of us,
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with our God? (*Micah 6.8*)

Friends, 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.

We arise today with the power of God to guide us, the might of God to uphold us, the wisdom of God to teach us, the eye of God to watch over us, the ear of God to hear us, the word of God to give us speech, the hand of God to protect us, the way of God to direct us, the shield of God to shelter us, and the host of God to defend us. Be with us, O God, as we offer to you our remembering.

(Adopted from A War Primer: F.B. MacNutt)

MEMBERS OF CONGREGATION ON ZOOM ENTER

SILENCE: 11:00 – 11:02AM

REVEILLE

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=59YzSXHeXxc>

TRYST (CAPTAIN IAIN AFFLECK – 51 [Scottish] Signal Squadron)

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

They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow. They
were staunch to the end against odds uncounted.

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.

Congregation responds: We will remember them.

**LAYING OF A WREATH AT THE MEMORIAL
(CAPTAIN IAIN AFFLECK)**

PRAYERS (JOHN WALLACE)

As a wreath is placed at the memorial, close to the altar.
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 their
fellows, seeking justice and peace.

Loving Father, those who have been to war rarely talk
about it; Those who haven't, struggle to understand it.
In this season of remembrance we try to bridge the gap.
Help us never to forget the horror of war of lives lost,
of people changed of physical injury, and mental health
problems of homes lost, and cities destroyed. Help us to
give thanks for courage in adversity, for those who went
above and beyond the call of duty, for acts of self-
sacrifice, that others might live. May we resolve to work
for peace, to build bridges, for their sake, for our sake,
for everyone's sake. Amen

*A prayer for Remembrance Sunday from Very Rev Colin Sinclair, former
Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland*

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
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.

BIBLE READING: (BEATITUDES) MATTHEW 5:1-12

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yg9FCy1_05U&t=22s

A REFLECTION ON THE BEATITUDES

I came across this modern day 'Beatitudes' and thought
that they would match up nicely with the original lesson
taught to us by Our Lord during the Sermon on the Mount.
The more detailed description of the 'blessed' is helpful I
think, though the language is not as beautiful.

¹When He saw the crowds, He went up the mountain, and after He had sat down, His disciples came to Him.

²He began to teach them, saying, ³**Blessed** are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed are those who are convinced of their basic dependency on God, whose lives are emptied of all that doesn't matter, those for whom the riches of this world just aren't that important. The kingdom of God is theirs.

⁴**Blessed** are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵**Blessed** are the meek, for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are those who know that all they are is a gift from God, and so they can be satisfied with their greatness and their smallness, knowing themselves and being true to themselves. For they shall have the earth for their heritage.

⁶**Blessed** are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are those who wear compassion like a garment, those who have learned how to find themselves by losing themselves in another's sorrow. For they too shall be satisfied.

⁷**Blessed** are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the merciful, those who remember how much has been forgiven them, and are able to extend this forgiveness into the lives of others. For they too shall receive God's mercy.

⁸**Blessed** are the clean of heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are those whose hearts are free and simple, those who have smashed all false images and are seeking honestly for truth. For they shall see God.

⁹**Blessed** are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are the creators of peace, those who build roads that unite rather than walls that divide, those who bless the world with the healing power of their presence. For they shall be called sons and daughters of God.

¹⁰**Blessed** are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed are those whose love has been tried, like gold, in the furnace and found to be precious, genuine and lasting, those who have lived their belief out loud, no matter what the cost or pain. For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹**Blessed** are you when people insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely, because of me. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Remember, the prophets and indeed many other Christians who have gone before you were also persecuted – simply because they believed in me. Amen

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

Prince of peace and Reconciling Christ, bless our efforts to work for the peace of all, and to bring about reconciliation. Give us the strength to persevere without counting the hurts, and to find within ourselves the capacity to keep on loving. Give us the grace to be able to stand in the middle of situations, and to be a conduit for the deep listening which can lead to healing and forgiveness. Help us to conduct ourselves with dignity, giving and expecting respect, moving from prayer to action, and from action back again into prayer. Grant that we may be so grounded in your love, that our security is not threatened if we change our minds, or begin to see a better way to act. Bless those who are called to reconcile on a large-scale - politicians, world leaders, leaders of business, and those who stand in the midst of bitter conflict. Prince of peace and Reconciling Christ, bless us and bless all who engage in the sacred work of envisioning new wholeness, and bringing people and nations together Amen (A Siddall, 'Lent to Easter liturgies')

REMEMBRANCE HYMN BY TIM CHESTER AND OTHERS

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rbBZdarVx04>

PRESENTATION

HYMN: HE WHO WOULD VALIANT BE

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kmkac903Nh4>

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.

BENEDICTION

Now, we go forth from this place with renewed inspiration to do the work of God.
May we seek good, not evil,
love goodness and establish justice.
This the greatest offering we can make;
letting justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.
We go in peace, with love from our neighbours
And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ...

Lest we forget