

Act of Commitment:

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

All: **We will.**

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

All: **We will.**

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

All: **We will.**

Merciful God, we offer to you the fears in us
that have not yet been cast out by love:
may we accept the hope you have placed in the
hearts of all people, and live lives of justice, courage and mercy;
through Jesus Christ our risen redeemer. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Trinity guard and defend you on every side, sustain
you in times of difficulty, and strengthen you in faith and hope; 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 peace to love and serve the Lord

All: **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

Remembrance Sunday 2020

Thelwall War Memorial

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

As we gather together on this Remembrance Sunday, we remember
those who have died in wartime and to repent of all that causes conflict
in the world. We turn to worship God and to follow Christ, who has
brought the good news of God's kingdom of peace.

But first we acknowledge the flaws in the human heart that have led us
too often to choose the path of violence instead of the way of peace.

(short period of silence)

We confess to you, Lord God, the pride, hypocrisy and impatience of our
lives. Lord, have mercy:

All: **Lord, have mercy**

We confess our greed, our self-indulgence and our misuse of your gifts to
us. Christ, have mercy:

All: **Christ, have mercy**

We confess our envy of others, our selfish anger, our unloving thoughts
and actions to our family, friends and neighbours. Lord, have mercy:

All: **Lord, have mercy**

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.

Eternal God, in whose perfect realm
no sword is drawn but the sword of justice,
and no strength known but the strength of love:
guide and inspire all who seek your kingdom,
that peoples and nations may find their security
in the love which casts out fear;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

A reading from the Gospel of St John:

Jesus said: "My command is this: love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

This is the Word of the Lord:

All: Thanks be to God

Let us pray to Almighty God for the needs of the world.

Where there is war and conflict, we pray for peace and security.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Where there is injustice and oppression, we pray for justice and freedom.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

For all world leaders, we pray for God's wisdom and discernment.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

For all who suffer as a result of war, we pray for healing and wholeness.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

For all who have died in war; may they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom as we say together:

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.

The Act of Remembrance

The laying of the wreaths

Let us remember before God,
and commend to his safe keeping,
those who have died for their country in war;
and all who have lived and died
in the service of the peoples of the world.

The list of the 'fallen' are read

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

Two minutes silence

The reveille is played

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 all nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**