

# ***Holy Cross Church, Ramsbury Service of Remembrance 2020***



*Wreath Bearers assemble at the Memorial.  
The Band and others assemble in the Churchyard.  
These groups will be representing the village;  
because of Covid-19 restrictions, everyone else is asked to observe  
the Silence on their doorsteps and follow the service on-line at  
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## **At the War Memorial-**

*The Wreaths are laid.*

*A prayer is said.*

*The WWII siren sounds.*

*The Last Post – **The Silence** – Reveille*

*The siren sounds.*

*The Procession moves to the church porch and lawns*

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## At the Church Steps

### Introduction:

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*

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 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 Saviour.

### Act of Remembrance:

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 those who have lived and died in  
the service of mankind.

*The names may be read from the Memorial Roll.*

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 Kohima Epitaph*

When you go home, tell them of us and say:

For your tomorrow, we gave our today.

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 Penitence:**

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.

*Silence*

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.**

## **The Prayers:**

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the leaders of the nations, that you will guide them in the ways of freedom, justice and truth.

Lord, in your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who bear arms on behalf of the nation, that they may have discipline and discernment, courage and compassion.

Lord, in your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for our enemies, and those who wish us harm, that you will turn the hearts of all to kindness and friendship.

Lord, in your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the wounded and the captive, the grieving and the homeless, that in all their trials they may know your love and support.

Lord, in your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

Most holy God and Father,  
hear our prayers for all who strive for peace  
and all who fight for justice.

Help us, who today remember the cost of war,  
to work for a better tomorrow;

and, as we commend to you lives lost in terror and conflict,  
bring us all, in the end, to the peace of your presence;  
through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**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.**

**Act of Commitment:**

Let us commit ourselves, as representatives of our community,  
to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace? **We will**  
Will you seek to heal the wounds of war? **We will**  
Will you work for a just future for all humanity? **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**

**The National Anthem** (*Played by the Band*)

**The Blessing**

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest,  
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth  
and all people, unity, peace and concord,  
and to us and all God's servants, life everlasting.  
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all  
and remain with you always.

**Amen**

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