

Wendover Remembers 2024

Service of Remembrance



GATHERING

All gather in silence

The presiding minister reads:

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

The presiding minister continues:

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.

REMEMBERING

Let us remember before God,
and commend to his safe 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 the peoples of the world.

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 affirm: **We will remember them.**

The Last Post

Silence

The Reveille

The following prayer is 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. **Amen.**

LISTENING FOR THE WORD FROM GOD

The reader says:

A reading from the Gospel of St John.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

I do not give to you as the world gives.

Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

John 14:27

PRAYING TOGETHER

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 we 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.

All **Amen.**

All join together in 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 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.**

RESPONDING IN HOPE AND COMMITMENT

The presiding minister says:

As local representatives lay their wreaths, we remember the names on this War Memorial.

Wreath laying by representatives of the community.

The Kohima Epitaph is said:

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

God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest,
to the Church, the King, 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. *All Amen.*