POEM IN FLANDERS FIELDS John McCrae

HYMN 4 ABIDE WITH ME

POEM TWO MINUTES The Quiet Voice

Act Of Remembrance

Let us remember before God the men and women of all nations who have died as a result of war; those whom we have known and whose memory we treasure; those we never knew; and those who died unknown. We will remember all who have lived in hope but died in vain; the tortured; the innocent; the starving; the exiled; the imprisoned; the oppressed; and the disappeared. Eternal God, holy and true, holy and compassionate: we remember before You those who have made profound sacrifices so that we may live in peace and freedom; those who gave their lives in overcoming evil; those who give their lives in maintaining peace; those who mourn the loved ones they have lost; and those who bear the scars that never heal.

They shall grow not old, as we who 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 Last Post

Followed by TWO MINUTES SILENCE

The Reveille

Those who wish to do so are invited to lay a tribute at the foot of the cross. After the last wreath has been laid, the Kohima Epitaph is said:

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

Let us commit ourselves 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**

Lord God our Father, we pledge ourselves to serve you and all mankind, 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 to you, now and always. AMEN.

The Ministry Of The Word

BIBLE READINGS FROM THE: OLD TESTAMENT / PSALMS / NEW TESTAMENT

HYMN 498 O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL

Talk

HYMN 509 O LORD, THE CLOUDS ARE GATHERING

Prayers Of Intercession

Let us pray together as a community for all who suffer as a result of conflict and ask that God may give us peace: for the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God.
May God give us His peace: **May God give us His peace**

For those who love them in death as in life, offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss.
May God give us His peace: **May God give us His peace**

For all members of the armed forces in danger this day, remembering family and friends and all who pray for their safe return.
May God give us His peace: **May God give us His peace**

For civilian women, children and men whose lives are disfigured by war or terror, calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatreds of humanity.
May God give us His peace: **May God give us His peace**

For peacemakers and peacekeepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free; and for all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, political, military and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace.
May God give us His peace: **May God give us His peace**

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you 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 the grace to 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. AMEN.

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. 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, forever and forever. AMEN.

The National Anthem

God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King!
Send him victorious,
Happy and Glorious,
Long to reign over us:
God save the King!

Thy choicest gifts in store
On him be pleased to pour;
Long may he reign;
May he defend our laws,
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the King!

Closing Prayer

God of all peoples, we remember with sadness that so many have died because of wars and violence. We remember with hope the death and resurrection of Jesus, who died to bring eternal peace. God of all peoples, we pray for ourselves and for others that Your peace may increase in our hearts and lives as we live together in Your world. Send us out in the power of Your Holy Spirit to help us work out Your peace in daily living. AMEN.

Final Blessing

Dismissal

We go into the world to walk in God's peace. To rejoice in God's peace and to reflect God's peace. AMEN.

HYMN 456 MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE

Remembrance Sunday
Saint Stephen's Church, Tala
Sunday 8 November 2026

Gathering Together

We have come together this morning in the presence of Almighty God. We come in gratitude: for all who have died in war so that we might live; for all who have endured pain that we might know joy; and for all who suffered internment that we might know freedom. We commit ourselves to work, in penitence and faith, for reconciliation between 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, both past and present, have been given and taken away.

Almighty God, we confess that we have not always listened to your call. Through our Act of Remembrance today, help us to: hear your word; sing your praise; and bring our prayers to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

HYMN 560 PRAISE MY SOUL THE KING OF HEAVEN

Confession

In 1 John 1:8-9, we read: "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Yet, if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Let us confess to Almighty God the sins and short comings 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 is God's will for His world.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy: forgive what we have been; help us to amend what we are; and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with You. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Absolution

Collect for Remembrance Sunday