# Act of Remembrance

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## The Gathering

All gather together in silence
Process in silence and read the following as enter the war memorial:

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint. Isaiah 40.31

At war memorial

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 past conflicts past and present have been given and taken away.

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The citation is said (RBL)

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**

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The Kohima Epitaph may be said (RBL)

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 who 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 love
**Amen.**

## The Wreaths are laid

*All are invited including RBL, Uniformed Groups & members of the public*

## Reading

Hear these words of Jesus from the New Testament.

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

## Reflection

## Hymn

1 Abide with me,
fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens;
Lord, with me abide:
when other helpers fail
and comforts flee,
help of the helpless,
O abide with me.

2 Swift to its close
ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim,
its glories pass away;
change and decay
in all around I see;
O thou who changest not,
abide with me.

3 I need thy presence
every passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil
the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide
and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine
Lord, abide with me.

4 I fear no foe
with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight,
and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting?
Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still,
if thou abide with me.

5 Hold thou thy cross
before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom,
and point me to the skies;
heaven's morning breaks,
and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord,
abide with me.

*Henry Francis Lyte (1793 - 1847)*
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## 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.
**Amen.**

## Hymn

1 Dear Lord and Father of mankind
forgive our foolish ways!
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence praise,
in deeper reverance praise.

2 In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word,
rise up and follow thee,
rise up and follow thee.

3 O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!
Interpreted by love!

4 Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace,
the beauty of thy peace.

5 Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm!
O still small voice of calm!

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## Responding in Hope and Commitment

*Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.*

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 in justice and, courage and mercy;
Through Jesus Christ our risen redeemer. **Amen**

## Blessing

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,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
**Amen**