St Nicholas Church Alcester - Remembrance Sunday

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

Psalm 46 v1

We meet in the presence of God. 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 past and present, have been given and taken away.

Hymn - O God Our Help in Ages Past

1. O God our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.

2. Beneath the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

3. Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

4. A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night,
before the rising sun.

5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

6. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be Thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

Bible Reading: John 15 v 9 - 14(NIV)

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. 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. You are my friends if you do what I command.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Address

Prayers:

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God may give us peace:

May God give peace **God give 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, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer
As we ask for deliverance from the forces of destruction, so we pray in the words that Jesus gave us:

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 Remembrance

An older person says:
They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

A younger person replies:
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.
We will remember them.

The Last Post- *Silence will be observed for 2 minutes*

The Reveille

Wreath Laying

Prayer:

'Ever-living God, we remember those whom you have gathered from the storms 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.**

Act of Commitment

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.**

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.**

Kohima Epitaph

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



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**.

The National Anthem (First verse only)

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