

Introduction

We have come together to worship almighty God; to offer him praise and thanksgiving for our nation's deliverance in times of war; to recall those who through death, injury or bereavement, suffered to bring peace and freedom to our world; to seek his forgiveness for our failure to achieve reconciliation between the nations, and to ask for strength to overcome injustice wherever it is found.

Worship in Song

O God our help in ages past
Our hope for years to come
Our shelter from the stormy blast
And our eternal home

Under the shadow of thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure
Sufficient is thine arm alone
And our defence is sure

Before the hills in order stood
Or earth received her frame
From everlasting thou art God
To endless years the same

A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like an evening gone
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

Confession

Jesus said, 'Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.' As we realise our failure to live up to Christ's standards and to obey his commands, let us seek God's forgiveness, as we say together:

Almighty and merciful God, Lord of men and nations, we confess with shame the sins, both private and public, by which we have broken your law and grieved your Spirit. We acknowledge the reproach that war has brought upon the name of Christ. We confess our lack of love for you and for mankind. For the sake of your Son, who died for us, save us from our sins. Take from us all hatred and bitterness, whether in thought, word or action. Teach us to forgive, as we are forgiven, so that we may grow more like him and live our lives according to your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Special Prayer for Today

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Bible

O God our Father, we thank you for all your goodness to us as a nation, and for the many occasions when you have guided and protected us. We thank you for your Word, the Bible, which down the years has moulded the laws and thinking of our country. Above all, we thank and praise you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Saviour. Today, especially, we give thanks for those who died in the cause of freedom and justice, so that your truth might continue to be known, and your laws obeyed within our nation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bible Reading

John 15:12-17 (*Church Bible page 902*)

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

Act of Remembrance

Let us remember with gratitude those who, in the cause of peace and the service of their fellow men died for their country in time of war:

A poppy wreath is brought forward and names are read out

The Last Post

Two Minute Silence

Reveille

They shall not grow 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 National Anthem

A prayer for those who suffer

Father, we remember how your Son, during the time of his ministry on earth, had great compassion for those who suffered. We bring to you those who still suffer as the result of war. Hear our prayer, Father, for those who live with the pain and scars of bodily injury; for those whose minds are shattered by the horrors which they witnessed or endured; for those who have been bereaved; for those who do not believe in you or trust their fellow men. Grant to them peace of mind and heart, and relief from all their suffering, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A prayer for the King and those in authority

Lord God, whose faithfulness knows no end, we pray for our king and for all those under him who guide and govern the affairs of our nation. Grant that they may honour you, so that they may be set free from the fear of man. Help them in every situation to know and do the thing that is right. Overrule all their deliberations for the good of our people and the glory of your name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A prayer for the nations

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ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Prayer of St Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is darkness, light; where there is despair, hope; and where there is sadness, joy. Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and in dying that we are born again to eternal life. Amen.

Worship in Song

Be still for the presence of the Lord the Holy One is here
Come bow before him now with reverence and fear
In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground
Be still for the presence of the Lord the Holy One is here

Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around
He burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light
Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around

Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal to minister his grace
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him
Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place

Sermon

Worship in Song

A new commandment I give unto you
That you love one another as I have loved you,
That you love one another as I have loved you.
By this shall all men know that you are my disciples,
If you have love one for another.

Affirmation of Faith

Almighty Saviour, those who have died in faith have eternal joy in your presence. For us who remain, be with us in our sadness and turn our eyes to you. By your death once for all upon the cross, raise us to new life, give us victory over death and confidence to look forward to your coming. So let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; he was buried; he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles: this we have received, and this we believe. Amen.

The Peace

Let love be genuine. Never pay back evil for evil. As far as it lies with you, live at peace with everyone.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

Worship in Song

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a holy God

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendour outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a holy God

Come and behold him, the One and the Only
Cry out sing holy, forever a holy God
Come and worship the holy God

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a holy God

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer his only Son
Who else invites me to call him Father
Only a holy God, only my holy God

Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, accept the gifts that we bring, and with them our lives, to be used in your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our
Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his
blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in
remembrance that he died for you, and feed on
him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

We receive communion

Worship in Song

The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want
He makes me lie in pastures green
He leads me by the still still waters
His goodness restores my soul

And I will trust in You alone
And I will trust in You alone
For Your endless mercy follows me
Your goodness will lead me home

He guides my ways in righteousness
And He anoints my head with oil
And my cup it overflows with joy
I feast on His pure delights

And though I walk the darkest path
I will not fear the evil one
For You are with me
And Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know

Worship in Song

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Oh master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light;
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving to all men that we receive;
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Prayer after Communion

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ
proclaimed the kingdom and restored the
broken to wholeness of life: look with
compassion on the anguish of the world, and
by your healing power make whole both
people and nations; through our Lord and
Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Worship in Song

Lord for the years your love has kept and guided
Urged and inspired us cheered us on our way
Sought us and saved us pardoned and provided
Lord of the years we bring our thanks today

Lord for that word the word of life which fires us
Speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze
Teaches and trains rebukes us and inspires us
Lord of the word receive Your people's praise

Lord for our land In this our generation
Spirits oppressed by pleasure wealth and care
For young and old for commonwealth and nation
Lord of our land be pleased to hear our prayer

Lord for our world when we disown and doubt Him
Loveless in strength and comfortless in pain
Hungry and helpless lost indeed without Him
Lord of the world we pray that Christ may reign

Lord for ourselves in living power remake us
Self on the cross and Christ upon the throne
Past put behind us for the future take us
Lord of our lives to live for Christ alone

Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for
evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help
the afflicted; honour everyone; love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the
blessing of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.