

Remembrance Sunday



**St Barbara's Church,
Earlsdon**

Introduction

*Please stand as the choir and minister enter the church.
The minister welcomes everybody and gives out any notices.*

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

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.

Hymn *(during which the flags are received)*

Prayers of Penitence

Please sit or kneel as we pray the Litany of Reconciliation

Minister All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from
race, class from class,
All **Father, forgive.**

Minister The covetous desires of people and nations to possess
what is not their own,
All **Father, forgive.**

Minister The greed which exploits the work of human hands
and lays waste the earth,

All **Father, forgive.**

Minister Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,

All **Father, forgive.**

Minister Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the
homeless, the refugee,

All **Father, forgive.**

Minister The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women
and children,

All **Father, forgive.**

Minister The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not
in God,

All **Father, forgive.**

Minister Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one
another, as God in Christ, forgave you

The Collect

Minister God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Word of God

We sit to hear readings from the Bible

Hymn

Introduction to the Time of Remembrance

We sit.

Hymn *(during which the wreaths are processed to the war
memorials)*

The Act of Remembrance *(please remain standing and face
the war memorials)*

Minister 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.

Then is said:

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 **We will remember them.**

*We wait for the 11 o'clock chimes, followed by the Last Post, the
Silence and the Reveille.*

Minister 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,

All through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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

The wreaths are laid and the lament "The Flowers of the Forest" is played.

Hymn *(during which the procession returns to their seats)*

The Address

Please sit.

Hymn *(during which a collection is taken)*

The Prayers

Please sit or kneel. The following response is used:

May God give peace
All God give peace.

We end our time of prayer with the Lord's Prayer.

All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by 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.

The Act of Commitment

Minister Let us pledge ourselves anew
to the service of God and our fellow men and women:
that we may help, encourage, and comfort others,
and support those working for the relief of the needy
and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?
All We will.

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?
All We will.

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?
All We will.

All Lord God our Father,
we pledge ourselves
to serve you and all humankind,
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
now and always. Amen.

The standard bearers come forward to receive the standards.

Hymn

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The Blessing *(please remain standing)*

Minister God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest,
to the Church and all the people of this world,
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.

All **Amen**

The standard bearers leave the church, followed by the choir. Other members of the congregation are asked to remain in their places until the uniformed organisations have left.

You are warmly invited to stay behind for refreshments in the church hall, or to accompany the uniformed organisations on their march to Palmerston Road, and then return for refreshments.

