



SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

NOVEMBER 10TH 2024

St Andrew's Anglican Church, Moscow



The Introduction and welcome (please stand)

“What does the Lord require of you,
but to act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God?”

Micah 6:8

We come today to seek God and his mercy, to listen to His Word and to commit ourselves afresh to His service and the service of humanity.

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away.

We remember the sacrifice of families left behind.

We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.

We commit ourselves to work for reconciliation between the nations that all people may live together in freedom, justice and peace.

Opening hymn: The Lord’s my shepherd (please stand)

The Lord’s my Shepherd, I’ll not want.

He maketh me down to lie

In pastures green; He leadeth me

The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again;

And me to walk doth make

Within the paths of righteousness,

Even for His own Name’s sake.

Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale,

Yet will I fear no ill;

For Thou art with me; and Thy rod

And staff my comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnishèd

In presence of my foes;

My head Thou dost with oil anoint,

And my cup overflows.

*Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be.*

A Confession from Coventry Cathedral Litany of Reconciliation

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

The hatred which divides nation from nation,
race from race, class from class,

Father Forgive.

The covetous desires of people and nations
to possess what is not their own,

Father Forgive.

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

Father Forgive.

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,

Father Forgive.

Our indifference to the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee,

Father Forgive.

Our lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children,

Father Forgive.

Our pride which leads to trust in ourselves and not in God,

Father Forgive.

A moment of silence

Almighty God, have mercy upon us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in
Christ forgives you. **Amen.**

The collect

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.**

Please be seated

The Bible Readings

Psalm 46:1-10

Read by Her Excellency Dr Sarah Taylor, Canadian Ambassador to the Russian Federation

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.
The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice; the earth melts.
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the Lord;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.

“Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations;
I am exalted in the earth.” **Amen**

John 15:12-15

Read by His Excellency John Gearing, Australian Ambassador to the Russian Federation

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

Reflection - by His Excellency Nigel Casey, His Majesty’s Ambassador to the Russian Federation

Selection of War Poems read by Mr Alex Fishlock, Ms Tabassum Rasheed & Sgt David Nordsveen

Hymn: O God our help in ages past (please stand)

***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.*

*O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
And our eternal home.*

The Act of Remembrance

Let us remember before God, and commend to his sure 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 humanity.

Exhortation – by Colonel Douglas Swinton, Defence Attaché of Canada

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.

The Last Post

Two minutes silence

A Lament

The Reveille

**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!**

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

The Prayers

Let us pray.

Please respond with the words in bold print

As we remember before God the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to Him, so we pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict;
Lord, give your peace.

for those who love them in death as in life, offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss;
Lord, give your peace.

for all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day, remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return;
Lord, give your peace.

for civilian women, children and men whose lives are disfigured by war or tyranny and terror;
Lord, give your peace.

for just and durable peace in Ukraine

Lord, give your peace.

for His Majesty the King and for all who bear responsibility as Head of State, that you would give them wisdom to know and the courage to do what is right;

Lord, give your peace.

for all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, whether as politicians, civil servants, military commanders, business and media and religious leaders. We ask for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace, and that you would raise up peacemakers and peace-keepers;

Lord, give your peace.

for all who work to improve international relationships, that they may find the true way to reconcile people of different race, culture and creed;

Lord, give your peace.

Here follows a short silence

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.**

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.**

Please be seated. Uniformed service personnel may stand during the laying of the wreaths.

“Nimrod” by Edward Elgar performed by Dima Maximenko and Andrey Burkov

An Act of Commitment (please stand)

In silence let us prepare ourselves to make our commitment.

A brief silence follows, and then we say

**As Jesus taught us we commit ourselves
to welcome strangers,
to care for the poor,
to love our neighbours as ourselves
and to establish justice in our community.
In the name of God and in the power of the Holy Spirit
we pledge ourselves to work for peace:
peace in our homes,
peace in our communities,
peace in the world. Amen.**

Hymn: For the Healing of the Nations (please stand)
During the singing of this hymn, the collection will be received.

*For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords;
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word,
help us rise and pledge our word.*

*Lead us forward into freedom;
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase,
fear will die and hope increase.*

*All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned;
pride of status, race, or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span,
may we hallow life's brief span.*

*You, Creator God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind,
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find,
earth its destiny may find.*

The Blessing (please remain stand)

***Kohima Epitaph – read by Colonel Douglas Swinton, Defence Attaché of
Canada***

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

*John Maxwell Edmonds
Epitaph in the Commonwealth War Cemetery at Kohima*

While the recessional music is played, the congregation is requested to remain standing to permit the Ambassadors of the United Kingdom and Canada to leave the church first and then follow behind.



*The Lord's My Shepherd, to the tune of: Crimond Author: Francis Rous
O God, our Help In Ages Past, to the tune of: St. Anne Author: Isaac Watts (1719) For
the Healing of the Nations Author: Fred Kaan (1965)*

THE ROYAL NAVAL PRAYER

O Eternal Lord God, who alone spreadest out the heavens, and rulest the raging of the sea; who hast compassed the waters with bounds until day and night come to an end: Be pleased to receive into thy Almighty and most gracious protection the persons of us thy servants, and the Fleet in which we serve. Preserve us from the dangers of the sea, and from the violence of the enemy; that we may be a safeguard unto our most gracious Sovereign Lord, King Charles, and his Dominions, and a security for such as pass on the seas upon their lawful occasions; that the inhabitants of our Island may in peace and quietness serve thee our God; and that we may return in safety to enjoy the blessings of the land, with the fruits of our labours; and with a thankful remembrance of thy mercies to praise and glorify thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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