

St James, Ludgershall and Faberstown





Service of Remembrance



Hymn (Please stand)

Clergy will process in, followed by any Colours/Standards which will be received at the High Altar.

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices; who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven, the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore. for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Welcome

God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble. Psalm 46.1

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.

Reading (Please sit) The response This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Penitence

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world; its pride, its selfishness, its greed; its evil divisions and hatreds. Let us confess our share in what is wrong, and our failure to seek and establish that peace which God wills for us all.

Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.

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

Hymn (Please stand)

Eternal Father, strong to save.
whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
who bid'st the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we call to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, whose voice the waters heard and hushed their raging at thy word, who walkedst on the foaming deep, and calm amidst the storm didst sleep:

O hear us when we call to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who didst brood upon the waters dark and rude, and bid their angry tumult cease, and give, for wild confusion, peace:

O hear us when we call to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power, our brethren shield in danger's hour; from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go: thus evermore shall rise to thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Reading (Please sit)
The Response
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Hymn (Please stand) A collection will be taken

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 actions 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.

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.

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.

Prayers of Intercession (Please sit or kneel)
The Response
Lord in your mercy
Hear our Prayer

The Lord's Prayer
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.

Hymn (Please stand) Standards may be returned to bearers, who remain at the chancel step

I vow to thee my country, all earthly things above, Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love: The love that asks no questions, the love that stands the test, That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best; The love that never falters, the love that pays the price The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country I've heard of long ago.

Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
And her ways are ways of gentleness
and all her paths are peace.

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**

National Anthem

Colours/Standards are dipped in salute.

God save our gracious Queen
Long live our noble Queen
God save the Queen.
Send her victorious
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the Queen

Thy choicest gifts in store
On her be pleased to pour
Long may she reign.
May she defend our laws,
And ever give us cause,
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the Queen.

Blessing

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest, to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth and all people, peace and concord, and to us and all his servants life everlasting, and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all evermore. **Amen.**

Any Colour/Standard Bearers depart. The Clergy depart. Procession to War Memorial

Act of Remembrance At War Memorial

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Opening Prayer

Stir up your power, O God, and come among us. Heal our wounds, calm our fears, and give us peace. **Amen**

The Royal Engineers

O God, whose righteousness is exceeding glorious, may it please thee to send out thy light and thy truth to lead us thy servants of the Corps of Royal Engineers that everywhere we may be enabled to do our duty, and so may glorify thee our Father in Heaven, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Remembrance

Let us remember before God, and commend to his sure keeping:

those who have died for their country in conflict; those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure; and all who have lived and died in the service of humanity.

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 --- The Silence --- The Reveille

Kohima Epitaph

"When you go home tell them of us and say:

"For your tomorrow, we gave our today."

Reading of names

Wreath laying and other ceremonies take place here.

Commemoration

Remember, Lord, your people, who cry to you in their grief. Remember the fallen in battle, and the innocents who have died.

Remember your power to heal and save. Amen

Commitment

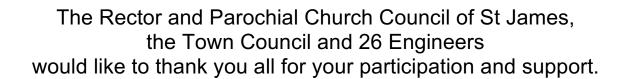
Lord God our Father, we pledge ourselves to serve you and all your peoples, in the cause of peace, for the relief of want and suffering, and for the praise of your name.

Guide us by your Spirit; give us wisdom; give us courage; give us hope; and keep us faithful now and always.

Amen

Ending

The Lord bless you and watch over you,
The Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you,
The Lord look kindly on you and give you peace.
The blessing of God Almighty,
The Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Rest upon you and be with you always. **Amen**



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