Royal British Legion
Service of Remembrance



Truro
Cathedral

Welcome to this service in which *'We remember them'*

A tradition arose in the British military that the drums of the regiment could be stacked and form a temporary altar in the field. The Chaplain would lead services from the drumhead altar. Today, the Drumhead Altar sits at the centre of the cathedral, wreaths will be laid at it and during the two minutes silence, poppies will be dropped from the tower on it.

Remembrance Sunday is a most important time. We gather to honour those who have gone before us, those who gave their lives in active service and those who are still in the field serving God, King and Country.

Thank you for being here today.

Before the service commences 3.00pm

- *Participants gather and take their seats*
- *The congregation remains seated as the Parade of Service, ex-Service, Cadets and other organisations enter the Cathedral.*
- *The congregation remains seated as members of the Civic Procession are escorted to their seats at the front of the Nave.*

At 3.12pm

- *The Parade Marshall instructs the participants to **stand**.*
- *The Bishop leads the Lord Lieutenant, the High Sheriff and the Under Sheriff to their seats on the South side of the Nave.*

*Please remain **seated** whilst the choir sing the introit*

Introit

*Please **stand** for the entry of the clergy*

Organ Voluntary

Introduction and Opening Prayers

The Dean of Truro

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you
and also with you.

We meet in the presence of Almighty God and commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation between the nations, that all people may 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.

Almighty and eternal God,
from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted,
either by death or life:
hear our prayers and thanksgivings
for all whom we remember this day;
fulfil in them the purpose of your love;
and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn

O valiant hearts who to your glory came
Through dust of conflict and through battle flame;
Tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,
Your memory hallowed in the land you loved.

Proudly you gathered, rank on rank, to war
As who had heard God's message from afar;
All you had hoped for, all you had, you gave,
To save mankind—yourselves you scorned to save.

Splendid you passed, the great surrender made;
Into the light that nevermore shall fade;
Deep your contentment in that blest abode,
Who wait the last clear trumpet call of God.

Long years ago, as earth lay dark and still,
Rose a loud cry upon a lonely hill,
While in the frailty of our human clay,
Christ, our Redeemer, passed the self same way.

These were His servants, in His steps they trod,
Following through death the martyred Son of God:
Victor, He rose; victorious too shall rise
They who have drunk His cup of sacrifice.

O risen Lord, O Shepherd of our dead,
Whose cross has bought them and whose staff has led,
In glorious hope their proud and sorrowing land
Commits her children to Thy gracious hand.

The Act of Remembrance

A representative of the Royal British Legion leads the Exhortation.

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,
sounded by Bugler

The two-minute silence is kept

Lament,
played by Piper

Reveille,
sounded by Bugler

Wreaths are laid at the Drumhead Altar by the Lord Lieutenant, The Bishop of Truro, The Dean of Truro, The Mayor of Truro, along with the Branch Chairman's representative and Women's Section President of the Royal British Legion.

A Chaplain to the Forces, offers the following Prayer of Commemoration

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,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*Please **sit***

Reading
John 15.9-17
read by a military cadet

A reading from the Gospel of St John,

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. '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. 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. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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

Sermon
The Bishop of Truro

Hymn

*Please **stand***

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art Mighty,
Hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.

Prayers

*Please **sit***

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

For the service men and women
who have died in the violence of war,
each one remembered by and known to God;
may God give peace. **God give peace.**

For those who love them in death as in life,
offering the distress of our grief
and the sadness of our loss;
may God give peace. **God give 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;
may God give peace. **God give peace.**

For civilian women, children and men
whose lives are disfigured by war or terror,
calling to mind in penitence
the anger and hatreds of humanity;
may God give peace. **God give peace.**

For peacemakers and peacekeepers,
who seek to keep this world secure and free;
may God give peace. **God give peace.**

For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership,
political, military and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve
in the search for reconciliation and 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.**

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

Anthem

Sung by the choir

*Please **stand***

Hymn

During which the standards are returned

For all the Saints who from their labours rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confest,
Thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest.
Alleluya! Alleluya!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;
Thou in the darkness drear their one true Light.
Alleluya! Alleluya!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the Saints who nobly fought of old,
And win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluya! Alleluya!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluya! Alleluya!

The 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.

The National Anthem

God save our gracious King!
Long live our noble King!
God save the King!
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the King.

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

The Blessing
The Bishop of Truro

The Lord be with you, **and also with you.**

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 Kohima Epitaph
a military cadet

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

Organ Voluntary

*The congregation remains **standing** as the standards lead the servers and the clergy and the senior Lieutenancy and Civic representatives through the Nave to the West Door. All others leave informally.*

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