

⊕ THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Parish of Central Windsor

Service of Commemoration on VJ Day



A warm welcome to
Holy Trinity Parish & Garrison Church
for our service today

Service conducted by
The Revd Canon Sally Lodge, Rector
Organist: John Halsey

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

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.**

THE LAST POST

Two minutes' silence is kept

REVEILLE

The Kohima Epitaph

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

ORGAN MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE: Psalm Prelude Set 2, No. 2

"Yea, the darkness is no darkness with Thee
(Psalm 139, v 11) (Howells)

Please stand as the Mayor, Civic Party and ministers enter in silence

THE GREETING AND INTRODUCTION

Heaviness may endure for a night:

All **But joy comes in the morning.**

God has been our refuge and our strength:

All **A present help in time of trouble.**

Dear friends, we have come together on this day to commemorate the anniversary of the end of the Second World War.

We come together conscious of our need for God's forgiveness for the sin and the desire to dominate others that leads to conflict between people, and war between nations.

And as we remember the many soldiers, sailors and aviators who gave their lives restraining and opposing evil, those who were taken captive and those who were wounded in conflict, as well as the many civilians who died or suffered in so many ways from the tyranny of others, so we also come in thanksgiving for those who continue to strive for peace on this continent. We gather joyfully today, as those who gathered on that first VJ Day, glad of each other's company, and grateful for the laughter and love that follows times of sadness and loss.

But above all things, let us pray that God's will may be done on earth as it is in heaven, as we join our voices together and say:

Please feel free to use either the traditional or the contemporary version of the Lord's Prayer

<p><i>All</i> 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.</p>	<p><i>All</i> 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.</p>
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HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is
thy health and salvation;
all ye who hear,
now to his temple draw near;
joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things
so wondrously reigneth,
shieldeth thee gently from harm, or
when fainting sustaineth;
hast thou not seen;
how thy heart's wishes have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper
thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy
shall daily attend thee;
ponder anew;
what the Almighty can do,
if to the end he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O, let all that
is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now
with praises before him!
Let the Amen,
sound from his people again,
gladly for aye we adore him.

*Joachim Neander (1650-1680)
tr Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Please sit

Cllr Mandy Brar, Mayor of Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead

A reading from the book of Micah

In days to come
the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised up above the hills.
Peoples shall stream to it,
² and many nations shall come and say:
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
³ He shall judge between many peoples,
and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more;
⁴ but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own
fig trees,
and no one shall make them afraid;
for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

(Micah 4.1-4)

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Please stand

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us,
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy;
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy;
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

James Edmeston (1791-1867)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Please sit

Stephen Holton, Churchwarden

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

(1 Peter 1.3-9)

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORY

Please stand

All Your salvation is near to those who fear you,
that glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
All that glory may dwell in our land.

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.
All Your salvation is near to those who fear you,
that glory may dwell in our land.

cf Psalms 84, 89

HYMN

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou for ever will be.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand has provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
Refrain

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Refrain

Thomas Chisholm (1866-1960)

TALK Cllr Neil Knowles
Armed Forces Champion
The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead

Please sit

PRAYERS

Please sit or kneel

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the leaders of the nations,
that you will guide them in the ways of freedom, justice and truth.

Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who bear arms on behalf of the nation,
that they may have discipline and discernment,
courage and compassion.

Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our enemies, and those who wish us harm,
that you will turn the hearts of all to kindness and friendship.

Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the wounded and the captive,
the grieving and the homeless,
that in all their trials they may know your love and support.

Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

Most holy God and Father,
hear our prayers for all who strive for peace
and all who fight for justice.

Help us, who today remember the cost of war,
to work for a better tomorrow;

and, as we commend to you lives lost in terror and conflict,
bring us all, in the end, to the peace of your presence;

through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

AN ACT OF COMMITMENT

Please stand

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.

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.

O Lord our God,
as we remember, teach us the ways of peace.
As we treasure memories, teach us to hope.
As we give thanks for the sacrifices of the past,
help us to make your future in this world,
until your kingdom come.

All Amen.

COLLECT FOR PEACE

Almighty God,
from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:
kindle in the hearts of all people the true love of peace;
and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom
those who take counsel for the nations of the earth;
that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward,
till the earth is filled with the knowledge of thy love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

A PRAYER FOR THE SOVEREIGN

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness,
bless our Sovereign Lord, King Charles
and all who are in authority under him;
that they may order all things
in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace,
to the honour of your name,
and the good of your Church and people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

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, bread of heaven
feed me now and evermore
feed me now and evermore

Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer, strong deliverer
be thou still my strength and shield
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 and praises, songs and praises
I will ever give to thee.
I will ever give to thee.

*Welsh, William Williams (1717-1791)
tr Peter & William Williams*

THE BLESSING

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest;
to the Church, the King, 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,
come down upon you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

All 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.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: Pièce d'Orgue (JS Bach)

The ministers and people depart

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