The act of commitment is made: 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

We join together in 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

The National Anthem is played

# THE BLESSING

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest, to the Church, the Queen, 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, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all and remain with you always. **Amen**  Oldbury Remembrance Day Service 2020

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LEGION

## Welcome

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.

The following prayer is said:

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.** 

A Reading from Matthew's Gospel, chapter 5 verses 1 to 12

## **PRAYING TOGETHER**

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

We thank God for service men and women who gave their lives in two world wars and other conflicts, each one known to God. Lord hear us: Lord graciously hear us.

> for those who love them in death as in life. Lord hear us: Lord graciously hear us.

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 hear us: Lord graciously hear us.

for civilian women, children and men whose lives are disfigured by war or terror. Lord hear us: Lord graciously hear us.

for peace-makers and peace-keepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free. Lord hear us: Lord graciously hear us.

for all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, political, military and religious. Lord hear us: Lord graciously hear us.

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.** 

## THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

#### **ROLL OF HONOUR**

### LAYING OF WREATHS

## **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.

## LAST POST

#### Silence

Then the Kohima Epitaph is said: When you go home tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow we gave our today.

## REVEILLE

