



Oldham Metropolitan Borough

Remembrance Day Sunday 8th November 2020

Order of Service

The Worshipful The Mayor of Oldham,
Councillor Ginny Alexander

Service Led by Vicar of Oldham,
The Reverend Derek Palmer
Borough Dean of Oldham,
The Reverend Canon Jean Hurlston



Organ Music as the Congregation gathers.

Congregation to be seated at 10.40am and
live streaming to begin at 10.50am.

Mace Bearer to lead Mayor and Consort into Church.

Standards to be received.



Welcome

By The Reverend Derek Palmer.

Introduction

100 years ago on the 11th November 1920, The Unknown Warrior was laid to rest in Westminster Abbey. A British Soldier known only to God, buried in soil from the battlefields in an oak casket, surmounted by a Crusader's sword, the gift of King George the Fifth, became the focus of Remembrance for all those, known and unknown who gave the last full measure of devotion. Today, 100 years on, we continue to remember.

Act of Remembrance

We meet in the presence of God to 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 Exhortation

Read by the Mayor of Oldham, Councillor Ginny Alexander

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.

Last Post

The Two Minute Silence

Reveille

The Kohima Epitaph

Read by a Cadet

When you go home tell them of us and say
"For your tomorrow we gave our today"

Prayer

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.

The laying of the wreath

By the Mayor of Oldham on behalf of the citizens of Oldham will place a wreath in memory of all who have died in the service of their country.

Reading – John 15.10-17

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.

Prayers

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

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who serve in the armed forces of the Crown, that they may have discipline and discernment, courage and compassion.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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

Lord in your mercy,

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,

Hear our prayer.

Most Holy God and Father, hear our prayers for all who strive for peace, and all who yearn 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.

Amen.

Gathering our prayers and remembrance into one, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

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 Choir sings

Act of Commitment

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 say together

Lord God our Father, we pledge ourselves to serve you and all mankind, 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.

Standards returned.

Blessing

May God grant to the living, grace;
to the departed, rest;
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth,
and all mankind, peace and concord;
and to us and all his servants, life everlasting.
And the blessing of God almighty,
The Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

National Anthem

Congregation to stand to attention in silence.

Congregation to remain standing whilst the Mayor and Consort leaves the church to lay wreath at the original First World War 1 Memorial in the church grounds. Guests are invited to lay wreaths at the Memorial following the Mayor.

Organ Music to play as Congregation leaves.

