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HEDGE·END
TOWN COUNCIL

# Order of Service
# **Remembrance Sunday**

The Annual Act of Remembrance at the
War Memorial, St John's Road,
for the Community of Hedge End

**GATHERING** **All gather.**

**11 O'CLOCK** **Silence will be kept for two minutes, beginning at the first strike of the St John's Parish Church bells.**

**The completion of the silence will be signalled by the playing of the Last Post.**

**THE PRESIDING MINISTER:** 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.

We honour and remember those commemorated on this War Memorial.
(**The names inscribed on the War Memorial are read out.)**

**OLDER PERSON:** They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.

**YOUNGER PERSON:** At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
we will remember them.

**ALL AFFIRM:** **We will remember them.**

**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.**

**HYMN:**

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.

Beneath the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

## LISTENING FOR THE WORD FROM GOD

**THE READER:** Hear these words from the New Testament.

**EITHER ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING ARE READ:**

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.
John 14:27

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.
1 John 1:5

**OR THE READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW 5:1-12**

## PRAYING TOGETHER

**PRAYER IS LED:** Let us pray for all who suffer as a result 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.

**ALL AFFIRM:** **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.**

**ALL JOIN TOGETHER IN THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**LORD'S PRAYER:**

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.**

## RESPONDING IN HOPE AND COMMITMENT

**THE PRESIDING MINISTER**: As we move into symbols of remembrance and hope, I invite the Chair of Hedge End Town Council to lay the first wreath.

**CHAIR OF COUNCIL** I now invite ...

**REPRESENTATIVE AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC COME FORWARD TO LAY WREATHS, LIGHT CANDLES OR OFFER OTHER SYMBOLS OF REMEMBRANCE AND HOPE, SUCH AS SINGLE FLOWERS OR CROSSES.**

**THE KOHIMA EPITAPH:**

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

**A HYMN IS SUNG (OPTIONAL)**

## THE ACT OF COMMITMENT

**MINISTER**: Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

**ALL AFFIRM:** **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 IS SUNG**

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:**

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, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all and remain with you always.
**Amen.**

**THE REVEILLE**

**WITH THANKS TO HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL AND ST JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH FOR ORGANISING THIS OCCASION.**

# HYMNS

## HYMNS WHICH MAY BE SUNG

### HYMN 1

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 action
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.

**HYMN 2**

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving to of ourselves, that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

**HYMN 3**

Lord, for the years, your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts, and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, of our world, when we disown and doubt you,
Loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without you:
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord, of ourselves; In living power remake us -
self on the cross, and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us;
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

**HYMN 4**

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.

**HYMN 5**

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.

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