



**An Order of Service for Remembrance Sunday  
8 November 2020**

**REMEMBERING**

***The Mayor of Chichester gives 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.

***All affirm: We will remember them***

The Last Post will signal the beginning of the two-minute silence.

Reveille will signal the end of the two-minute silence.

***The Mayor of Chichester gives the Kohima Epitaph***

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

***The laying of wreaths at the War Memorial now takes place***

***The Mayor's Chaplain commences the Service of Remembrance***

God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble.

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.**

***The following hymn is sung:***

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| <p><b>1</b> O God, our help in ages past,<br/>our hope for years to come,<br/>our shelter from the stormy blast,<br/>and our eternal home;</p>      | <p><b>4</b> A thousand ages in thy sight<br/>are like an evening gone;<br/>short as the watch that ends the night<br/>before the rising sun.</p>   |
| <p><b>2</b> Beneath the shadow of thy throne<br/>thy saints have dwelt secure;<br/>sufficient is thine arm alone,<br/>and our defence is sure.</p>  | <p><b>5</b> Time, like an ever-rolling stream,<br/>bears all our years away;<br/>they fly forgotten, as a dream<br/>dies at the opening day.</p>   |
| <p><b>3</b> Before the hills in order stood,<br/>or earth received her frame,<br/>from everlasting thou art God,<br/>to endless years the same.</p> | <p><b>6</b> O God, our help in ages past,<br/>our hope for years to come,<br/>be thou our guard while troubles last,<br/>and our eternal home.</p> |

***THE READING by the Mayor of Chichester***

*St John's Gospel (John 15.10-13)*

Jesus said, '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.'

***PRAYING TOGETHER***

*The Mayor's Chaplain says:*

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;

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 forever.  
**Amen.**

***The Lord's Prayer is said***

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 sung***

God save our gracious Queen,  
long live our noble Queen,  
God save the Queen.  
Send her victorious  
happy and glorious  
long to reign over us  
God save the Queen

***The Blessing***

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen**

***Sussex by the Sea is sung***

Now is the time for marching, Now let your hearts be gay,  
Hark to the merry bugles Sounding along our way.  
So let your voices ring, my boys, And take the time from me,  
And I'll sing you a song as we march along,  
Of Sussex by the Sea!

*Chorus*

For we're the men from Sussex, Sussex by the Sea.  
We plough and sow and reap and mow,

And useful men are we;  
And when you go to Sussex, Whoever you may be,  
You may tell them all that we stand or fall  
For Sussex by the Sea!

*Refrain*

Oh Sussex, Sussex by the Sea!  
Good old Sussex by the Sea!  
You may tell them all we stand or fall,  
For Sussex by the Sea.

Up in the morning early, Start at the break of day;  
March till the evening shadows Tell us it's time to stay.  
We're always moving on, my boys, So take the time from me,  
And sing this song as we march along,  
Of Sussex by the Sea.

*Chorus & Refrain*

**Service of Remembrance ends**