



All Saints Vendée

Puy de Serre, La Chapelle Achard, La Chapelle-Palluau



Remembrance Sunday

The congregations of
All Saints Church
Vendée

All gather in silence

Hymn 537 'The Lord's my Shepherd'
The presiding minister reads one or more of the following sentences:

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

Psalm 46.1

I lift up my eyes to the hills – from whence will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 121.1-2

This I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:
the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning.

Lamentations 3.21-23

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40.31

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice,
and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6.8

The presiding minister continues:

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.

to pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain
continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.

and to remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives,
in world wars and conflicts past and present,
have been given and taken away.

Let us remember before God,
and commend to his safe keeping:
those who have died for their country in war;
those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure;
and all who have lived and died
in the service of the peoples of the world.

A list of those to be remembered by name is then to be read.

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.**

TWO MINUTES SILENCE



At The completion of the silence the following prayer is said:

Almighty and eternal God,
from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted,
either by death or life:
Hear our prayers and thanksgivings
for all whom we remember this day;
fulfil in them the purpose of your love;
and bring us all, with them,
to your eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Kohima Epitaph may be read

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

Hymn

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world;
its pride, its selfishness, its greed; its evil divisions and hatreds.
Let us confess our share in what is wrong,
and our failure to seek and establish that peace
which God wills for his children

A short time of silence for reflection

ALL: **Lord God, we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The presiding minister prays:

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse you from your sins,
and restore you in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

READING from the Old Testament

HYMN

READING from the New Testament

SERMON

THE APOSTLES' CREED

ALL **I believe in God the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

HYMN

**O valiant hearts who to your glory came
through dust of conflict and through battle flame;
tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,
your memory hallowed in the land you loved.**

**Proudly you gathered, rank on rank, to war
as who had heard God's message from afar;
all you had hoped for, all you had, you gave,
to save mankind - yourselves you scorned to save.**

**Still stands his Cross from that dread hour to this,
like some bright star above the dark abyss;
still, through the veil, the Victor's pitying eyes
look down to bless our lesser Calvaries.**

**These were his servants, in his steps they trod,
following through death the martyred Son of God:
Victor, he rose; victorious too shall rise
they who have drunk his cup of sacrifice.**

**O risen Lord, O Shepherd of our dead,
whose cross has bought them and whose staff has led,
in glorious hope their proud and sorrowing land
commits her children to thy gracious hand.**

John Stanhope Arkwright, 1919

THE PRAYERS

THE COLLECT

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the king of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

INTERCESSION

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 **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

ALL **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

ALL **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

ALL **God give peace**

for peace-makers and peace-keepers,
who seek to keep this world secure and free;

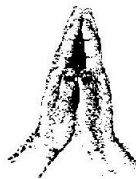
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for all who bear the burden and privilege
of leadership, political, military and
religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and
resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace.

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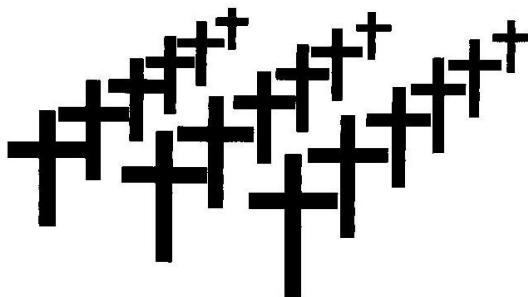


O God of truth and justice,
we hold before you those whose memory we cherish,
and those whose names we will never know.
Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world,
and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm.
As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future;
for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven,
as our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

ALL:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that 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.**



AN ACT OF COMMITMENT

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?
ALL **We will**

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?
ALL **We will**

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?
ALL **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**

HYMN *during which a collection will be taken*

THE BLESSING

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest,
to the Church, the Queen, 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