



Remembrance Sunday

11.00am, 12 November 2023

Cenotaph, Princess Gardens, Torquay



**Service of
Thanksgiving and Memorial**

led by

**The Worshipful The Mayor of Torbay and
The Mayor's Chaplain (The Reverend Paul Jones)**

**Music provided by Bay Brass Band
and City of Exeter Pipes and Drums**

**For those who were killed in action or died
of wounds or sickness during and between
the two great wars of 1914-18 and 1939-45
and in subsequent conflicts.**

Order of Service

At 11 o'clock a period of silence will be kept with the firing of the first Maroon.

THE LAST POST

SILENCE

The conclusion of the Silence will be marked by the second Maroon.

REVEILLE

THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

*Spoken by Deputy
Lieutenant of Devon
Mr Nick Powe DL*

Let us remember before God,
and commend to His sure
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 mankind.

THE EXHORTATION

*Spoken by The Worshipful
The Mayor of Torbay (Cllr.
Mark Spacagna)*

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.

*And all shall repeat: **We will
remember them.***

The Mayor's Chaplain says:

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.**

We are here to worship Almighty God, whose purposes are good: whose power sustains the world He has made; who loves us, though we have failed in His service; who gave Jesus Christ for the life of the world; who by His Holy Spirit leads us in His way.

As we give thanks for His great works, we remember those who have lived and died in His service and in the service of others; we pray for all who suffer through war and are in need; we ask for His help and blessing that we may do His will, and that the whole world may acknowledge Him as Lord and King.

HYMN

1. O GOD, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.
2. Beneath the shadow of Thy throne, Thy saints have dwelt secure; Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defence is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her frame, From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.
4. A thousand ages in Thy sight, Are like an evening gone; Short as the watch that ends the night, Before the rising sun.
5. O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Be Thou our guard while troubles last, And our eternal home.

LESSON

*Read by Captain Chris Baker,
Salvation Army*

Psalm 121 (A song of ascents)

I lift up my eyes to the
mountains - where does my
help come from?

My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and
earth.

He will not let your foot slip -
he who watches over you will
not slumber;

Indeed, he who watches over
Israel will neither slumber nor
sleep.

The Lord watches over you -
the Lord is your shade at your
right hand;

The sun will not harm you by
day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all
harm - he will watch over your
life;

The Lord will watch over your
coming and going both now
and forevermore.

ACT OF PENITENCE

The Mayor's Chaplain says:

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.

After a short silence, all say:

**Most merciful God, we
confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with
our whole heart. We have not
loved our neighbours as
ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we
have been, help us to amend
what we are, and direct what
we shall be that we may do
justly, love mercy, and walk
humbly with you, through
Jesus Christ our Lord.**

The Mayor's Chaplain says:

Almighty God have mercy upon
us, pardon and deliver us from
all our sins, confirm and
strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

INTERCESSION

The Mayor's Chaplain says:

Let us pray for those who carry the responsibility of government throughout the world:

O GOD, by whom the meek are guided in judgement; grant unto Charles our King, and to the rulers and governments of this and every nation, in all their doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have them to do. May we be mindful of our duty to uphold them by our constant prayers; that the spirit of wisdom may save them from all false choices; that in your light they may see light, and in your straight path may not stumble; Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all who still suffer as a result of man's inhumanity to man...

O GOD, you are the refuge of the broken, the friendless, and innocent victims of war; we commend to your Fatherly care all who have suffered in

the service of their country; the relatives of those who have fallen, and all to whom war brings sadness and sorrow; sustain them and relieve them in times of anxiety. Grant that they may find help and sympathy from all, enable us to share their burdens and hearten them in time of need, and so fulfil the law of Jesus Christ our Lord. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for a new sense of peace and justice...

O GOD, you have made of one blood all nations, mercifully receive our prayers that we offer for our anxious and troubled world. Send your light into our darkness, and guide the nations as one family into the ways of peace. Take away all prejudice, hatred and fear. Strengthen in us day by day the will to understand. And to those who by their counsels lead the people of the earth, grant a right judgement, so that through them and us your will be done. Lord, hear our

prayer: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Together: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

Amen.

HYMN

1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide; The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide. When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away; Change and decay in all around I see; O Thou who changest not, abide with me.
3. I need Thy presence every passing hour; What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power? Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

4. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless; Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness. Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

5. Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes; Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies. Heaven's morning breaks, and Earth's vain shadows flee;

In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

ACT OF COMMITMENT

The Mayor's Chaplain says:

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and mankind; 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.**

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**

LAYING OF WREATHS

THE KOHIMA EPITAPH

*Spoken by The Worshipful
The Mayor of Torbay (Cllr.
Mark Spacagna)*

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

BLESSING

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

Amen.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

*Played by Bay Brass Band
(no musical introduction)*

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.