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Remembrance
Sunday 2021

National Memorial Arboretum

Words of Welcome

**Philippa Rawlinson, Managing Director of the
National Memorial Arboretum & RBL Interim Remembrance Lead**

Welcome to the National Memorial Arboretum. I am delighted that you can be here with us, at the Nation's place to remember, to join us in remembering those who have courageously served their country and sacrificed for the freedoms that we enjoy today.

Bidding Prayer

The Venerable Dr Susan Weller, Archdeacon of Lichfield

We meet in this special place and 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 come to pray for all who in bereavement, disability
and pain continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.
We come to remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those
whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present,
have been given and taken away.

Confession & Absolution

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world;
its pride, its selfishness, its greed; the 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.

(We observe a short silence)

**(All) Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you,
and are not worthy to be called your children.
We turn to you asking that you have mercy on us,
And teach us to live rightly in love and peace with You
and with all mankind. Amen.**

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

(All) Amen

The Act of Remembrance

Reverend Vic Van Den Bergh

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.

(All) Amen

The Exhortation

**Tony Matthews, Chairman of the RBL
National Memorial Arboretum Branch**

They shall not grow 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.

The Last Post

Silence

Reveille

Kohima Epitaph

Kate Logan, Trustee of the National Memorial Arboretum

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

Remembering Together

**Philippa Rawlinson, Managing Director of the
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Abide with Me H F Lyte and W H Monk

Performed by musicians of Repton Prep School

MCMXIV ('1914') by Phillip Larkin
James Leavesley DL,
Her Majesty's Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Staffordshire

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

(All) Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm.

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)

Intercessions

Reverend Vic Van Den Bergh

We pray for all who have died or suffer as a result of conflict.
Those whose lives are disfigured by war or terror,
For service men and women, for civilians, for those held captive,
each one remembered by and known to God.
May God give peace:

(All) God give peace

We pray for peacemakers and peacekeepers;
those who seek to keep this world secure and free;
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:

(All) God give peace

Finally, we pray 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

Trusting in the compassion of God, let us pray with
confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

**(All) 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.**

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

(All) Eternal Father, strong to save
whose arm hath bound the restless wave
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep
O hear us when we cry to Thee
for those in peril on the sea

O Christ, the universal Lord
who suffered death by nail and sword
From all assaults of deadly foe
sustain thy soldiers where they go
And evermore hold in thy hand
all those in peril on the land

O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace,
who fills with strength the human race
Inspire mankind to know the right
guide all who dare the eagle's flight
And underneath thy wings of care
guard all in peril in the air

O Trinity of love and power
our brethren shield in danger's hour
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee,
praise from the air, the land, the sea.

William Whiting 1825-78 (altered)

Act of Commitment

The Venerable Dr Susan Weller

As we prepare to leave this place 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.

(All) Amen

The Blessing

Reverend Vic Van Den Bergh

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest,
to the Church, The Queen, 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 among you all and remain with you always.

(All) Amen

Go forth with hope and seek for peace in the service of God

(All) Amen

The National Anthem

**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.**

Wreath Laying

**Musical Interlude performed by the British Army Band Catterick
under the direction of SSgt (BM) Christopher Brown LRSM**

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