



Borough of Cowbridge

Form and Order of Service

ON

Remembrance Sunday

11TH NOVEMBER 1973

AT

The Church of The Holy Cross

11 A.M.

Mayor of Cowbridge: COUNCILLOR W. SELWYN DAVIES

Mayor's Chaplain: CANON S. H. MOGFORD, M.A., R.D.

Assisted by: THE REV. GRAHAM FRANCIS



GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

RECEPTION OF STANDARDS AT THE ALTAR

ALL CONTINUE STANDING :

The Minister shall say,

We are here to remember those who have lived and died in the Service of their fellow men, to pray for all who still suffer from the effects of war and are in pain or need, to ask for the help of God in preserving peace for our children to enjoy. We are to make a Solemn Act of Remembrance, thinking back to what wars have cost the world and a Re-dedication of ourselves to the cause of future peace.

HYMN

GUIDE me, O Thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,
Hold me with Thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing streams do flow;
Let the fiery cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through :
Strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside ;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee. Amen.

THE LESSON

John Chapter 15 verses 1-14

HYMN

ONCE to every man and nation
Comes the moment to decide,
In the strife of truth with falsehood,
For the good or evil side;
Some great cause, God's new Messiah
Offering each the bloom or blight—
And the choice goes by for ever
Twixt that darkness and that light.

Then to side with truth is noble,
When we share her wretched crust,
Ere her cause bring fame and profit,
And 'tis prosperous to be just;
Then it is the brave man chooses,
While the coward stands aside,
Till the multitude make virtue
Of the faith they had denied.

By the light of burning martyrs,
Christ, thy bleeding feet we track,
Toiling up new calvaries ever
With the Cross that turns not back.
New occasions teach new duties;
Time makes ancient good uncouth;
They must upward still and onward
Who would keep abreast of truth.

Though the cause of evil prosper,
Yet 'tis truth alone is strong;
Though her portion be the scaffold,
And upon the throne be wrong—
Yet that scaffold sways the future,
And, behind the dim unknown,
Standeth God within the shadow,
Keeping watch above his own.

ACT OF PENITENCE

The minister 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 thee with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

In thy 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 thee;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The minister stands and says:

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

INTERCESSION

The minister says:

Let us pray for the peace of the world:
for statesmen and rulers that they may have wisdom to know and courage
to do what is right . . .
for all who work to improve international relationships that they may find
the true way to reconcile people of different race, colour, and creed . . .
and for men and women the world over that they may have justice and
freedom and live in security and peace . . .

Here follows a short silence

Minister: Lord, in thy mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

Most gracious God and Father, in whose will is our peace: Turn our hearts and the hearts of all men to thyself, that by the power of thy Spirit the peace which is founded on righteousness may be established throughout the whole world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of war:
for the injured and the disabled,
for the mentally distressed,
and for those whose faith in God and in man has been weakened or
destroyed . . .

for the homeless and refugees,
for those who are hungry,
and for all who have lost their livelihood and security . . .

for those who mourn their dead,
those who have lost husband or wife, children or parents,
and especially for those who have no hope in Christ to sustain them in their
grief . . .

Here follows a short silence

Minister: Lord, in thy mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, infinite in wisdom, love, and power: Have compassion on those for whom we pray; and help us to use all suffering in the cause of thy kingdom; through him who gave himself for us on the cross, Jesus Christ thy Son, 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.

A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Beneath the shadow of Thy Throne,
Thy Saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine Arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home. Amen

(During the Hymn the Collection will be taken for the Earl Haig Poppy Fund.)

SERMON

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

All stand while the minister says:

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.

Here follows the SILENCE

Then the Minister says:

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

ACT OF COMMITMENT

The minister, or some other person appointed, says:

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and our fellow men:
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 thee and all mankind,
in the cause of peace,
for the relief of want and suffering,
and for the praise of thy name.
Guide us by thy Spirit;
Gives us wisdom;
Give us courage;
Give us hope;
And keep us faithful
now and always. Amen.

OUR FATHER, which 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.

HYMN

"O VALIANT HEARTS"

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.

Splendid you passed, the great surrender made
Into the light that nevermore shall fade;
Deep your contentment in that blest abode,
Who wait the last clear trumpet-call of God.

O risen Lord, O Shepherd of our Dead,
Whose Cross has brought them and whose Staff has led—
In glorious hope their proud and sorrowing Land
Commits her Children to Thy gracious hand.

Amen.

RESTORATION OF STANDARDS

WELSH NATIONAL ANTHEM

Mae hen wlad fy nhadau yn annwyl i mi,
Gwlad beirdd a chantorion, enwogion o fri;
Ei gwrol ryfelwyr, gwlad garwyr tra mād,
Dros ryddid gollasant eu gwaed.
Gwlad! gwlad! pleidiol wyf i'm gwlad,
Tra mor yn fur i'r bur hoff bau
O bydded i'r hen iaith barhau.

THE BLESSING

The Congregation are asked to leave in the following order:

1. The General Public.
2. The Mayor's Procession.