

## ALL STAND FOR: THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

**CHAPLAIN:** Remember, O Lord, all those who have died the death of honour, in service to others and are departed in the hope of resurrection to Eternal Life, especially the Officers, Men and Women of our Sea, Land and Air Forces, to whom it was given to lay down their lives for the cause of Freedom and Justice. Through your Everlasting & Unconditional Love, bring them from Darkness into Light and grant them a place of rest and refreshment in Thine Eternal Kingdom. Grant this, for the sake of Thine only Son, Jesus Christ, The Prince of Peace.

*ALL Amen.*

### “THE LAST POST”

**W Bro David Birch, Museum Curator, will give  
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 respond:** We will remember them.

**+ 2 MINUTES SILENCE +**

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

### “REVEILLE”

*ALL please be seated*

**CHAPLAIN: Reflection & Reading from the Volume of the Sacred Law**  
(Book of Revelation, Chapter 7, verses 9-17 “The Great Multitude”)

### HYMN - ALL STAND TO SING: “JERUSALEM”

And did those feet in ancient time	Bring me my bow of burning gold
Walk upon England's mountain green?	Bring me my arrows of desire
And was the holy Lamb of God	Bring me my spear! O clouds unfold
On England's pleasant pastures seen?	Bring me my chariot of fire!
And did the countenance divine	I will not cease from mental fight
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?	Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand
And was Jerusalem builded here	Till we have built Jerusalem
Among those dark satanic mills?	In England's green and pleasant land

*(Words: William Blake. Music: Sir Charles Hubert Hastings Parry)*

### CHAPLAIN: BLESSING

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of his Holy Spirit.....and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son & Holy Spirit be with us all – and all those we love – this day and always...*Amen*

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**ARMISTICE DAY 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018**

### A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE



**CANTERBURY MASONIC CENTRE  
ST PETER'S STREET, CANTERBURY**

**SERVICE LED BY W BRO TONY ELDRIDGE – LODGE CHAPLAIN**



### CHAPLAIN: WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

As we remember the 100th Anniversary of the end of the Great War, we are gathered here today, in the sight of Almighty God, to remember those who sacrificed their lives, or their health, in the service of their country.

To give thanks for those who dutifully and bravely fought for a better world, seeking justice and fighting evil. And we remember the families and generations who came after them who treasure their memories, and for all who have died and suffered as a result of numerous wars & conflicts since. And we give thanks and pray for the work of The Royal British Legion providing lifelong support for the Armed Forces community; serving men and women, veterans, and their families.

*ALL Amen*

## HYMN - ALL STAND TO SING: "I VOW TO THEE, MY COUNTRY"

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,  
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love:  
The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,  
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;  
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,  
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,  
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;  
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;  
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;  
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,  
And her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are Peace.

*(Words: Sir Cecil Spring-Rice. Music: Gustav Holst)*

*ALL please be seated*

### A TIME FOR CONFESSION, REFLECTION & RECONCILIATION

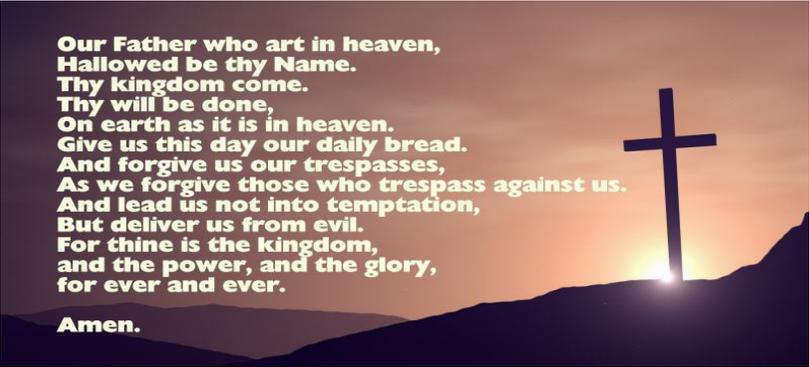
And so, we pause to reflect that greed and selfishness as people, as communities, and nations throughout the world have caused suffering to others; to all of God's children... In the beginning there was Humankind, placed within your garden, made Stewards of your Creation, given responsibilities and the capacity to love and enjoy. And yet among the seeds we have sown, have been weeds and crops of our own choosing, which have not shown good fruit, or have spread and choked the Earth...

**ALL say: Great Architect of the Universe – Forgive us.**

Lord God, all wise, all merciful, hear us as we pray for those who bear the responsibility of Leadership among the Nations of the World. Give them the wisdom to know your will, regard for your laws, and respect for human rights; that they may seek to lead all people in the paths of Truth, Freedom, Peace & Reconciliation. Help us to act with compassion and solidarity for those who are the victims of war, violence, poverty or persecution. God, the Father of all people, we pray that we may work together, to do Your will.

**ALL Amen.**

**And, we say together 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,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

## HYMN - ALL STAND TO SING: "ABIDE WITH ME"

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.

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.

I need Thy presence every passing hour.  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like Thysel, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

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.

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.

*(Words: Henry Francis Lyte. Music: William Henry Monk)*

### CHAPLAIN: INTERCESSIONS – *please be seated*

Let us pray...AND to the words – "Lord, in your mercy" ...the response is – "*hear our prayer*" ...

**Let us TRUST in the Most High** – that he may give HOPE to the Nations of the World .... All true authority is yours, eternal, Father-God. You hold the Universe within your hands – and us within your care. You touch the hearts of rich & poor alike. You speak to the powerful & to the powerless. The rulers and the ruled are all within Your family. Somewhere in the circle of our lives, each of us holds influence and power. May all in authority recognise that Yours is the FINAL power...

As we rest in your presence, in worship & humility, may pride be reduced, compassion increased – and the good of ALL become our common aim. We pray for renewed hope – the courage to make a difference – and for PEACE in our troubled world... Lord in your mercy – *hear our prayer*...

**Father-God** – you have called us to be ONE – to live in Peace & Harmony and yet, we are often divided – Race from Race – Generation from Generation – Neighbour from Neighbour... Lord, by your sacrifice and resurrection, all divisions should be ended – break down the barriers that separate us. O God, make the door of our Hearts wide enough to receive all who need love & fellowship – and narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and strife... Lord in your mercy – *hear our prayer*...

**TRUSTING in your infinite goodness Lord** – we pray that you will give new HOPE to our World – especially in areas where there is conflict, disease, epidemic & famine – where there is War & Natural Disaster – wherever there is hardship, injustice, oppression & cruelty – where hatred rules and where the persecuted, the imprisoned, the refugees – the homeless & the hungry seek help – in the Middle East, the Far East – in Africa – in South America AND in so many places in the World... Let us remember that until the power of love – overcomes the love of power, there will be no peace in our world... *Accept these Prayers for the sake of thy Son, The Prince of Peace...Amen*