

Let us give thanks for all who offer care and support to the people of the wartime generation, whether as individuals or through the work of statutory and voluntary bodies, and let us pray that they may have wisdom, vision and compassion in all they do.

Silence

Lord, hear us: Lord, graciously hear us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ACTS OF COMMITMENT

If organisations belonging to the Tribute and Promise group are represented at the service, members may say:

We, the voluntary organisations of Tribute and Promise, pledge ourselves anew to our work in support of the wartime generation.

We promise to do everything possible to help where there is need, and to ensure that they may enjoy the years that lie ahead in comfort, dignity and contentment.

This we promise as a lasting token of our appreciation and gratitude.

The service continues:

We are all children of the same heavenly Father, whatever our age, whatever our nation or race. Some of us lived through the years of war, others are of a younger generation: but we all have a responsibility under God to care for one another.

I invite you all, as members of the wider community, to make your own commitment to the people of the wartime generation.

Will you honour all who bore the pains and adversities of war?

All By the help of God, we will.

Will you offer them your help and support, and protect their dignity and welfare?

All By the help of God, we will.

Will you remember the causes for which they endured adversity and for which many fought and died, by promoting peace, justice and harmony among all people?

All By the help of God, we will.

Will you always acknowledge how precious are the gifts which God has entrusted to us, and exercise the freedoms and opportunities you have with gratitude and humility?

All By the help of God, we will.

May Almighty God, who has given us the will to undertake these things, give us also the strength to perform them: for his name's sake. **Amen.**

HYMN

Love divine or For all the saints

THE BLESSING

The ringing of church bells at noon on Sunday 20 August is encouraged.

TRIBUTE AND PROMISE

A Service of Remembrance and Commitment



to mark the
50th Anniversary
of the end of the
Second World War

Commended by the
Council of Churches for
Britain and Ireland
for use on 19-20 August 1995

Based on the service to be held at
Buckingham Palace on 19 August

This service is being distributed for use
by churches in local acts of remembrance.
It may be freely reproduced or adapted.

Tribute and Promise (telephone 0171-403 8783) is an alliance of charities to raise awareness of the needs of the wartime generation.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Other hymns or readings may be substituted, and the suggested words may be adapted to suit local needs.

An anthem, Rejoice today with one accord, has been composed for the occasion by David Willcocks, and is published by Oxford University Press.

The words in bold type are to be said by all.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

THE BIDDING

We come to worship God, and to give thanks for the end of the Second World War fifty years ago. At this time, we have on our hearts most particularly those who were involved in the conflict in Asia and the Pacific.

But our commemoration is wider than this: for it is right for us to remember the part played by all the people of our nations and Commonwealth who lived through that period of war: for they shared the conviction that oppression and tyranny must not prevail.

So, during this act of worship, we shall affirm our commitment to ensuring the welfare and dignity of members of the wartime generation; and we shall acknowledge with gratitude the courage of men, women and children who, despite the hardships and horrors of war, kept hope alive.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have created us in your image and have called us to live in peace and mutual love. Forgive our sins and our failure to live according to your will; and give us grace to serve you, and our brothers and sisters for your sake. We make our prayer through him who died to reconcile the world to you, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

O God, our help in ages past

THE READING

Romans 8: 31-39

ANTHEM or HYMN (optional)

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Let us remember before God all who have died as a result of war, oppression and tyranny.

THE KOHIMA EPITAPH

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

LAST POST and SILENCE

FOR THE FALLEN

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.
We will remember them.

LAMENT and/or REVEILLE

ADDRESS

HYMN

Teach me, my God and King

PRAYERS

Let us give thanks for the example of
courage and fortitude given to us by
men and women who have endured
war; and let us pray for all people who
suffer, especially those who, having
survived conflict, still bear its marks in
mind or body; and for all who have
been bereaved through war.

Silence

Lord, hear us: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Let us give thanks for the gift of peace;
and let us pray for all who live now
amid conflict, and for those who live in
fear of violence or oppression.

Silence

Lord, hear us: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Let us give thanks for the reconciliation
that has been established between
nations once opposed in war; and let
us pray for the people of all nations and
their leaders, that those divisions that
remain may be healed.

Silence

Lord, hear us: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

1. ALL people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
Come ye before him, and rejoice.
2. The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.
3. O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.
4. For why? the Lord our God is good;
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.
5. To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the angel-host
Be praise and glory evermore.

Land of hope and glory-

Mother of the free.

How shall we extol thee

Who are born of thee?

Wider still and wider

Shall thy bows be set,

God, who made thee mighty,

Make thee mightier yet.

God, who made thee mighty,

make thee mightier yet.

1. Mine eyes have seen the glory
of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage
where the grapes of wrath are stored.
He hath loosed the fatal lightening
of His terrible swift sword,
His Truth is marching on.

*Glory, glory hallelujah! glory, glory hallelujah!
Glory, glory hallelujah! His truth is marching on.*

2. He hath sounded forth the trumpet
that shall never call retreat,
He is sifting out the hearts of men
before His judgement seat,
O be swift, my soul, to answer Him,
be jubilant my feet,
Our God is marching on.

*Glory, glory hallelujah! glory, glory hallelujah!
Glory, glory hallelujah! Our God is marching on.*

3. In the beauty of the lilies
Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in his bosom
that transfigures you and me,
As He died to make men holy,
let us live to make men free,
While God is marching on.

*Glory, glory hallelujah! glory, glory hallelujah!
Glory, glory hallelujah! While God is marching on.*



VJ 50th Anniversary Celebrations. 8.1995. National celebrations having been held earlier in the year, it was decided that the August proceedings should honour especially those who served in the Far East. Rev. Joseph Shaw, Vicar of Bamber, officiated.





VJ 50th Anniversary Celebrations continued in the Village Hall, singing led by the Drama Group (Gladys Horsley, Jones leads of the Bonnie park on stage below). The evening activities were coordinated by Elizabeth Brustad.

