

Welcome and Introduction

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you**

Bidding

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in World Wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away.

We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain, continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.

We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation between the nations, that all people may live together in freedom, justice and peace.

Hymn

During the singing of the hymn, the colours will be presented at the High Altar.

Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.
*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son:
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won!*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let his church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost it's sting.
*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son:
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won!*

No more we doubt thee, glorious prince of life!
Life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors,
through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.
*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son:
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won!*

Words: Edmund Budry 1854-1932
Music: 'Maccabaeus' GF Handel 1685-1759

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 period of 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.
Amen.**

The Minister stands and 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.
All: Amen

We sit for the first lesson:

Ecclesiastes Chapter 3 verses 1 to 8

Read by the Mayor of Richmond

At the end, the reader will say:

This is the word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Hymn

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord
and where there's doubt, true faith in you
*O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.
*O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all men that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Words and melody: Sebastian Temple 1928-1997,
arr William Llewellyn b.1925

We sit for the second lesson:

Matthew Chapter 5 verses 1 to 12

**Read by the President of The Richmond Branch of
The Royal British Legion.**

At the end, the reader will say:

This is the word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Hymn

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:

Under the shadow of your throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is Thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting Thou art God,
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all it's sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

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

Words: Isaac Watts 1674-1748

Music: St. Anne probably William Croft 1678-1727

We sit or kneel for prayer.

**The prayer for the King
A Prayer for the Armed Forces
The Green Howards' Collect**

Prayers of Intercession

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.**

Hymn

And did those feet in ancient time
walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the holy Lamb of God
on England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the countenance divine
shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
among these dark satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight,
nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
'til we have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land.

Words: William Blake 1757-1827

Music: CHH Parry 1848-1918

The Act of Commitment

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

We say together:

Lord God our Father,

**We pledge ourselves to serve you and all your
peoples, 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 National Anthem

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.

The Blessing

The Colour Parties receive their Standards.

(Please leave this Order of Service in Church)

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