

# Armistice Day Service

IN

**ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MAGHULL,**

*On Sunday, November 7th, 1943,*

At 10-45 a.m.

Under the auspices of the British Legion, Maghull & District Branch.

Supported by Members of the British Army, American Army, Home Guard, Police, Civil Defence Services, Army Cadets, A.T.C., G.T.C., Scouts and Guides.

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## Order of Service.

### NATIONAL ANTHEM.

**G**OD 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.

O Lord our God, arise,  
Scatter our enemies,  
And make them fall ;  
Confound their politics,  
Frustrate their knavish tricks ;  
On Thee our hopes we fix ;  
God save us all.

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.

### AMERICAN NATIONAL ANTHEM.

**O** say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming ?  
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there ;  
O say does the star spangled banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

### PRESENTATION OF COLOURS.

### CONFESSION, ABSOLUTION AND LORD'S PRAYER.

### HYMN.

**O** God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home.

Beneath the shadow of Thy 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.

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

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

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.*

THE MEMORIAL OF THE DEAD IN THE LAST WAR.

Minister :

**R**EMEMBER, O Lord, all those, the brave and the true, who have died the death of honour and are departed in the hope of Resurrection to Eternal Life, especially the Officers and Men of our Sea, Land and Air Forces, to whom it was given to lay down their lives for the cause of Freedom and Justice. In that place of Light, when sorrow and mourning are far banished, give them rest, O Lord, the Lover of men. Grant this, for Thine only Son, Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Names will be read.

AN ACT OF MEMORIAL OF THE DEAD IN THIS WAR.

Minister :

**L**ET us remember all those who have suffered or died in this Great War, in humble hope that, through the redemption wrought by the Cross of Christ, their sacrifice will prove not to have been in vain, but will help towards the defeat of evil and the triumph of righteousness and the establishing of a righteous and enduring peace.

Names will be read.

*Silence will be kept for a space during which each should say :—*

**I**N remembrance of those who made the great sacrifice, O God, make us better men and women, and give peace in our time.

*Then shall be said aloud by all :—*

“ 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.”

**T**HE souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them ; in the sight of the unwise they seemed to die, but they are in peace. WISDOM iii. 1, 2.

**A**ND God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes ; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. REV. xxi., 4.

**H**E that overcometh shall inherit all things ; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. REV. xxi., 7.

HYMN.

**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 never more shall fade ;  
Deep your contentment in that blest abode,  
Who wait the last clear trumper-call of God.

Long years ago, as earth lay dark and still,  
Rose a loud cry upon a lonely hill,  
While in the frailty of our human clay,  
Christ, our Redeemer, passed the self-same way.

Still stands His Cross from that dread hour to this,  
Like some bright star above the dark abyss ;  
Still through the veil, the Victor's pitying eyes  
Look down to bless our lesser Calvaries.

#### LESSON.

Wisdom III., v. 1—9.

#### LET US PRAY.

**O** GOD of the spirits of all flesh, we praise and magnify Thy holy Name for all Thy servants who, having fought a good fight, have finished their course in Thy faith and fear ; and we beseech Thee that, encouraged by their examples and strengthened by their fellowship, we with them may be found meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the Saints in light ; through the merits of Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**O** LORD God of our fathers, Who led us through the countless sufferings of the last Great War, keep us, we beseech Thee, ever mindful of Thy mercy granted to us in this war, pour Thy blessing upon the peoples here represented ; so unite us and our Allies in the bond of brotherhood and in the service of mankind, that the offering of our life's work may be acceptable unto Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**O** GOD, in whose embrace all creatures live, we beseech Thee for them whose every need Thou knowest. Vouchsafe them light and rest, peace and refreshment, joy and consolation, in the ample folds of Thy great love, enable us to relieve their needs and help us to bear their burdens, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**O** LORD Jesus Christ, strong Son of God and Captain of our salvation ; Give thy grace to all those among us who served in the last Great War or are serving in this war. Make them valiant in the cause of righteousness and peace. Look in mercy upon any who are in difficulty or distress, and grant that by wise measures they may be relieved. Hear us, we humbly beseech Thee, and grant that in this our British Commonwealth Thy Kingdom may come and Thy will may be done, for Thy glory and for the welfare of our fellow men ; and this we ask for Thy great Name's sake. *Amen.*

**O** ALMIGHTY God, who rulest over all things in heaven and earth, we yield Thee praise and thanksgiving for our deliverance from those great dangers and grave evils wherewith we were compassed in the last War, and for the victories which have been won in this war. Give us grace and grant us the will to use this great mercy to Thy glory, the advancement of Thy Gospel, the honour of our Sovereign, and, as much as lieth in us, to the good of all mankind. And we beseech Thee, grant to all our Empire and our Allies such an abiding and deepening sense of this mercy that a true thankfulness may appear in our lives by an humble, righteous and obedient walking before Thee all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all glory and honour, world without end. *Amen.*

#### HYMN.

**A**LL people that on earth do dwell,      The Lord, ye know, is God indeed,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice ;      Without our aid, He did us make,  
Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell,      We are His flock, He doth us feed ;  
Come ye before Him, and rejoice.      And for His sheep He doth us take.



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.

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.

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.

*Amen.*

#### SERMON.

#### HYMN

(during which the Offertory will be taken for Church Expenses and Earl Haig's Fund. The retiring collection outside the church will be given to the local Branch of the British Legion).

**H**OLY Father, in Thy mercy  
Hear our anxious prayer,  
Keep our loved ones, now far absent,  
'Neath Thy care.

Jesus, Saviour, let Thy Presence  
Be their light and guide ;  
Keep, O keep them, in their  
weakness,  
At Thy side.

When in sorrow, when in danger,  
When in loneliness,  
In Thy love look down and comfort  
Their distress.

May the joy of Thy salvation  
Be their strength and stay ;  
May they love and may they praise  
Thee  
Day by day.

Holy Spirit, let Thy teaching  
Sanctify their life ;  
Send Thy grace that they may  
conquer  
In the strife.

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
God the One in Three,  
Bless them, guide them, save them,  
keep them,  
Near to Thee.

**O** LORD, support us all the day long of this troublous life, until the shades lengthen, and the evening come, and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work done. Then, Lord, in Thy mercy, grant us safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

#### BENEDICTION.

#### RETURN OF COLOURS.

The congregation is asked to retain their seats until the procession has left the Church. The procession will form up six deep before the Memorial School. Wreath bearers will enter the school grounds. Members of the congregation are permitted for this occasion to enter the grounds of the Homes.

Wreaths will be laid on the Memorial Tablet in Deyes' Lane.

#### THE LAST POST.

*Minister will say :*

The Legion of the Living salutes the " Legion of the Dead."

*The people will say :*

" We will not break faith with ye."

#### REVEILLE.

#### CLOSING PRAYER.

Let us remember those who fell in this War.  
**O** HEAVENLY Father, we bless Thy Holy Name for the memory of our brethren who fell in this Great War ; do Thou, we pray Thee, crown the gift of their matchless courage with the gift of eternal peace, and grant that we, encouraged by their example and strengthened by their fellowship, may with them be found meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the Saints in Light ; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

#### THE BLESSING.

NATIONAL ANTHEM (First verse only).