

# Order of Service

## Remembrance Day Desford 2023

I will ever give to Thee;  
I will ever give to Thee.

*John Hughes & William Williams- CCLI #2690874*

**Welcome and call to worship** - Sue Houghton

**Presentation of colours** - Scouts and Guides

**Opening prayers** - Rev'd Gareth Hutchinson

Father of all, remember your holy promise,  
and look with love on all your people, living  
and departed.

On this day we especially ask that you would  
hold forever all who have suffered during war,  
those who returned scarred by warfare, those  
who waited anxiously at home, and those  
who returned wounded, and disillusioned;  
those who mourned, and those communities  
that were diminished and suffered loss.  
Remember too those who acted with kindly  
compassion, those who bravely risked their  
own lives for their comrades, and those who  
in the aftermath of war, worked tirelessly for  
a more peaceful world.

And as you remember them, remember us, O  
Lord;  
grant us peace in our time and a longing for  
the day when people of every language, race,  
and nation will be brought into the unity of  
Christ's kingdom.  
This we ask in the name of the same Jesus  
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Hymn - Guide me, o Thou great Jehovah**

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

Open now the crystal fountain,  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,  
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield;  
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, songs of praises,

**Roll call** - read by students of Bosworth Academy

**Placing of the wreaths**

They shall not grow 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 shall remember them**

**The last post**

*(2 minutes silence)*

**The Reveille**

**The Kohima Epitaph –**

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

**Readings:**

**Elegy for Edward Thomas by Charles Dalmon**  
**(read by the Scouts)**

The clods of the Battlefield are red  
With immortality: the dead, in their  
magnificence, arise  
To shine before us through the skies.  
And miracles of heavenly mirth  
In all the trees and plants on earth  
Rebuke from every flower and leaf  
Man's vain impertinence of grief.

And feathered birds and fishes finned,  
And clouds and rain and calm and wind  
And sun and moon and stars, declare  
All life is one life, everywhere;  
That nothing dies to die for good  
In clay or dust, in stone or wood,  
But only rests a while, to keep,  
Life's ancient covenant with sleep.

**Bible Reading - Lamentations 3:21-26**  
**(read by the Guides)**

Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have  
hope: Because of the Lord's great love we are  
not consumed, for his compassions never fail.  
They are new every morning; great is your  
faithfulness. I say to myself, "The Lord is my  
portion; therefore I will wait for him." The  
Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to  
the one who seeks him; it is good to wait  
quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

**Message**

## Hymn – 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, oh, 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 Thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, O 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

*Gary Lanier, Henry Francis Lyte,  
William Henry Monk - CCLI #64834614*

## A Prayer for Peace

O God of the nations,  
as we look to that day when you will gather  
people  
from north and south, east and west,  
into the unity of your peaceable Kingdom,  
guide with your just and gentle wisdom all  
who take counsel  
for the nations of the world,  
that all your people may spend their days in  
security, freedom, and peace,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Commitment:

Let us all commit ourselves to responsible  
living and faithful service  
Will you strive for all that makes for peace?  
**We will**  
Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?  
**We will**  
Will you work for a just future for all  
humanity?  
**We will**

Merciful God,  
We offer to you the fears in us that have not  
yet been cast out by love; May we accept the  
hope You have placed in the hearts of all  
people, and live in justice, courage and mercy;  
through Jesus Christ our Risen Redeemer.  
**Amen**

## 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!

## Psalm 23 – read by The Deputy Lord Lieutenant

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
He leads me beside still waters.  
He restores my soul;  
He leads me in paths of righteousness  
for His name's sake.  
Even though I walk  
through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil; for You are with me;  
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup runs over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord  
forever.

## Blessing

God grant to the living grace,  
to the departed rest, to the Church,  
the King, and all people, unity,  
peace and concord,  
and to us and all God's servants,  
life everlasting; and the blessing of God  
almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy  
Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**