

# ORDER OF SERVICE

The Priest, Father Mark North, introduces the service

*The Mace and the Standards, followed by the Book of Remembrance are marched in during the following hymn:*

**Remain standing:**

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
Come ye who hear,  
Brothers and sisters draw near,  
Praise him in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:  
Hast thou not seen  
All that is needful hath been  
Granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work, and defend  
thee;  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
Ponder anew  
All the Almighty can do,  
He who with love doth befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord, who, when tempests their warfare are  
waging,  
Who, when the elements madly around thee are raging,  
Biddeth them cease,  
Turneth their fury to peace,  
Whirlwinds and waters assuaging.**

**Praise to the Lord, who when darkness of sin is abounding,  
Who, when the godless do triumph, all virtue confounding,  
Sheddeth his light,  
Chaseth the horrors of night,  
Saints with his mercy surrounding.**

*Cont.*

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen  
Sound from his people again:  
Gladly for ay we adore him.**

**Sit:**

LESSON: John 15: 9-17

*Read by the Mayor of Brentwood, Cllr Olivia Sanders*

**Remain seated:**

ACT OF PENITENCE

**The Priest introduces the Confession:**

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.

**All: 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**

**Absolution:**

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****Remain seated:**

## INTERCESSIONS

**Choir:** Dona nobis pacem in terra (*Grant us peace on earth*)  
Dona nobis pacem, Domine (*Grant us peace, Lord*)  
*Music from the Iona Community*

**The Priest:**

Let us pray for the peace of the world:  
for statesmen and rulers, that they may have wisdom to  
know and courage to do what is right...

for all who work to improve international relationships,  
that they may find the true way to reconcile people of  
different race, colour, and creed...

and for men and women the world over, that they may  
have justice and freedom, and live in security and peace...  
Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer**

**The Priest:**

Most gracious God and Father,  
in whose will is our peace:  
turn our hearts and the hearts of all to yourself,  
that by the power of your Spirit  
the peace which is founded on righteousness  
may be established throughout the whole world;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen**

**Choir:** Dona nobis pacem in terra (*Grant us peace on earth*)  
Dona nobis pacem, Domine (*Grant us peace, Lord*)

**The Priest:**

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of war:  
for the injured and the disabled,  
for the mentally distressed,  
and for those whose faith in God and man has been  
weakened or destroyed...

for the homeless and refugees,  
for those who are hungry,  
and for all who have lost their livelihood and security...

for those who mourn their dead,  
those who have lost husband or wife,  
children or parents,  
and especially for those who have no hope in Christ  
to sustain them in their grief...  
Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer**

**The Priest:**

Almighty God our heavenly Father  
infinite in wisdom, love and power:  
have compassion on those for whom we pray;  
and help us to use all suffering  
in the cause of your kingdom;  
through Him who gave himself for us on the cross  
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

**All: Amen**

**Choir:** Dona nobis pacem in terra (*Grant us peace on earth*)  
Dona nobis pacem, Domine (*Grant us peace, Lord*)

**Stand:**

**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.**

**Sit:**

ADDRESS by Rt. Revd. Alan Williams - Bishop of Brentwood

**Stand:** *(During the singing of the hymn, a collection will be taken)*

**Eternal Father, strong to save,  
Whose arm doth bind the restless wave,  
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep  
Its own appointed limits keep:  
    O hear us when we cry to thee  
    For those in peril on the sea.**

**O Saviour, whose almighty word  
The winds and waves submissive heard,  
Who walkedst on the foaming deep,  
And calm amid its rage didst sleep:  
    O hear us when we cry to thee  
    For those in peril on the sea.**

**O sacred Spirit, who didst brood  
Upon the chaos dark and rude,  
Who bad'st its angry tumult cease,  
And gavest light and life and peace:  
    O hear us when we cry to thee  
    For those in peril on the sea.**

**O Trinity of love and power,  
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
Protect them whereso'er they go;  
And ever let there rise to thee  
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.**

**Remaining standing:**

**ACT OF COMMITMENT**

**The Priest:**

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God  
and our fellow men and women:  
that we may help, encourage, and comfort others,  
and support those working for the relief of the needy  
and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

**All: Lord God our Father,  
we pledge ourselves  
to serve you and all mankind,  
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**

**All:** 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**

**Sit:**

**Anthem: So They Gave Their Bodies** *by Peter Aston*  
Sung by the Parish choir of St. Thomas of Canterbury  
Church

**Stand:**

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

**The Priest:**

Let us remember before God,  
and commend to his sure keeping  
those who have died for their country in war;  
those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure;  
and all who have lived and died  
in the service of mankind.



## Reading:

*"In Flanders' Fields" - Brentwood Sea Cadet  
In memory of the Chairman of the Royal Naval Association  
(Brentwood), Nick Klos*

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place: and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders' fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch: be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders' fields.

## **The Exhortation:** (by the Chairman of The Royal British Legion)

*"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: We will remember them.**

**The Last Post:** The Brentwood Imperial Youth Band

*Here follows **The Silence***

**Reveille:** The Brentwood Imperial Youth Band

**Kohima Memorial:** *by Brentwood CCF*

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

The Mace, the Standards and the Book of Remembrance are returned to the Bearers:

**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 others - 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 trumpet call of God.**

**O risen Lord, O Shepherd of our dead,  
Whose cross has brought them and whose staff has led,  
In glorious hope their proud and sorrowing land  
Commits her children to thy gracious hand.**

## **The Priest:**

We offer to almighty God our thanksgiving for the many blessings with which he has enriched our lives

For the Queen and her family and all who under her bear the responsibility of government

### **All: Thanks be to God**

For those who serve in the Armed Forces of the Crown on sea and land and in the air

### **All: Thanks be to God**

For doctors, nurses, chaplains, and all who minister to those in need or distress

### **All: Thanks be to God**

For the unity of our people within the Commonwealth

### **All: Thanks be to God**

For the sacrifices made especially in two world wars whereby our peace has been preserved

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## **Remain standing: National Anthem**

**God save our gracious Queen  
Long live our noble Queen  
God save the Queen.  
Send her victorious  
Happy and glorious  
Long to reign over us:  
God save the Queen.**

**Thy choicest gifts in store  
On her be pleased to pour,  
Long may she reign.  
May she defend our laws,  
And ever give us cause  
To sing with heart and voice,  
God save the Queen.**

## **Remain standing:**

### **THE BLESSING**

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest;  
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth,  
and all mankind, peace and concord:  
and to us and all his servants life everlasting;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and  
the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you, now and  
for evermore

**All: Amen**

**(Standards retire in quick time)**

## **ORGAN VOLUNTARY:**

*Nimrod (Enigma Variations) by Edward Elgar*

*The congregation is asked to remain standing until the  
Deputy Lord Lieutenant for Essex, the Mayor and Civic  
Party leave the Church.*