



A CIVIC SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Sunday 9th November 2025

10:50am

with

The Worshipful Mayor of the London Borough of Bromley

Councillor Jonathan Andrews

The Deputy Lieutenant of the London Borough of Bromley

Col. Robert Murfin TD DL

The Chief Executive of the London Borough of Bromley

Mr Ade Adetosoye CBE

Members of the Royal British Legion

Members of Her Majesty's Armed Forces

Members of Uniformed Organisations

The Bromley Temple Band of the Salvation Army

Bandmaster: Matthew Miles

The Choir of St. Peter & St. Paul Bromley

Service conducted by The Reverend James Harratt

Please be seated by 10:35am. Music from the Salvation Army Band plays before the service.

The congregation stands for the entrance of the Clergy and Civic Party

The Gathering

The minister reads the following sentences

God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble.

Psalm 46.1

This I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:
the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning.

Lamentations 3.21-23

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice,
and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6.8

The minister continues

We are here to worship Almighty God, whose purposes are good,
whose power sustains the world he has made; who loves us,
though we have failed in his service; who gave Jesus Christ for the
life of the world; who by his Holy Spirit leads us in his way.

As we give thanks for his great works, we remember those who
have lived and died in his service and in the service of others, we
pray for all who suffer through war and are in need; for those who
continue to suffer the consequences of conflict, we ask for his

help and blessing that we may do his will, and that the whole world may acknowledge him as Lord and King.

*We remain standing for the first hymn during which the standards are
presented*

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
 forgive our foolish ways;
re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
 in deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
 beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
 rise up and follow thee.

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
 till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
 the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
 thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
 O still small voice of calm.

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807–1892)

Act of Remembrance

We remain standing whilst the minister says.

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 humankind.

Robert Murfin DL says.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

A cadet says.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.

All affirm.

We will remember them.

The beginning of the two-minute silence is signalled by the playing of the last post.

The completion of the silence is marked by the Reveille.

The minister prays.

Almighty and eternal God,
from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted,
either by death or life:
hear our prayers and thanksgivings
for all whom we remember this day;
fulfil in them the purpose of your love;
and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

We sit for the **Prayers of 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.

After a short 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 Vicar declares God's forgiveness

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.
Amen.

We stand for a Hymn

For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords;
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom;
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase,

All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned;
pride of status, race or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator-God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind,
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.

Fred Kaan (1929-2009)

A reading from Scripture

*Isaiah 58:9b-12 is read by the worshipful mayor of the London
Borough of Bromley*

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
The Lord will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

The Reverend James Harratt, Vicar of Ss. Peter & Paul, Bromley.

Anthem

The choir sings the anthem 'Greater love hath no man' by John Ireland (1879-1962)

Prayers of Intercession

Led by the Reverend Laura Polaine, Assistant Curate of Ss. Peter & Paul, Bromley

The Lord's Prayer

Together we pray

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.

We stand for to our third hymn, during which the standards are returned.

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, let me bring your light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

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

Sebastian Temple (1928–1997)

from a prayer attributed to St Francis of Assisi (1182–1226)

An Act of Commitment

The Kohima Epitaph is said

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

Then the following is said

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.

Lord God our Father,
we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humankind,
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 is sung.

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 Vicar gives **The Blessing**

God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest,

to the Church, the King,
the Commonwealth and all people,
unity, peace and concord,
and to us and all God's servants,
life everlasting; and may the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among us and remain with us always.

Amen.

The Standards, civic party and clergy process out. Please remain in your seats until they have departed. All are welcome to join the wreath laying ceremony at the Memorial on Martins Hill.

THE LAYING OF THE WREATHS

The Vicar of Ss. Peter & Paul, Bromley introduces the Act of Remembrance

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The Laying of the Wreaths

The first wreath is laid by the Mayor of the London Borough of Bromley, followed by the units, representatives of other organisations and members of the public as directed.

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The Civic Party and Clergy depart.

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