

Anzac Weekend 25th April 2015
St. Paul's Anglican Church Milford



Lest we forget - 100 year anniversary

The anniversary of the World War 1 landing of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps on Gallipoli in 1915 serves as an opportunity to honour the past and to recommit ourselves to working for peace and justice in the present and future.

Hymn – 298 - For the beauty of the earth

Minister. Our help is in the name of the Lord

People: Who made heaven and earth

Greater love has no one than this

That people lay down their lives for their friends

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Let us pray:

Creator God our Father, we give you thanks for those who laid down their lives in war; we pray for courage and self-sacrifice like theirs, so that evil may always be resisted and peace maintained; we your people solemnly remember the wars we have endured; the killing, the grief and the courage. For the evil that was done we ask your pardon; for what was great and honourable we give you the glory. Lord God, we pray simply for peace on earth. If in war we brought peace closer, strengthen our hope; if we shared our food with others keep us generous; if we dream of a better world, hear our prayer; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom the power and the glory are yours now and for ever Amen.

Bible readings:

Jeremiah 31: 7-9

Revelation 21: 1-4

9.30am Service Hymn – 235 - Eternal Father strong to save

Gospel – John 10: 11-18

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Act of remembrance - Please stand

Minister: Gathered as one family on this day, we remember before God those who have died in defence of justice and freedom. Before him, who is the God not of the dead but of the living, let us call to remembrance those whose names are forever written deep in our hearts.

A few moments of silence for reflection.

The Ode -

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. **We will remember them**

Minister: The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God

People: And there shall no torment touch them

Minister: Grant them O Lord eternal rest

People: And let perpetual light shine upon them

Hymn - 542 - O God our help in ages past

Prayers -

Blessing Of The poppies put by the altar.

Lord God, as we remember those who gave their life and their youth, their hopes and their dreams for our future, we use this heart as symbol of our thankfulness, for what they gave us. Bless these poppies in the name of God; Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life. May their beauty remind us of the potential of life. May the fragile life of flowers remind us to treat all life with respect and care. May their variety remind us of the different views on life we represent .

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Offertory Hymn –

8.00am Service - Hymn 235 – Eternal Father strong to save

9.30am Service – Hymn 216 – Such love

Closing Hymn 207 - The Lord's my Shepherd

Weather permitting we will plant bulbs and poppies in the gardens.

Morning tea will include Anzac biscuits.

There are several New Zealand Anzac stories in our children's library.

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