



Remembrance Day Service

Everton Football Club War Memorial

Monday 11th November 2024



Lest We Forget

THE WELCOME

Minister:

We have gathered around these memorials for the last time at Goodison Park, to remember all those from this club, its community and its fans who were caught up in the courageous, but tragic, events of both of the last century's World Wars, and as Everton move onto to a new era elsewhere, we hope also that the World will see a new era of peace.

Minister:

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40.31

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

Minister:

We meet in the presence of God. We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation between the nations, that all people may, together, live in freedom, justice and peace.

We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.

NAMES OF THE FALLEN ARE READ OUT

Minister:

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 affirm:

We will remember them.

LAST POST & 2 MINUTES' SILENCE, REVEILLE, LAYING OF THE WREATHS

Minister:

Ever-living God, we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

Minister:

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8, 28, 31-32, 35-29

Short Address: Paul Kelly.

PRAYERS

Minister:

Let us pledge ourselves today to live as good neighbours, to honour the past, to care for all who are in need, and to live at peace among ourselves and with all people.

Lord God, Father of all, we pledge ourselves to serve you and this neighbourhood, to bring relief to all who are in need, and comfort to the sad, lonely, and distressed;

Keep us ever mindful of the struggles and achievements of former generations, and of this Football Club where many of us work or spend their free time. **Amen.**

Minister:

Strengthen our hearts, and hands, and minds, O Lord, to work together for peace; to see you in one another; and to seek your kingdom above all things; that your will may be seen to be done and your kingdom come, through Jesus Christ, the Lord of lords and King of kings. **Amen.**

Minister:

We gather our prayers in the words Jesus gave us to say when we pray:

All:

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 forever and ever. **Amen.***

Minister:

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 the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all and remain with you always.

Amen.

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