



Remembrance Service

Everton Football Club War Memorial

Thursday 9th November 2023



Lest We Forget

THE WELCOME

Minister:

We are gathered at the Park End memorial today to remember all those from this club and those clubs who bear Everton's name, who were caught up in the courageous, but tragic, events of the First and Second World Wars. We remember those who were killed in action, or by disease, the bereaved, the lost, the families which were shattered, the wounded, maimed and injured, and those who held in silence unspeakable memories of warfare.

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: As we remember those who fought and those who remained anxiously at home in this community, let us pray that God will heal all memories, speak a word of peace, and bring us his healing.

Minister: Lord, have mercy.

All: *Lord, have mercy.*

Minister: Christ, have mercy.

All: *Christ, have mercy.*

Minister: Lord, have mercy.

All: *Lord, have mercy.*

Minister: May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw us to himself and cleanse us from our sins, that we may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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: O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those whose memory we cherish, and those whose names we will never know. Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world, and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm. As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

Short Address: Given by Paul Kelly of the EFC Heritage Society

PRAYERS

Minister: O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those men and women who have died in active service: in the World Wars and in conflicts since. As we honour their courage and cherish their memory, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever.

All Reply: *Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.*

Minister: O Lord God of Hosts, stretch forth, we pray, your almighty arm to strengthen and protect our service men and women. Support them in times of conflict, and in their rest and training keep them safe from all evil; endue them with courage and loyalty; and grant that in all things they may serve without reproach; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Reply: *Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.*

Minister: 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.

All Reply: *Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.*

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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