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

Nor on this land alone,
But be God’s mercies known
From shore to shore:
Lord make the nations see
That men should brothers be,
And form one family
The wide world o’er.

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.
GATHERING

All gather in silence

The presiding minister reads one or more of the following sentences:

God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble.  
Psalm 46.1

I lift up my eyes to the hills – from whence will my help come?  
My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.  
Psalm 121.1-2

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

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

The presiding minister continues:

We meet in the presence of God.

We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith.

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 brief life's 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.

5
Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us O'er the world's tempestuous sea; Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us, For we have no help but thee; Yet possessing every blessing If our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us, All our weakness thou dost know; Thou didst tread this earth before us, Thou didst feel its keenest woe; Self denying, death defying, Thou to Calvary didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending, Fill our hearts with heavenly joy; Love with every passion blending, Pleasure that can never cloy; Thus provided, pardoned, guided, Nothing can our peace destroy.
Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided, urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way, sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided: Lord for the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us, speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze, teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us: Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation, spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care: for young and old, for commonwealth and nation, Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world where men disown and doubt you, loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain, hungry and helpless, lost indeed without you: Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us- self on the cross, and Christ upon the throne, past put behind us, for the future take us: Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

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.

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.

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away.

REMEMBERING

An older person says:

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

A younger person may reply:

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’

Silence

The completion of the silence is signalled by the playing of the ‘Reveille’
The following prayer is said:

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.

A hymn is sung

LISTENING FOR THE WORD FROM GOD

The reader says:

Hear these words from the New Testament

Either one or more of the following are read:

Peace I leave with you: my peace I give to
you. I do not give to you as the world
gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled,
and do not let them be afraid.

\[\text{John 14:27}\]

This is the message we have heard from
him and proclaim to you, that God is light
and in him there is no darkness at all.

\[\text{1 John 1:5}\]

or a reading from the Gospel of Matthew 5:1-12

A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

2
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.

\[O \text{ Master, grant that I may never seek}
\text{so much to be consoled as to console}
\text{to be understood, as to understand,}
\text{to be loved , as to love with all my soul.}\]

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there’s despair in life, let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there’s sadness, ever joy.

\[O \text{ Master grant ...........}\]

Make me a channel of your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
In giving to all men that we receive
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.
**The National Anthem is sung** (No. 6 last page)

*The following blessing is used:*

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

With thanks especially to Hedge End Town Council, Hedge End  
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for helping to organise this occasion

**Hymns which may be sung**

1  
O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home;

Beneath the shadow of thy throne  
thy saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone,  
and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,  
or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting thou art God,  
to endless years the same.

**PRAYING TOGETHER**

*Prayer is led:*

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of  
conflict, and ask that God may give us peace:  
for the service men and women who have  
died in the violence of war, each one  
remembered by and known to God;

May God give peace  
**God give peace**

for those who love them in death as in life,  
offering the distress of our grief and the  
sadness of our loss;

May God give peace  
**God give peace**

for all members of the armed forces who  
are in danger this day, remembering  
family, friends and all who pray for their  
safe return;

May God give peace  
**God give peace**

for civilian women, children and men  
whose lives are disfigured by war or terror,  
calling to mind in penitence the anger and  
hatreds of humanity;

May God give peace  
**God give peace**

for peace-makers and peace-keepers, who  
seek to keep this world secure and free;

May God give peace  
**God give peace**
for all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, political, military and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace.

May God give peace

God give peace

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 for ever.

Amen.

All join together in 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

RESPONDING IN HOPE AND COMMITMENT

Representative and other members of the public come forward to lay wreaths, light candles or offer other symbols of remembrance and hope, such as single flowers or crosses.

The Kohima Epitaph is said:

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

A hymn may be sung

The act of commitment is made:

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace? We will

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war? We will

Will you work for a just future for all humanity? We will

Merciful God, we offer to you the fears in us that have not yet been cast out by love: May we accept the hope you have placed in the hearts of all people, And live lives of justice, courage and mercy; through Jesus Christ our risen Redeemer. Amen

Amen