# Veterans Day

## Service of Remembrance

November 11, 2026

11:00 AM




**Grace Church, Georgetown**

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## Gathering

## Remembering

*The Exhortation is recited:*

Reader 1: They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

Reader 2: At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

***All:*** **We will remember them.**

*Taps is played. Afterwards, a two-minute silence is observed.*

Officiant: 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

***All:*** **When you go home, tell them of us and say,**
**For your tomorrow, we gave our today.**

## An Act of Penitence

Officiant: Let us confess our sins to God.
*After a short silence, all say*

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**
**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 neighbors 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, our God. Amen.**

*The officiant continues*

Officiant: O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

## Hymn "O God our help in ages past…"

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

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

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

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

## The Prayers

Officiant: Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God may give us peace:

Reader 1: For the service people who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God;
May God give peace.
***All:*** **God give peace.**

Reader 2: 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.
***All:*** **God give peace.**

Reader 1: 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.
***All:*** **God give peace.**

Reader 2: 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.
***All:*** **God give peace.**

Reader 1: For peacemakers and peacekeepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free;
May God give peace.
***All:*** **God give peace.**

Reader 2: 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.
***All:*** **God give peace.**

Officiant: 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 honor the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

***People:*** **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us 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.**

## Our Pledge to God

Officiant: Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and our fellow human beings: 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.

***All:*** **Lord God, 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.**