

ANZAC Day

Prepare a Sacred Space:

A comfortable space with seating, A bare Cross, A New Zealand Flag (and an Australian Flag), Candle, ANZAC poppies/rosemary placed on a sheepskin rug.

Prepare readers to take part.

On the 25th April, we commemorate the anniversary of the ANZAC landings on the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey. What followed in 1915 was a bitter eight-month campaign.

In the Gospel for the fourth Sunday of Easter, Year B, we hear of the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for his sheep. In like mind we are aware of those young service personal who laid down their life in the ultimate sacrifice for a cause decided by others and fought for on foreign soil.

Below is a non-Eucharistic liturgy for the commemoration of ANZAC Day. It can be used on or near to ANZAC Day, perhaps on the Monday of ANZAC weekend. We encourage using this as an opportunity to gather ecumenically with other local Christians.

WELCOME

Tēnā koutou katoa. Haere mai, Haere mai, Haere mai. I warmly welcome you here today. Thank you for putting this time aside to remember and to stand in gratitude for the sacrifice of so many. We come today to remember the day when Australians and New Zealanders honour those who served their countries by fighting at Gallipoli and in subsequent wars. Today we gather in solemn remembrance. We do not glorify war, but we remember with gratitude all those men and women who fought to protect our peace. War always brings suffering, death, and lasting grief, so we pray for all those affected by wars then and now. This is also an occasion when we pray for peace: peace in our world and peace in our country, among the many diverse groups and religious traditions.

Opening Prayer:

God of peace, God of comfort, we stand at the foot of the cross, on which Jesus laid down his life for his friends – the cross, a sign that foretells the promise of resurrection.

We prayerfully honour all those who have laid down their lives for the protection and wellbeing of others.

We remember especially those men and women from our own community, and those whose relatives are known to us here.

May the sacrifice of their lives stir us to work for peace in our own land and throughout the world.

May all who grieve the loss of loved ones through war and oppression, find comfort in the hope of the new life won for us by Jesus your Son,

All: Amen.

Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death for ever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.



It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Response:

The Lord is my Shepherd © Brian Boniwell, 1999, OCP

The Lord is my Shepherd, and I want to follow,

wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.

Over the mountains, the waters, and by-ways,
valleys and highways he's waiting for me.

I want to go to meet him there,

to lay myself down in his love.

The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow,

wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.

And while on the journey to where we are going,
he promised to be there to help us along.

And over the mountains we'll walk on together,
to know all the wonders he's given to me

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or ***Shepherd me, O God © Marty Haugen, 1986, GIA Publications***

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,

beyond my fears, from death into life.

God is my shepherd, so nothing I shall want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your Name.

Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.

You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold.

Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore.

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Gospel: John 10:11-18

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ

SILENT PRAYER

Hymn for ANZAC Day – New Zealand Hymn Book Trust

Prayers

Leader: Let us pray for peace,
in our homes
in our neighbourhood
in our country
and in our world:

1: Let us pray for our war dead;
in thanksgiving for their sacrifice.
May the God of mercy
welcome them into lasting peace:- (*pause*) -
Lord, hear us:

Lord, hear our prayer.
or (E te Ariki, whakarongo mai ki a matou.)

2: For our country, Aotearoa New Zealand,
in thanksgiving for its influence on us.
In times of sorrow and strife,
may we find strength and consolation
in the love and support
of unselfish and brave people:- (*pause*) -
Lord, hear us:

Lord, hear our prayer.
or (E te Ariki, whakarongo mai ki a matou.)

3: For those who have died
since returning from war service.
Their influence shapes us still.
May we, who hold their memory
close to our hearts,
be comforted in the sure knowledge
they are rewarded by a loving
and merciful God:- (*pause*) -
Lord, hear us:



Lord, hear our prayer.

or (E te Ariki, whakarongo mai ki a matou.)

4: For ourselves;

.....: - (*pause*) -

Lord, hear us:

Lord, hear our prayer.

or (E te Ariki, whakarongo mai ki a matou.)

5: For our community;

.....: - (*pause*) -

Lord, hear us:

Lord, hear our prayer.

or (E te Ariki, whakarongo mai ki a matou.)

6: For our sick: including N. & N..

May they have the comfort of Christ's presence

to relieve their distress, remove their fears,

give them peace, and restore their health: - (*pause*) -

Lord, hear us:

Lord, hear our prayer.

or (E te Ariki, whakarongo mai ki a matou.)

7: For our beloved dead: including N. & N..

May they be welcomed into the community of saints,

and share in the joy of heaven:- (*pause*) -

Lord, hear us:

Lord, hear our prayer.

or (E te Ariki, whakarongo mai ki a matou.)

Presider:

Let us pray, for our personal needs: - (*pause*) -

Lord, hear us:

Lord, hear our prayer.

or (E te Ariki, whakarongo mai ki a matou.)

WE WILL REMEMBER - Christopher Willcox

Or

Sons of Gallipoli by Chris Skinner <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N19p71z5iVI>

Presider:

O God, our refuge, and our strength
and source of all goodness . . . ,
E te Atua, e tō mātou whakarurunga, e tō mātou kaha,
te puna on ngā mea pai katoa . . . ,
We pray for peace on Earth
in the name of Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and always.....:

We are sent,
In the name of the God,
 who restored the beauty of God's image
 when death had scarred the world;
In the name of Jesus,
 who embraced us as God's own
 and fills us with longing for lasting peace;
In the name of the holy Spirit,
 who raised Jesus from the dead
 and extends the reigning of God's life;

To observe ANZAC Day;
is to celebrate that the sacrifices of past
have not be in vain;
but are a sign of a new birth -
a resurrection!

To honour this gift,
we pledge to work for peace
in our families,
in our neighbourhood,
in our country
and in our world.

We ask the grace to do this,
through Him, who is our brother;
the Man of peace,
until we gather again.

Assembly:

Amen.



New Zealand National Anthem

E Ihowā Atua,
O ngā iwi mātou rā
Āta whakarangona;
Me aroha noa
Kia hua ko te pai;
Kia tau tō atawhai;
Manaakitia mai
Aotearoa

God of Nations at Thy feet,
In the bonds of love we meet,
Hear our voices, we entreat,
God defend our free land.
Guard Pacific's triple star
From the shafts of strife and war,
Make her praises heard afar,
God defend New Zealand.

We of every creed and race,
Gather here before Thy face,
Asking Thee to bless this place,
God defend our free land.
From dissension, envy, hate,
And corruption guard our state,
Make our country good and great,
God defend New Zealand.

Peace, not war, shall be our boast,
But, should foes assail our coast,
Make us then a mighty host,
God defend our free land.
Lord of battles in Thy might,
Put our enemies to flight,
Let our cause be just and right,
God defend New Zealand.

Let our love for Thee increase,
May Thy blessings never cease,
Give us plenty, give us peace,
God defend our free land.
From dishonour and from shame,
Guard our country's spotless name,
Crown her with immortal fame,
God defend New Zealand.

May our mountains ever be
Freedom's ramparts on the sea,
Make us faithful unto Thee,
God defend our free land.
Guide her in the nations' van,
Preaching love and truth to man,
Working out Thy glorious plan,
God defend New Zealand.

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