

2020

ANZAC DAY

LEST WE FORGET

WE GATHER

Let us remember that we are in the holy presence of God.

Today, we recall those who, in the tragedy of war gave their lives for Australia and New Zealand and those who died for the freedom of all people. We remember those who found rest on the ridges of Gallipoli; those who rest in the cemeteries of the great wars; those who rest in the haze of desert and jungle; those who rest in the depths of the seas. We remember those who have fallen in the defence of peace, on land, in the air and on the sea. We remember each man, woman and child who has died so that the light of freedom, justice and humanity may continue to shine. Today, as we remember, we ask God that our praise may be worthy of their sacrifice.

Opening Prayer

All: God of love and liberty, on this Anzac Day weekend, we bring our thanks for the peace and security we enjoy, which was won for us through the courage and devotion of those who gave their lives in time of war. We pray that their labour and sacrifice may not be in vain, but that their spirit may live on in us and in generations to come; that the liberty, truth and justice that they sought to preserve may be seen and known in all the nations upon earth. This we pray in the name of the one who gave his life for the sake of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE LISTEN

Speak Lord, your servant is listening

Reading I:

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes (3: 1-8, 11).

There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens. A time to give birth, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant. A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to tear down, and a time to build. A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance. A time to scatter stones, and

a time to gather them; a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces. A time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away. A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to be silent, and a time to speak. A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace. God has made everything suitable to its time.

Reading II:

A moving tribute to the Anzacs killed at Gallipoli, often attributed to the Turkish leader, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, in 1934:

Those heroes that shed their blood and lost their lives ... You are now lying in the soil of a friendly country. Therefore rest in peace. There is no difference between the Johnnies and the Mehments to us where they lie side by side here in this country of ours ... You, the mothers who sent their sons from faraway countries, wipe away your tears; your sons are now lying in our bosom and are in peace. After having lost their lives on this land they have become our sons as well.

WE REFLECT

Sons of Gallipoli

Chris Skinner, SM

We sang — God of Nations at thy feet —
As we stood on that sacred shore
With a heartfelt pride
Somewhere deep inside
For the sons of Gallipoli

We sang — E Ihowa Atua—
From the place they call Anzac Cove
We gazed out to sea
Where our home would be
For the sons of Gallipoli

How still you lie
And how still you die
on other hillsides.

We sang — hear our voices we entreat—
As the wind blew from off the sea
With a tearful sigh
and the question why
For the sons of Gallipoli

We sang — God defend our free land—
And for all whose lives are torn
With one voice implore
No more talk of war
For the sons of Gallipoli

How still you lie
And how still you die on other hillsides.

Pause for Last Post & Reveille

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As we stood on that sacred shore
With a heartfelt pride
Somewhere deep inside
For the sons of Gallipoli

Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jYAzeL6gAZA>



WE RESPOND

The Ode

The Ode recited at Anzac Day and Remembrance Day commemorations is the fourth stanza of Laurence Binyon's For the Fallen, first published in the London Times in 1914.

All: 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.

Leader: Lest we forget.

All: Lest we forget.

WE GO FORTH

Concluding Prayer

All: Lord of all the ages,
thank you that in times past,
men and women stood for righteousness
in the presence of evil and aggression.
We thank you for those who gave their lives in the service of freedom,
for all who in battle suffered,
for all who were taken prisoner,
for all wounded in body, mind and spirit.
We thank you for so many who gave so much in staying behind,
all those who worked in factories, offices and on the land.

God of eternity,
deliver us from the bonds of hatred against the enemy,
gives us the strength to discard the power of revenge.
Help us make this world a better place,
by the example of those who in time past
defended and won freedom.
To God the Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
we give praise, honour and glory
now and always.
Amen.

Saint John Baptist de La Salle. Pray for us.

Saint Mary of the Cross Pray for us.

Live Jesus in our hearts Forever.