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Christ Church, Esher with St George's Church, West End

Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial



'No one has greater love than this,
to lay down one's life for one's friends.'

John 15.13

All gather in silence.

Let us remember before God
and commend to his safe keeping
those who have died for their country in war;
those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure;
and all who have lived and died
in the service of the peoples of this world.

Then will be said:

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.

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

The Last Post is sounded.

Two minutes silence follows.

The minister says:

Grant them, O Lord, eternal rest,
and let light perpetual shine upon them.

The Reveille is sounded.

The minister says:

Almighty and eternal God,
from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted,
either by death or by life:
hear our prayers and thanksgivings
for all whom we remember this day;
fulfil in them the purpose of your love;
and bring us, with them, to your eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Representatives of various organisations and other members of the public come forward to lay wreaths round the War Memorial.

The clergy and choir then lead the procession into the church, where the congregation take their seats in silence.

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