



'Worship at Home' ANZAC DAY



Opening:

On this day we remember those Australian men and women who died or suffered in the great tragedy of war.

On the morning of April 25th 1915, Australian and New Zealand troops landed under fire at Gallipoli, and it was then, and in the violent campaign which followed, that the ANZAC tradition was forged. Each year we pay homage not only to those original ANZACs, but to all who have died or been disabled in their service to this country. They enrich our nation's history. Their hope was for freedom and we remember their courage, their compassion and their comradeship.

On this day we not only honour the memory of those Australians who have fallen in battle, we share the sorrow of those who have mourned them and of all who have been involved in and affected by armed conflict.

We remember with sympathy those Australians who have suffered as prisoners of war, and those who, because of war, have had their lives shortened or handicapped.

We also remember those who are currently serving in the Armed Services, either at home or overseas. In thinking of them, we pray for peace and justice to prevail in the world.



3rd Light Horse Chap Merrington 1915 Gallipoli 1

PSALM 23

A Psalm of David.

THE LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

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



Together in Song 47
Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

On Anzac Day we do not celebrate or glorify war. Rather, we are reminded that war and conflict are to be avoided. However, in remembering we can hope that those times are not repeated; in remembering we can stand in solidarity with those who suffer in situations of violence and injustice; in remembering we can pray for God's peace and reconciliation for the whole world. We recall that the Lord is our shepherd, and is with us, guiding us in difficult times of turmoil and war as well as in times of abundance and tranquillity. In remembering we join with our brothers and sisters around the world to stand up for what we know to be right, for justice and fairness for all, for peace and love to reign.

Prayer

God of Eternity, before you, generations fall and rise:
may you have mercy upon our foolishness and carelessness.
We pray for all who resisted and resist evil
and defended freedom.

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

Help us to hold dear the freedom that was won,
may we use it wisely so that many may live together
in harmony, with confidence and hope.

***At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.***

In Jesus' name, Amen

*Prepared by Chaplain (SQNLDR) Robyn A Kidd
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Blessing:

From the rising of the sun
until its setting

God of peace

God of justice

God of infinite mercy

Remember your people

From the bleakness of war
to the lavish warmth of peace

God of Peace

God of justice

God of infinite mercy

Remember your people

From the peace of eternity
to the pain of the present moment

God of peace

God of justice

God of infinite mercy

Remember your people

And may God hold our world
and all its people in the
palm of God's hand.

In the name of the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit,

Amen.

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Closing

As we remember those who have
fought, and those who have fallen,
we ask God's peace and love to be
with each of us, and to prevail
in the world, today and always.

Amen.