

DAWN SERVICE

Catafalque Party Mounts

WELCOME

We are assembled here to commemorate that immortal day when the young men of Australia by their deeds and sacrifice demonstrated to the world at Gallipoli that Australia was truly a nation.

The sons and daughters of those ANZACs came forward without question, and discharged fully their responsibilities, during World War 2. Korea, Malaya, Borneo, Vietnam, The Gulf War, East Timor and Iraq. Their sons and daughters continue to come forward to serve the nation in the conflicts that threaten the peace of our world.

On this day we remember the sacrifice of such men and women for an ideal, for a way of life. Let us take strength in the knowledge and hope that our sons and daughters will never forget the examples set by their forefathers. In our every day life let us endeavour to carry on those traditions established by past wars and conflicts at such tragic cost.

We think of every man, woman and child who, in those crucial years, died so that the lights of freedom and humanity might continue to shine. We nurture too the obligation for showing gratitude for the peace we enjoy and the responsibility of ensuring that the freedom and liberty so costly won is not lost to our children by our indifference.

So let us mourn with pride, but let us also remember with equal pride those who served and still live.

HYMN: The Recessional

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We thank you, O Heavenly Father, for the efforts made by the Nations of the World in seeking peace and happier relations with each other. We praise the spirit in men and women which made them scorn the way of safety and venture all for the common cause of freedom and right; for all great and noble acts known and unknown, which we trust by the mercy of God to bring about the conquest of the forces of evil which threaten the peace and security of the world.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our father in Heaven
Hallowed be you name,
Your kingdom come
Your will be done
On earth as in heaven
Give us today our daily bread
Forgive us our sins
As we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil
For the kingdom, the power
And the glory are yours
Now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE QUEEN OF AUSTRALIA

Almighty God, who rules over the kingdoms of the Earth, bless your servant, Queen Elizabeth, and be pleased to bestow on her the blessing of divine wisdom and grace, that under her this nation may be wisely directed to take its rightful place in the wider life of the world. Amen

PRAYER FOR THE NATION

Be gracious unto us, O Lord, and bless us. Stretch forth the right hand of Thy protection to guard our country, that we, being devoted to our nation's service, may ever be defended by Thy power; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

CITATION

Before Him, who is God of the living, the author and lover of all souls, let us call to remembrance those who forsook all to save. The soldiers, sailors and airmen who went forth and who returned no more. The ministers of help and healing, the captains, doctors and nurses who saved others but not themselves. Those men and women whose names are written deep in our hearts and who are now greater than conquerors before the throne of God.

Laying of Wreaths

COMMEMORATION OF THE FALLEN

They gave their lives. For that boundless gift they received a praise that never ages and a 'tomb most glorious.....not so much a tomb in which they lie, but a tomb in which their fame endures, to be remembered forever when occasion comes for word or deed.

Last Post

Silence

Reveille

THE ODE OF REMEMBRANCE

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 _____
Lest we forget. _____

God Save the Queen

Abide with me

Advance Australia Fair

PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

O Lord, through the mouth of your prophet you declared that all souls are Yours. We thank you for the brave and faithful dead, who willingly laid down their lives on the battlefield in war, or succumbed to the perils of the deep, or of the air.

We bless You for the dauntless courage of these defenders of our nation who have fallen in the cause of truth and rightness. In Your hands, O Father, we leave their departed spirits. Grant us to follow their example in faithfulness and endurance, that we may by your grace and mercy be found worthy of the crown of everlasting life.

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always.

Catafalque Party retires