

# Order of Service for the War Memorial 2020

*The Minister says:*

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

**Poem:** *Charlotte Mew, 'May, 1915'*

Let us remember Spring will come again  
    To the scorched, blackened woods, where the  
    Wounded trees  
    Wait with their old wise patience for the heavenly rain,  
Sure of the sky: sure of the sea to send its healing breeze,  
    Sure of the sun. And even as to these  
    Surely the Spring, when God shall please,  
Will come again like a divine surprise  
To those who sit to-day with their great Dead, hands in their  
    hands, eyes in their eyes,  
At one with Love, at one with Grief: blind to the scattered  
    Things and changing skies.

*A member of the Worcester Park Branch of the Royal British Legion says:*

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*     **We will remember them.**

*The beginning of the two-minute silence is signaled by 'The Last Post'.  
The completion of the silence is signaled by 'The Reveille'. The wreaths are laid.*

'When you go home, tell them of us and say,  
for your tomorrow, we gave our today.' (*Kohima Epitaph*)

*The Minister says:*

Ever Living God,  
we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war  
into the peace of your presence;  
may that same peace calm our fears,  
bring justice to all peoples  
and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**