

Southside Uniting Church

ANZAC Day

2020



ANZAC Day commemorates all Australians and New Zealanders "who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations" and "the contribution and suffering of all those who have served".

As one congregation in multiple places, we are each asked to be part of ANZAC day commemorations by being part of Light up the Dawn. Along with other Australians, we are invited to stand in our driveway, on our balcony or in our living room to remember all those who have served and sacrificed. For further information, and to pledge your place go to <https://rslqld.org/News/Latest-News/Light-up-the-dawn>

As you stand by yourself, with your family or your neighbours you might want to share in the following short ceremony.

Gathering

Have one person say the following words

In memory of those who offered their lives
for generations they'd never know.
May we offer our praise
to the One who is made known.

Pray together out loud, or have one person lead the following prayer:

We seek your presence, Almighty God, as we come together in this time of remembrance.
Help us not to hide our sorrow and our pain from you. Let our actions embrace your divine values,
and be open to your careful examination, inspired by the sacrifice of calvary and the men of ANZAC
legend. Enfold us afresh in the love and healing of the Holy Spirit, may the promise of eternal life inspire
us anew. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.



The Ode

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!

The Last Post

Someone present may choose to play The Last Post on their instrument. Sheet music is available at <https://musicformateship.org/>
For non-musicians, a version of the Last Post can be accessed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=McCDWYgVyps>

A minute's silence

Closing Prayer

O Lord, lover of souls, who through the mouth of your prophet of old declared that all souls are yours, we thank you for the brave and faithful dead, who willingly laid down their lives on the battlefields of war or succumbed to the perils of the deep or of the air. We bless you for the dauntless courage of those defenders of our country who have fallen in the cause of truth and righteousness. In your hand, O Father, we leave their departed spirits. Grant us to follow their good example in faithfulness and endurance, even unto death, that we may with them be found worthy of the crown of everlasting life. Amen.

