

# Staple Hill

## Service of Remembrance

**O God, our help in ages past,**

Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home.

2. Beneath the shadow of Thy  
Throne  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,  
And our defence is sure.

3. Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God,  
To endless years the same.

4. A thousand ages in Thy sight  
Are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the  
[night  
Before the rising sun.

5. O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while troubles  
And our eternal home. [last,

Carl Ruggles (1876–1971)

### Let us Pray

#### **A prayer for those who have died on active service**

O God of truth and justice,  
we hold before you those men and women  
who have died in active service:  
As we honour their courage and cherish their memory,  
may we put our faith in your future;  
for you are the source of life and hope,  
now and for ever.  
Amen.



### **A prayer of petition for those affected by war**

God of justice and peace,  
we pray for those who have been injured or disabled through war.  
For those who have lost homes and security through conflict;  
for those who have lost loved relatives in wars;  
for those who face danger and take risks for peace;  
for all those, especially children, caught up in current conflicts;  
for refugees and all those in need of aid and other help.  
God of encouragement and Saviour of the despairing,  
comfort those who remember past sacrifices  
and guide us in building a just and peaceful community for all.  
Amen

### **An act of commitment**

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?	<b>We will</b>
Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?	<b>We will</b>
Will you work for a just future for all humanity?	<b>We will</b>

Merciful God, we offer to you the fears in us that have not yet been cast out by love. May we accept the hope you have placed in the hearts of all people, and live lives of justice, courage and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
Amen

### **Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name;**

Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory,  
For ever and ever.

Amen.

## **Abide with me, fast falls the eventide:**

The darkness deepens Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day:  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away.  
Change and decay in all around I see,  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes,  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee.  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me

Songwriters: Henry Francis Lyte / Will Henry Monk

## **Bible Readings – selected verse**

### **Hebrews 12: 14-15**

Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.

### **Romans 12: 14-17**

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another ... Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone.

### **Matthew 5: 8-10**

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.  
Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**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.

**Response:**     *We will remember them.*

**The Last Post**

**Two minutes silence**

**Reveille**

When you go home, tell them of us and say,

‘For your tomorrow, we gave our today’.

**Laying of Wreaths**

**The National Anthem**

God save of our gracious King

Long live our noble King

God save the King

Send him victorious,

Happy and glorious,

Long to reign over us.

God Save The King.

**Blessing**

**Thank you for coming to the Staple Hill Service of Remembrance.**