

A SOLEMN COMMEMORATION ON THE CENTENARY OF THE OUTBREAK OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR

Please light any candles you have at the beginning of the Commemoration

INTRODUCTION

We gather in the light of Christ to recall the effects of human violence, our need for redemption, to voice sorrow for our own share in the world's violence, and to find the healing of the world in the light which shines most intensely at the heart of the darkness.

No nation, no church, no individual is guiltless. Without repentance and without forgiveness, there can be no regeneration.

CONFESSION PRAYER (ALL)

Most merciful God, gathered in the light of your Christ we confess our share in the world's pride, its greed and its despair, its violence and its darkness. Free us from the tyranny of sin, fill us with your peace, and lead us from death to life, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION PRAYER

May almighty God deliver us from the powers of darkness, restore in us the image of his glory, and lead us in the light and obdenience of Christ. **Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

Longing for the renewal of creation, and seeking the peace of the Kingdom, we are bold to pray **Our Father**

