

Service of Remembrance

8 November 2026, 09:30 AM

hosted by the International Church of Vilnius

To honour the memory of those who made the ultimate sacrifice

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Vilnius, Vokiečių g. 20

British Embassy Vilnius

Canada

Refreshments will be served in the Congregation Hall

Order of Service

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Bishop Mindaugas Sabutis,
Evangelical Lutheran Church

Address

HE Ms Elizabeth Boyles,
Ambassador of the United Kingdom

Hymn

“O God Our Help in Ages Past”

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:

Under the shadow of thy throne,
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient in thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends
the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly, forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guide while troubles last,
and our eternal home!

Readings

Isaiah 41, 6-8; 1 Corinthians 15, 51-3 & 57-8

Reverend Remigijus Montsvilas,
Roman Catholic Church

Prayer for the Deceased

The Very Reverend Archpriest Vladimir Seliavko,
Exarchate of the Ecumenical Patriarchate
of Constantinople in Lithuania

I am Wearing a Poppy
(by S. Ryan)

Mrs Faina Kukliansky,
Chair of the Lithuanian Jewish Community

Choir Anthem

Readings

Psalm 46
(From the Bible)

Dr. Renata Bareikienė,
Evangelical Reformed Church

Excerpt from The Quran
(in Arabic and English)

Mufti Aleksandras Beganskas,
Lithuanian Muslim Community

Hymn

“Abide with Me”

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, O 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.

I need thy presence every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter’s power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears not bitterness.
Where is death’s sting?
Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou this hope 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.

Offertory Prayer

Pastor Jonas Liorancas,
International Church of Vilnius

Poems

In Flanders Fields
(by Lt Col J. McCrae, May 1915)

HE Ms Jeanette Sautner,
Ambassador of Canada

Perhaps the Guns Will Thunder Again...
(by V. Symonenko, June 1955)

HE Ms Olha Nikitchenko,
Ambassador of Ukraine

We Shall Keep the Faith
(by M. Michael, November 1918)

HE Ms Kara C. McDonald,
Ambassador of the United States of America

We Remember Them
(S. Kamens and J. Riemer)

HE Dr Cornelius Zimmermann,
Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany

For the Fallen
(by L. Binyon, September 1914)

HE Ms Lucie Stepanyan,
Ambassador of the Republic of France

Wreath Laying

Major William George,
Defence Attaché of the United Kingdom
will announce the offerings:

On behalf of the Government of the United Kingdom

On behalf of the Government of Canada

On behalf of the Government of India

On behalf of the Republic of Lithuania:
Ministry of National Defence and Lithuanian Armed Forces
Diplomatic Missions in Vilnius

On behalf of the NATO Force Integration Unit

On behalf of the Royal Irish Regiment

Personal offerings

Choir Anthem
(sings during
the wreath laying)

The Ode

Major Kevin Pauley,
Deputy Defence Attaché of Canada

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.

Congregation response: We will remember them!

The Act of Remembrance

The Last Post (Bugler)
Two Minutes of Silence
Reveille (Bugler)

Benediction

Bishop Mindaugas Sabutis,
Evangelical Lutheran Church

The Kohima Epitaph

Miss Katherine Dens,
Daughter of the Ambassador of the United Kingdom

When You Go Home
Tell Them Of Us And Say,
For Your Tomorrow,
We Gave Our Today.



Closing Choir Anthem "Amazing Grace"

Arrangements

Major William George,
Defence Attaché of the United Kingdom