



Remembrance Sunday
November 8, 2020



Welcome & Announcements ~ Jan Richardson

Opening Responses:

God of Life

drawing life and death together in Yourself
uniting the lost and the loving
be among us as we gather.

Guide our praying and loving

Cherish our remembering

God, our God,

who forgets no one.

Candle Lighting & Centring ~ *In Flanders Fields*,

Words by Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae. Music by Frank Devries.

Performed/Recorded by Pete & the Re-Petes. This video is a poignant tribute to McCrae's poem.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iHTS6fvYaDg&ab_channel=PeteandtheRe-Petes

Prayer of Approach and Confession: (responsive)

Gracious and holy God,

we come in praise and remembrance.

Be with us today, in our heads and in our understanding,

in our mouths and in our speaking,

in our hearts and in our speaking.

We remember all who have served you

and now rest in your everlasting arms.

And we remember the horrors of war, past and present:

the holocaust and terror,

the death and destruction.

For those qualities in us that make war possible,

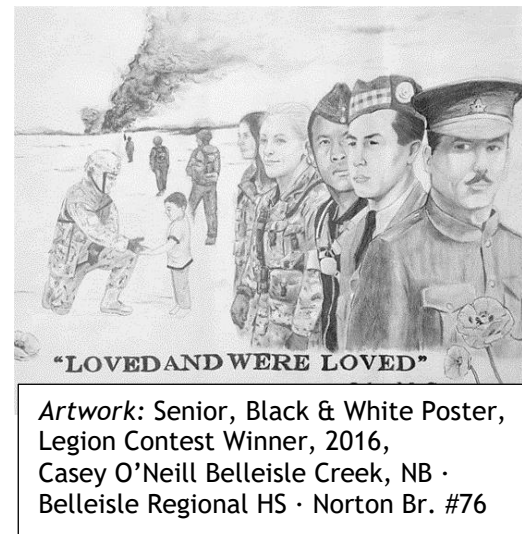
for times when we have not sought justice or peace,

for times when we have deadened our spirits to the suffering of others,

forgive us, we pray.

(Silent prayer)

<http://spirit-net.ca/sermons/sr-lillian-rembrance-01.php>



Artwork: Senior, Black & White Poster,
Legion Contest Winner, 2016,
Casey O'Neill Belleisle Creek, NB ·
Belleisle Regional HS · Norton Br. #76

Hymn: *God Weeps* #78 MV

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A Reading from Matthew 25:1-13

Though the bridegroom's coming is anticipated, some of the bridesmaids prepare for his eventual arrival, while others fail to bring adequate supplies for their long wait.

Responsive Psalm 78:1-7, page 792 VU, with sung refrain

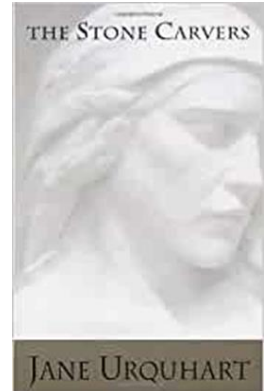
We will teach the next generation.

Readings/Reflection

Readings will be shared from *The Stone Carvers*, by Jane Urquhart, a Giller-nominated novel which describes, in part, the building of the memorial at Vimy Ridge, in France, to commemorate Canadian soldiers killed in the First World War. (© Jane Urquhart & McClelland and Stewart, 2001)

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1st section of readings = Introduction; 1. The Vision of Vimy; 2. Who Were These Boys?; 3. The Mountment Takes Form



Special Music ~ *Monumental*, composed and sung by Dave Goodwin and accompanied by Barbara-Lynn Goodwin

2nd section of readings = 4. The Site; 5. The Wind, The Lark, The Carvers; 6. The Names and the Bibles;

***Our Act of Remembrance~** part of the poem "For the Fallen" by Laurence Binyon (1869-1943) recited at memorial services worldwide

One: 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 Last Post**

***Two Minutes of Silence**

***The Rouse**

***The Closing Ritual** words of "Recessional" are from a poem by Rudyard Kipling

One: Lord God of hosts, be with us yet,
lest we forget -

All: lest we forget.

**Prayers of the Gathered Community
& The Prayer Jesus Taught**

Benediction ~ *Send Us

God, send us into the world's turbulence as instruments of Your peace,
and send us as agents of Your justice, that all might know the truth of Your ways.
Send us as artists that bear the joyful burden of Your creativity,
that we might bring light into the darkness and hope among the despairing.
And grant us the joy of fellowship,
with Your spirit and with one another, this day and forever. Amen.

Rev. Mark S. Burrows. <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/07/benediction-send-us-html?m+1>

***Closing Hymn: *Let There Be Peace On Earth* #128 SFGP**

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The version for the video service is a Choral Setting by Joel Raney. On Easter Sunday, 2020, the virtual choir from the Church of the Crossroads in Honolulu, Hawai'i was streamed on Zoom during the service, offering their message of peace and unity to the world.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ctv6gCZvy7w>