The Anglican Parish of St. Peter and St. Paul

November 8th 2025

Remembrance Sunday



Nourishing Faith and Community

Prelude

O Canada

O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command
with glowing hearts we see thee rise,
the true north, strong and free!
From far and wide, O Canada,
we stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

O Canada! Terre de nos aïeux,
Ton front est ceint de fleurons glorieux.
Car ton bras sait porter l'épée,
Il sait porter la croix.
Ton histoire est une épopée,
Des plus brillants exploits.
Et ta valeur, de foi trempée,
Protégera nos foyers et nos droits.
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Words of Welcome

Musical opening CP 567 Eternal Father Strong to Save

(Text: William Whiting (1825-1878); Music: John Dykes(1823-1876) public domain)

Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm doth bind the restless wave,
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to thee,
for those in peril on the sea.

O Saviour, whose almighty word
the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walked'st on the foaming deep,
and calm amidst its rage didst sleep;
O hear us when we cry to thee,
for those in peril on the sea.

O sacred spirit, who didst brood
upon the chaos dark and rude,
who bad'st its angry tumult cease,
and gavest light, and life, and peace;
O hear us when we cry to thee,
for those in peril on the sea.

O trinity of love and power,
our brethren shield in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go;
and ever let there rise to thee
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

The Gathering of the Community

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

Almighty God,

to you all hearts are open all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen

Gloria (sung)

Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest
And on earth, peace on earth
Peace to people of goodwill.

We praise you, we bless You
We adore you, we glorify You
We give you thanks,
For your great glory.
Lord God heavenly King,
O God Almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son.
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.
You take away the sin of the world,

Have mercy on us.
You take away the sin of the world,
Receive our prayer.
You are seated at the right hand
The right hand of the Father
Have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One
You alone are the Lord.
You alone are the most High,
Jesus Christ.
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory
Of God the Father.

Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest
And on earth, peace on earth
Peace to people of good will.

Amen, Amen.

Kyrie (sung)
Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy, have mercy on us.

Kyrie Eleison
Christie Eleison
Kyrie Eleison, eleison

Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy, have mercy on us.

Let us pray,
God of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer. Grant them your peace, let light perpetual shine upon them, and in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**
(please be seated)

In Remembrance

Invocation and Opening Prayer

In God's name, we come together on this Remembrance Sunday to give thanks to God and to commemorate all who have served their country, especially in time of war, and, in particular, those who made the supreme sacrifice. We have also come to pray for peace, for justice and goodwill among all people, and to dedicate ourselves anew to remove the causes which give rise to war.

Let us pray,
We thank you almighty God for all your mercies, known and unknown; for your

guidance of your people in wondrous ways throughout our history; for the courage, bravery and constancy of sailors, soldiers, and air personnel; for the devotion and fortitude of men, women and children. We pray that we may be worthy of peace, and show forth our thanks by serving you more faithfully – through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading
In Flanders Field *a poem written by John McCrae*

The Memorial (please stand)
Last Post
Two Minute Silence
Rouse

(please remain standing)
Reading
We Shall Keep the Faith *a poem written by Moina Michael in response to "In Flanders Field"*

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Commendation

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for friends. The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them. They are in peace. I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, write; from henceforth

blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. Even so, says the Spirit, for they rest from their labours.

Let us pray,

Unto you, Holy God, be praise and thanksgiving, for all who have been faithful unto death; into your compassionate keeping we commend their souls, beseeching you to grant that for all of us for whom they died, their love and devotion may bear fruit in more abundant love for others, through the One who by his death has destroyed death, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

They shall not grow 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.
We will remember them
(Please be seated)

<u>The Proclamation of the Word</u>

<u>Reading One: Joshua 24:1-3a, 24:14-25</u>

A reading from the book of JoshuaA reading from the book of wisdom.

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

'Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.'

Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in

our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

But Joshua said to the people, 'You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.' And the people said to Joshua, 'No, we will serve the Lord!' Then Joshua said to the people, 'You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.' And they said, 'We are witnesses.' He said, 'Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.' The people said to Joshua, 'The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey.' So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78:1-7

A Maskil of Asaph.

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,
things that we have heard and known,
that our ancestors have told us.
We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might,
and the wonders that he has done.

He established a decree in Jacob,
and appointed a law in Israel,
which he commanded our ancestors
to teach to their children;
that the next generation might know them,
the children yet unborn,
and rise up and tell them to their children,
so that they should set their hope in God,
and not forget the works of God,
but keep his commandments.

Reading Two: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: CP528 O God, Our Help in Ages Past (Text: Ps. 90: para. Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: William Croft (1678-1727), public domain)

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 is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

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

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed,

all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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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 our years 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 guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

Homily: *The Rev. Gail Rodger*

Musical Moment

Prayers for Remembrance Day

Hymn: Refiners Fire (see insert)
(Music and Text: Brian Doerksen, 1990 Vineyards Songs license CCLI)

Purify my heart, let me be as gold
And precious silver
Purify my heart, let me be as gold
Pure gold

Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire
Is to be holy
Set apart for you Lord
I choose to be holy
Set apart for You my Master
Ready to do Your will

Purify my heart, cleanse me from within
And make me holy
Purify my heart, cleanse me from my sin
Deep within

Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire
Is to be holy
Set apart for you Lord
I choose to be holy
Set apart for You my Master
Ready to do Your will

Prayer over the Gifts
Let us pray,
Gracious God, your word to us is food indeed. Receive all we offer you this day, and let your loving-kindness be our comfort, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your living Word. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer *(Please stand)*
(Book of Alternative Services EP1 p193)

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, whose victorious rising from the dead has given us the hope of resurrection and the promise of eternal life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

(sung)
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna hosanna hosanna
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes, comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna hosanna hosanna
Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all
in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him

to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,
"Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,
"Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,
(sung)
we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty God, now and for ever.
(sung)
Amen. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer
(Gordon Light)
And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth

as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread
We break this bread to share in the body of Christ
We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thank be to God.

<u>The Communion</u>
Musical selections accompany Communion
(Communion is offered at three locations in the following order: station one is at the back of the church near the candles for those who prefer to stand and/or are physically challenged by steps without railings; station two, brought to the pew; station three: at the altar rail)

<u>Prayer after Communion</u> (*please stand*)
Let us pray,
Living God, in the eucharist you fill us with new hope. May the power of your love, which we have known in word and sacrament, continue your saving work among us, and bring us to the joy you promise. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Doxology
Glory to God,
whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing
The peace of God, which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord; And the blessing of God Almighty, Creator-Father, Redeemer-Son and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: Let There Be Peace on Earth
((Text and Music Sy Miller and Jill Jackson, 1955) used with permission)



Let there be peace on earth
and let it begin with me
let there be peace on earth,
the peace that was meant to be
With God our creator,
children all are we
Let us walk with each other
in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me

let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take
let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment
and live each moment
in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
and let it begin with me.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Weekly Cycles of Prayer

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