

Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Metcalfe
Remembrance Sunday November 14, 2021
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Celebrant: As we gather this day to remember, we acknowledge that our parish lies on the unceded territory of the Ashanabee Algonquin peoples.

People: **May we dwell together with respect and in harmony and peace.**

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

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Almighty God,

All: **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.**

Celebrant: Glory to God in the highest,

All: **and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. 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. Amen.**

Celebrant: Lord God, you fashioned each of us in your divine image and likeness, to live in the communion you share as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Be with us as we reflect and pray this new day. May this gathering with Remembrance Day thoughts and prayers everywhere, help move our world one step closer to the peace of your Kingdom. We make this prayer to you through Jesus Christ, THE Prince of peace and Lord of lords. **Amen**

Almighty and eternal God from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted either by death or by life, hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day; fulfill in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all, with them, into your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word A Reading From Isaiah 2: 1-5

This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: In the last days the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Psalm of Remembrance Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills;
From where is my help to come?

My help come from the Lord,

The maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved
And he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

**Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
Shall neither slumber nor sleep;**

The Lord himself watches over you;
The Lord is your shade at your right hand,

**So that the sun shall not strike you by day,
Nor the moon by night.**

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;
It is he who shall keep you safe.

The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

The Second Reading is from 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ according to the Blessed St. Luke (St. Luke 10: 25-37)

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?" He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, Love your neighbour as yourself." "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live." But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?" In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.' "Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise." St. Luke 10: 25-37

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Homily

AN ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Celebrant: We come together today to remember in faith all those who have served and continue serving in our armed forces, especially those who have died and those wounded physically or emotionally in battle. We also pray today for the gifts of healing and grace; that one day all peoples of this good earth will lay down their arms and embrace one another as brothers and sisters of our one common human family.

Celebrant: A Reading of High Flight by John Gillespie Magee

O I have slipped the surly bonds of earth,
and danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
of sunsplit clouds – and done a hundred things
you have not dreamed of – wheeled and soared and swung
high in the sunlit silence. Hovering there,
I've chased the shouting winds along, and flung
my eager craft through footless halls of air.
Up, up the long, delirious burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace
where never lark, nor even eagle, flew -
and while with silent lifting mind I've trod
the high untrespassed sanctity of space,
put out my hand
and touched the face
of God.

Celebrant: Let us pray... Let us pray for those who suffer as a result of conflict and ask that God may bring peace; for the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God; may God give peace

People: **God, give peace.**

Celebrant: For those who love the fallen in death as they did in life, offering the stress of grief and the sadness of our loss; may God give peace

People: **God, give peace.**

Celebrant: For all members of the armed forces who are in danger today, remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return; may God give peace

People: **God, give peace.**

Celebrant: For civilian women, men and children whose lives are disfigured by war or terror, calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatreds of humanity; may God give peace.

People: **God, give peace.**

Celebrant: For peacemakers and peacekeepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free, may God give peace.

People: **God, give peace.**

Celebrant: For all who bear the burden and the privilege of leadership, political, military and religious; asking for the gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for true reconciliation and peace; may God give peace.

People: **God, give peace.** (from cpco.on 2021)

Celebrant: O God of truth and justice, we hold before you the memory of those we cherish and those whose names we will never know. Help us to lift our eyes above the torments of this broken world and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm. As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of all life and hope, now and forever. **Amen**

Three Minutes of Silence

Celebrant: For the Fallen by Laurence Binyon

They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow;
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted;
They fell with their faces to the foe.

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

As the stars shall be bright when we are dust,
Moving in marches upon the heavenly plane'
As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness,
To the end, to the end they remain.

People: **We will remember them**

Celebrant: God of all mercy, accept the worship we offer this day. Increase, we pray, our faith, deepen our hope and confirm us in your eternal love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: 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 the company of heaven, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

People: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love you have made known in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your words spoken through the prophets; and above all in your 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 saying, "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, saying, "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,

People: **We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory**

Celebrant: 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 lights where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; 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 Father, now and always. **Amen**

Celebrant: And now, as our Lord Jesus has gifted to his church, so we pray,

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.

Celebrant: This is the bread which has come down from heaven.

People: **Those who eat this bread will live forever.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the children of God.

People: **Thanks be to God**

Celebrant: God of love, you have fed us at the table of your Kingdom. Teach us to trust, without fear, in your eternal goodness and mercy. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

As one family, we reflect this day on the horrors of the past that continues to haunt humanity and darken our world. Lord, where pain still overwhelms, bring healing; where hearts are still breaking, bring comfort; where peoples are still oppressed, bring liberation; where communities are still victimized, bring justice; where children are still brutalized, bring compassion; where lives are still crushed, bring hope; where evil is perpetrated, bring repentance; where war still devastates, bring peace. But most of all, whenever and wherever a single voice cries out in the darkness, bring us to one another in the name of the love that you bear in your heart for all your children, all nations and all creation. (from rootsontheweb 2021)

Celebrant: Glory to God,

All: **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**

Celebrant: Lord our God, on this day of Remembrance, we entrust all our prayers and needs to your infinite mercy. Help us to become ever more mindful of the bonds that unite us as a human family despite our differences. Heal our inner wounds and outward divisions, that one day our world will live in your true and everlasting shalom. We make this prayer in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Alleluia! (from T. Cosentino Renfrew County 2011)

