

Holy Trinity Anglican Church Metcalfe
NOVEMBER 5, 2023
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
Reverend Michael Fleming

Fr. Michael: As we gather on this morning of remembrance, we acknowledge that this sacred space and the places we call our homes are located on the unceded territory of the Anishinaabe people.

All: **May we continue our journey together in a spirit of hope, trust and reconciliation.**

Fr. Michael: God is our refuge and our strength; a very present help in trouble. (Psalm 46:1)

People: **I lift up my eyes to the hills- from whence will my help come? My help comes from the Lord , who made heaven and earth.** (Psalm 121: 1-2)

Fr. Michael: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall rise up with wings of eagles, they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not feel faint. (Isaiah 40:31)

People: **What does the Lord require of us, but that we do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God?** (Micah 6:8)

Fr. Michael: 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.**

Fr. Michael: Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered together, I am in the midst of them". We light this candle as a reminder that we are not and never will be alone. May its flame warm our hearts and inspire us to live the message of the gospel good news. From east and west, north and south, we gather this day in remembrance and thanksgiving.

People: **We come to be inspired by The Word and to honour the sacrifices of those who have committed themselves today and in the past to service before self.**

Fr. Michael: In times of peace, in times of conflict and in times of uncertainty,

People: **we remember that we are not alone.**

Fr. Michael: We are the people of God, connected across time and space from generation to generation.

People: We are united by the love of the One who said, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for a friend." Let us worship the Lord in the unity of the Spirit. We meet as we always do in the presence of God. We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation between nations, that all people may live together in freedom, justice and peace. We pray for all who mourn; for those who through disability of mind or body continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror. We remember with both thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in wars and conflicts past and present have been given and taken away. Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we can never be parted, hear our prayers for all those who 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 Living Lord.

All: **Amen**

Reader: A reading from Ecclesiastes (Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8)

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;

A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;

A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

The Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God**

Reader: A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians (Ephesians 6: 10-18, 23-24)

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Peace to the brothers and sisters, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love.

The Word of the Lord
People: **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. John (John 11:1-7,17-36)

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick." When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days, and then he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" "Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world." After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. "The Teacher is here," she said, "and is asking for you." When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there. When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. Jesus wept. Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

Fr. Michael: This is the very Gospel of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Homily

AN ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Fr. Michael: Let us now remember before God and commend to his safe-keeping those who have died for their country in war; those whom we know and whose memory we cherish and all who have lived and died in the service of the peoples of the world. Ever-living God, we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice of all peoples and establish harmony among all nations, through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Fr. Michael: High Flight by John Gillespie Magee Jr. Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings. Sunward I've climbed the tumbling mirth
of sun-split 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 wind 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.
(* September 1941*) SILENCE IS KEPT

Fr. Michael: They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them
nor the years condemn.

People: **At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.**

Music of National Remembrance: 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.

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

People: **God give peace.**

Reader: For those who love the fallen in death as they did in life, offering to them the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss.. May God give peace....

People: **God give peace.**

Reader: For all members of the armed forces who are in danger as we pray, remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return. May God give peace.

People: **God give peace.**

Reader: For civilian women, children and men whose lives are disfigured by war or terror, calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatreds of humanity. We remember those suffering in Ukraine and pray for a just

and honourable peace. We pray for all the peoples of the Middle East in this time of terror, hatred, hurt and uncertainty, remembering especially the children whose lives have been seen as collateral damage by both sides of this conflict and pray for peace among our sister and brother sons and daughters of Sarah and Abraham. May God give peace.

People: **God give peace.**

Reader: We pray for all peacekeepers and peace-makers who seek to keep the world secure and free. May God give peace.

People: **God give peace.**

Reader: For all who bear the burden of leadership – political, military and religious - asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace. May God give peace.

People: **God give peace.**

Reader: O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those whose memory we cherish, remembering especially those of our parish family and those whose names we will never know. Help us to lift our eyes above the torment 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 life and hope, one God for ever and ever.

All: **Amen**

Fr. Michael: May the peace of the living and loving Lord Jesus be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Fr. Michael: God of abundance, we thank you for the gifts which we present to you now. We ask that you receive them and bless them. May they enable us to serve the world in ways that inspire hope and make your Name known. **Amen**

Fr. Michael: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Fr. Michael: Lift up your hearts.

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

Fr. Michael: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Fr. Michael: 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 to 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.

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.**

Fr. Michael: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to all your 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 born from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and the 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 took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take this and eat it; 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 in the remembrance of me." Therefore Father, according to his command,

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

Fr. Michael: 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 first-born 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 forever.

Amen

Fr. Michael: As now as our Lord Jesus has gifted to his Church, so we pray, Our Father, who art in heaven,
People: **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.**

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

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

Fr. Michael: The gifts of God for the whole people of God.

All: **Thanks Be to God.**

Fr. Michael: Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and our fellow women and men; that we may help, encourage and comfort others and support those working for the relief of the poor and needy and for the peace and welfare of all nations.

People: **Lord God our Father, we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humankind in the cause of peace, for the relief of want and suffering, and for the praise of your name. Guide us by your Spirit; give us wisdom and courage; give us hope and keep us faithful to you and the gospel for which your Son died, now and for ever. Amen**

Fr. Michael: Lord, make us instruments of your peace; where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, let us give pardon; where there is doubt, let us encourage faith; where there is despair, let us offer hope; where there is darkness, let us shine light; and where there is sadness, let us be the bearers of joy. O Master Divine, grant that we may not seek so much to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned and it is on dying that we are born to eternal life. May the grace of God, the love of Christ and the hope of the Holy Spirit be with us all and with those whom we love and those who love us and especially today with those whom we remember. **Amen** (Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi adapted)

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