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24th Sunday After Pentecost
Remembrance Sunday
10:00 November 7, 2021

Processional:

For the Healing of the Nations

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The Greeting:

Celebrant: God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble.

Psalm 46.1

All: **This I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning.**

Lamentations 3.21-23

Gathering:

Celebrant: We meet in the presence of God.

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away.

Act of Remembrance: *(please be seated)*

Norm: We gather this morning to praise God. To participate in the Eucharist, and on this day, to remember and commemorate the men and women who have gone to wars past, many who died and many who, to this day, bear the scars of their service.

War is not pleasant to contemplate nor to remember but those that forget history are doomed to repeat it.

On Thursday we will think of those men and women who died fighting for Canada and for our freedom, but for the most part those that died are never named. It seems such an obvious thing to do. To name them. But we don't have time to do that. To name them all that is. So, we give up two minutes to think of them, and to remember.

Two minutes is such an insignificant passage of time. Twenty minutes might be a start and two hours might begin to be significant. But we give up two minutes and we wear a poppy that this year commemorates 100 years of use.

The names of those who paid the ultimate price are inscribed in Canada's eight Books of Remembrance which are housed in the Memorial Chamber of the Peace Tower on Parliament Hill.

The Memorial Chamber is a beautifully crafted room with a vaulted ceiling, stained glass windows and intricate carvings depicting Canada's record of war. The centerpiece of the Chamber is the main altar upon which rests the *First World War Book of Remembrance*.

The steps on which the altar rests are made of stone quarried from Flanders Fields, and inlaid into the floor surrounding the steps are brass nameplates, the nameplates record the major actions

in which Canadian's took part during the First World War. The nameplates are hand-crafted from spent shell casings found on a battlefield,

The remaining seven books, one for each of the remaining wars and major military actions, from the War of 1812 to current conflicts, in which our men and women served and died, are displayed on their respective altars around the room. The pages of each of the Books are turned every day of the year at 11 am so that every name is on display to visitors at least once during each calendar year.

The eight Books of Remembrance contain the names of more than 120,000 Canadians who have given their lives in the service of our country.

Today, the next few moments, is our time to remember.

All:
**In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place;**

**and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.**

**We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.**

**Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw the torch;
be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep,
though poppies grow in Flanders fields**

All:
**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.

We will remember them.

Norm:
Let us remember before God, and commend to his safe keeping, those who have died for their country in war; those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure; and all who have lived and died in the service of the peoples of the world.

Bill Snow and Biff McCormack will place wreaths at the altar, and I invite everyone to lay poppies at our wreath. Please follow the directions of the Sidesmen.

(please stand as you are able)

Laying of Poppies: *(Bill & Biff lay the wreaths) (All lay poppies)*

Last Post: Kent Cheesman

Silence

Lament: Colin Steffler

Reveille: Kent Cheesman

(let us pray)

Norm: 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 to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

Psalm: **#127** *(please be seated)*

Reader: Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the LORD guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain.

It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives sleep to his beloved.

Sons are indeed a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward.

Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the sons of one's youth.

Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them. He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44 *(please stand as you are able)*

Reader: THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK

All: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Reader: As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ
All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily: Norm Savill

May my words today move us to thoughts of gratitude for those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom, and for those who have served and are serving today in our worlds trouble spots. **Amen**

Today is a day to remember.

We must not confuse remembrance with celebration. There is no celebration in death and destruction. There is no celebration in tyranny, racism, and religious hatred. These acts are not to be celebrated, but we must remember them because to forget the past dooms us to repeat it. We must remember and give thanks for those who have stood against, and do stand against, what can only be called mans inhumanity toward man.

For thousands of years minorities and those seen as ‘not like us’ have suffered at the hands of a few. Jesus himself was persecuted as an ‘outsider’.

Our Gospel this morning has Jesus warning us of what those in power can do. He tells us to watch out for those who walk around with a high and mighty attitude so that they can command respect and garner the places of honour. Jesus reminds us that these people will devour us, they will use their power to destroy those who oppose them, those who are not like themselves. Today, our world is full of people like that.

Today we remember those who fought to halt the aims of tyrannical leadership, those who fought and those who died.

On Thursday at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month we will remember the end of the war that was to end all wars. If only it had been true.

On Thursday men and women in uniform, and many not in uniform, will gather at Cenotaphs and War Memorials across this country. They will gather to pay homage to the 120,000 Canadian women and men who have given their lives, given their all, in the service of this country.

Our Gospel this morning reminds us of a woman who gave of her little. She gave all that she had. This morning we must remember the mothers of the women and men who have given their lives that we may enjoy our freedom. We must remember not only those who served, but also those mothers who saw their offspring leave home in shiny new uniforms never to return, those men and women gave all they had.

The woman, we read about in our gospel this morning, was so thankful that she gave all she had. We too need to be thankful for the sacrifices of those mothers who gave their sons and daughters.

In the summer of 1973, I presided over a ‘Scouts Own’ – a religious service – at a Provincial Scout Jamboree in Quebec. The Vietnam War had just ended for the Americans. I reminded the several thousand young people gathered that morning of the horrors of war and I recited the lyrics of a song written by Ed McCurdy and made famous by Simon and Garfunkel. I recited the words to ‘Last Night I Had the Strangest Dream’. The song was, at one time, the official song of the Peace Corp. Many of you will remember it – it goes like this.

‘Last night I had the strangest dream,
I ever dreamed before,
I dreamed the world had all agreed,
To put an end to war.
I dreamed I saw a mighty room,

The room was filled with men
And the paper they were signing said,
They'd never fight again
And when the papers all were signed,
And a million copies made
They all joined hands and bowed their heads,
And grateful prayers were prayed
And the people in the streets below,
Were dancing round and round
And guns and swords and uniforms,
Were scattered on the ground'

Wouldn't it be great if we could wake from that dream and find what the song said was actually true.

There are no surviving veterans of the 'Great War'. While we must always remember them, we need to also remember the many others who have been drawn into wars and conflicts since that war to "end all wars" ended.

I know that I have told this story before, but this morning I'd like us to particularly remember a young man from Newfoundland who, in 1942 at the age of 20 travelled to Toronto to enlist in the Canadian Army. He was accepted into the artillery as a heavy equipment operator. After his initial training he was shipped to England where he experienced further training before being part of the second wave to land at Juno Beach the day after 'D' day in June 1944. His responsibility was to drive trucks that hauled radar units. These radar units were used to spot enemy mortar positions, so the allied forces could try to neutralize them. He worked close to, but not at, the front line.

This young man worked just behind the forward lines as it pushed from the coast of France thru Belgium, Holland, and finally across the Rhine in Germany to their position at the end of the war. In spite of working just behind the lines, he was not insulated from the horrors being experienced at the front. His memory of the sights and sounds of the wounded and dying young men is etched in his memory even these 77 years later.

That young man went to war and experienced its horrors for us. That man is now 99 and is now sitting right over there. That man was Gunner William T. Snow. We must never forget what that man did for us!

When will we get the lesson that violence begets violence? When will we get the lesson that war solves nothing? When will we get the lesson that God gave to Moses as recorded prophetically in Leviticus 19:18 - 'Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people but love your neighbour as yourself'? When will we get the lesson that Jesus taught when asked, 'what is the greatest commandment', and He said, 'the first great commandment is to love your God'? He went on to say, 'The second is like it, 'love your neighbour as yourself'. When will we get the lesson?

As I said earlier, today we think of the men and women who died fighting for Canada, yet they are never named. It seems such an obvious thing to do, to name them. We remember **in** their names but not **with** their names. At ceremonies across this country many words are heard. How proud we are of those that served, and we are. How well Canada did in the wars, and we did. But the minute or two of silence is paramount because in silence words don't crowd out our remembering. Remembrance Day has never given us the time to remember each of them by name, although there was plenty of time for each of them to die.

The city of Barrie along with other cities and towns across this country have recently started to fly banners of 'local boys and girls' that have died for our freedom. If you haven't already done so, I recommend you drive along Lakeshore Drive here in Barrie and look closely at the banners with pictures and names of Barrie natives that served and died for this great country.

Let us take time to truly remember.

People: **Amen**

The Apostles Creed: *(please stand as you are able)*

Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People: *(sit or kneel as is your custom)*

Leader: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the leaders of the nations, that you will guide them in the ways of freedom, justice and truth. Lord, in your mercy

All: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for those who bear arms on behalf of the nation, that they may have discipline and discernment, courage and compassion. Lord, in your mercy

All: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for our enemies, and those who wish us harm, that you will turn their hearts to kindness and friendship. Lord, in your mercy

All: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for the wounded and the captive, the grieving and the homeless, that in all their trials they may know your love and support. Lord, in your mercy

All: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those whose memory we cherish, 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 all life and hope, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution:

Celebrant: Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world; its pride, its selfishness, its greed; its evil divisions and hatreds. Let us confess our share in what is wrong, and our failure to seek and establish that peace which God wills for his children.

All: Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon *you*, pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins, confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness, and keep *you* in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Peace: *(please stand as you are able)*

Celebrant: Jesus said, 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives.'
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Offertory: *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

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Prayer Over The Gifts:

All: 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: #4 *(stand, sit, kneel as is your custom)*

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: It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: But we turn against you and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again, and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages, you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: Therefore, we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

All: **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: Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, 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."

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer:

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

All: 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.

Breaking Of The Bread #2:

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People: We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The Communion:

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Lamb of God:

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace

Communion Hymns:

For the bread which you have broken

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Pass Me Not

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Prayer After Communion: *(please stand as you are able)*

All: 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

The Doxology:

All: 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

O Canada:

O Canada!
Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all thy sons 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.**

The Blessing:

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

People: Amen.

Reminders:

Birthdays/Anniversaries/Announcements

Recessional Hymn:

Battle Hymn of the Republic (Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory)

Dismissal:

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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Assisting Rev. Simon today:

Celebrant:	The Rev. Simon Bell
Preacher:	Norm Savill
Bread:	Fr. Simon
Prayers:	Doug Court
Gospel:	Dr. Amy Pauley
Server:	Beth Steffler
Audio/Visual:	David Paradis
Music:	Craig Snider
Chancel Ministry:	Margaret Paradis, Michelle Sinclair
Sidespersons:	Bill Goodyer, Kevin Hamann
Last Post/Reveille:	Kent Cheesman
Lament:	Colin Steffler

This morning in our worship we remember in our prayers those of our family and friends who have immediate needs and concerns:

Lisa Marie; Cheryl C.; Peter Hubbard; Mark Ralston; Kim Middaugh; Pam Rees; Livia & Neil Purcell; Farrell & Frances McGinnis; Sophia L.; Jackson; Sally Smith; John & Terry; Marilyn Lloyd; Theresa & Pete; Dave Lawrence; Valerie; Stephen and Martin Bertelsen; Alvin Maynard; Amanda Rose; Darlene Jessem; Jim Tomkins; Doreen; Adesh; Brenda Jessem; Brenda & Brian; Derek; Jaxon Croft; Sean.

The names below are people in need of ongoing prayers for various reasons so we ask you to please continue to pray for them and their continuing need of God's healing touch and grace:

Sheila Green; Carrie Snow; Sheri Scott; Carl; Mark & Erin; Wally Raymond; Christine; Audrey Moody; Lynda Raye; Garn Mennell; Lee & Jeannie Martin; Michelle Sinclair and mom; Jane & Ron Lewis; Cecilia Mowat; Laura Johnston; Marilyn Foley; Bill Snow; Deborah Hall; Owen; Jen Galicinski; Arlene; Joan Gough; Lorraine W; Fr. Murray; Margie Mills; Eunice Merrett; Jean Wallace; Nancy Dodds; Bill & Cathy Gray; Wendy Goodyer; Donna Wilson; Gordon Kennedy; Paul & Rose McIntyre; Do Saunders; Jefferson Jr.; June Osolin; Tanya Wade-Vargas.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for:

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

In the Toronto Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for:

All Saints Church – Community Centre