St. James' Anglican Church

Remembrance Sunday
November 9th, 2025
Choral Eucharist - 10 a.m.
Celebrant and Homilist - Ven. John E. Anderson
Director of Music - Mr. Jeff Campbell

<u>Outdoor Preludes:</u>

Alan Cooper, piper

Organ Preludes: "Prelude and Fughetta" arr. Herley Willan Rhosymedre" arr. Ralph Vaughn Williams

Memorial Altar Candle Lighting

Jesus said "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." We light these candles as a reminder that we are not alone. May its flame warm our hearts and inspire us to live the message of the gospel. (Candles are lit.)

<u>Processional Hymn</u> #529 (CP) "God, My Hope on You is Founded" Micheal

Placing of the Wreaths (please remain standing)

O Canada #659 (CP)

God Save the King #660 (CP)

Act of Remembrance

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.

All We will remember them.

(Please be seated if you wish)

Last Post

Flower O' The Forest

Robin Watson, Trumpet

Alan Cooper, Piper

<u>Reville</u> Robin Watson, Trumpet

The Gathering of the Community

From east and west, north and south, we gather on this day of remembrance to give thanks and praise.

All: We come to be inspired by the Word of God and honour the sacrifices of those who have committed themselves to service before self.

In times of peace, in times of conflict, and in times of uncertainty,

All: We remember that we are not alone.

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

All: 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 one's friends."

As we gather to remember, let us sing and pray.

All: Let us worship God together!

(United Church of Canada, Service of Remembrance, 2021)

Gloria #702 (CP)

Congregation please join with choir on each refrain.

<u>Gathering Prayer</u>

God of every nation, as we remember those that gave their life for our sake, let us be stirred to action in their memory. We confess that we have not done all that is possible to promote peace and justice in our world. We have not loved our neighbours, let alone our enemies. Forgive us for failing to live up to your commandments. Empower us to work for your kingdom in this world, and welcome us by your grace into your kingdom in the next, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proclamation of the Word

First Reading Wisdom 3: 1-9

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them for ever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

Second Reading 1 Peter 1:3 - 9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and

glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

The Gospel John 6: 37-40

Before the Gospel#715 (CP) "Alleluia"

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

³⁷ Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; ³⁸ for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰ This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Gospel # 715 (CP) "Alleluia"

Sermon Archdeacon John

<u>Reflection</u> For the Fallen by Robert Laurence Binyon Lisa Walters

With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her children, England mourns for her dead across the sea. Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit, Fallen in the cause of the free.

Solemn the drums thrill; Death august and royal Sings sorrow up into immortal spheres, there is music in the midst of desolation And a glory that shines upon our tears.

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 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.

They mingle not with their laughing comrades again; They sit no more at familiar tables of home; They have no lot in our labour of the day-time; They sleep beyond England's foam.

But where our desires are and our hopes profound, Felt as a well-spring that is hidden from sight, To the innermost heart of their own land they are known As the stars are known to the Night;

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

Anthem "God Is Our Refuge and Strength" arr. Allen Pote
The St. James' Choir

<u>Prayers of the People</u>

Beth Morum, Lay Reader

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

(Silence is kept.)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on

us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

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

The Peace

Celebrant: Jesus says: Peace I leave with you; peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled neither let them be afraid. The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.** (Let us share that peace.)

Offering Hymn: #551 (CP) "May Faith Looks Up to Thee" Olivet

<u>Prayer before Communion</u>

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 3 (BAS pg. 198)

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, who was tempted in every way, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to love no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all who served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

ΑII

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, 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 death into life.

On the night he as 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,

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 brings 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 Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, 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

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 Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

<u>Invitation to the Table</u>

So, come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more. You who have been to this sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time. You who have tried to follow

Jesus, and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

Agnus Dei "Lamb of God" #745 (CP) "Lamb of God" B. SENCHUR

The Communion

All are welcome to receive communion. If you do not wish communion but a blessing, please cross your arms and the priest will bless you. In the Anglican tradition wine is administered from a chalice or common cup. If you do not wish to receive from the chalice you can cross your arms, and the words of institution will be said. We do not practice intinction or dipping the bread in the cup.

<u>Communion Music</u> Congregation, Please Join with the Choir

<u>Hymn</u> "Shout to the North" arr. Martin Smith

Men of faith, rise up and sing of the great and glorious King. You are strong when you feel weak; in your brokenness complete.

Refrain

Shout to the north and the south; sing to the east and the west; Jesus is Saviour to all, Lord of heaven and earth.

V2

Rise up women of the truth. Stand and sing to broken hearts; who can know the healing power of our awesome King of Love.

Refrain

V3

Rise up church with broken wings; fill this place with songs again; of our God who reigns on high; by God's grace again we'll fly.

Refrain

Hymn "Blest are They"

V1

Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God. Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.

Refrain

Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you! Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

V2

Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth. Blest are they who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill.

Refrain

V3

Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs. Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God!

Refrain

V4

Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God. Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs.

Refrain

V5

Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me. Rejoice, be glad; yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see!

Refrain

An Act of Commitment and Prayer after Communion

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

All We will.

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

All We will.

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

All We will.

Merciful God, we offer to you the fears in us that have not yet been cast out by love: may we accept the hope you have placed in the hearts of all people, and live lives of justice, courage and mercy; through Jesus Christ our risen redeemer.

A∥ Amen.

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.

<u>Blessing</u>

<u>Announcements</u>

Recessional Hymn #528 (CP) "O God Our Help in Ages Past" St. Anne <u>Dismissal</u>

We are followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and serving the world God Love. **Thanks be to God.**

<u>Sung Benediction</u> "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

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 every 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.

Postlude: "Highland Cathedral"

Alan Cooper, piper & Jeff Campbell, organist

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