

The Anglican Parish of St. Peter and St. Paul

November 9th 2025

Home Church Connections Service

Remembrance Sunday



Nourishing Faith and Community

Words of Welcome

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

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.**

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*

IN FLANDERS FIELDS **by John McCrae**

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.

The Memorial

Last Post

Two Minute Silence

Rouse

Reading

We Shall Keep the Faith *a poem written by Moina Michael in response to "In Flanders Field"*

We Shall Keep the Faith

by Moina Michael, November 1918

Oh! you who sleep in Flanders Fields,
Sleep sweet - to rise anew!
We caught the torch you threw
And holding high, we keep the Faith
With All who died.

We cherish, too, the poppy red
That grows on fields where valor led;
It seems to signal to the skies
That blood of heroes never dies,
But lends a lustre to the red
Of the flower that blooms above the dead
In Flanders Fields.

And now the Torch and Poppy Red
We wear in honour of our dead.
Fear not that ye have died for naught;
We'll teach the lesson that ye wrought
In Flanders Fields.

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.

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The Proclamation of the Word

Reading One: Wisdom 3:1-9

A reading from the book of wisdom.

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 forever. 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:1-8

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

I suffered distress and anguish. Then I called on the name of the Lord. O Lord, I pray, save my life!'

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

The Lord protects the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.

Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

Reading Two: 1 Peter 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

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.

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: John 6:37-40

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. 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. 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.

Homily: *The Rev. Gail Rodger*

Announcements

Prayers for Remembrance Day

The Lord's Prayer

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

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.

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.**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Weekly Cycles of Prayer

We pray for those who serve, have served and those who support them.

In our community St. John the Divine Food Bank and those whose illness is addiction in our society.

For the month of November we pray for our Christmas gift card

Territorial Acknowledgement

We worship on the traditional lands of the Esquimalt, Songhees and other Nations of the Salish and Coast Salish Peoples. We, who came from many lands to join the line of those worshipping here, commit our Church to continue the journey of truth and reconciliation with our First Nations' neighbours.

Welcome to all those visiting us at St. Peter and St. Paul.

We welcome saints, seekers and sinners as we live into a life in Christ, learning about and from one another as we worship God together.

Christ binds us together in love through our diversity. If you are comfortable, please give us your name and address so we can add you to our weekly prayer list. We are looking forward to getting to know you better.

Washrooms are found in the hall, up the stairs, on the right.



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