The Anglican Parish of St. Peter and St. Paul

November 8th 2025

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.**
(please be seated)

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*

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"*

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.
We will remember them

The Proclamation of the Word

Reading One: Joshua 24:1-3a, 24:14-25

A reading from the book of JoshuaA reading from the book of wisdom.

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

'Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling

to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.'

Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

But Joshua said to the people, 'You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.' And the people said to Joshua, 'No, we will serve the Lord!' Then Joshua said to the people, 'You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.' And they said, 'We are witnesses.' He said, 'Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of

Israel.' The people said to Joshua, 'The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey.' So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78:1-7

A Maskil of Asaph.

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,
things that we have heard and known,
that our ancestors have told us.
We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might,
and the wonders that he has done.

He established a decree in Jacob,
and appointed a law in Israel,
which he commanded our ancestors
to teach to their children;
that the next generation might know them,
the children yet unborn,

and rise up and tell them to their children,
so that they should set their hope in God,
and not forget the works of God,
but keep his commandments.

Reading Two: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake

therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: *The Rev. Gail Rodger*

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, Redeemer 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!

Postlude

Weekly Cycles of Prayer

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