

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

November 7, 2021

Prelude Music: Trumpet tune
"O What Their Joy", Canon
Trumpet Voluntary

Trumpeter, Norman Engel

Henry Purcell
Bruce Nasmith
Jeremiah Clarke

Procession of Remembrance Wreath (*Piper, Ellen Mole*)

Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

CALL TO WORSHIP:

In worship we remember where we have come from.

We have come from particular families and communities, and more basically from God who has created us and opened us up to beauty and purpose for our lives.

In worship we remember what we have come through.

We have come through suffering and loss, but we have also been blessed with the love and generosity of others.

In worship we remember who we have been called to be.

We have been called to resist evil in all its forms: the evil in others and in ourselves; we have been called to resist despair in all its forms: despair in others and in ourselves; we have been called to manifest love in all its forms: toward others and toward ourselves.

May God transform our remembering into thinking and doing.

Amen.

Hymn: "O God, our help in ages past"

No. 330

1. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.

4. A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

2. Under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away.
They fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

3. Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

6. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

Prayers of Approach, Confession & The Lord's Prayer
**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, forever. Amen.**

The Peace of Christ be with you all;
And also with you.

Special Prayer of Gratitude for our Veterans

Special Music: In Flanders Fields

John McCrae; music by Eleanor Daley

Act of Remembrance

“They shall grow not old as we who 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.”

The Last Post

Silent Remembrance

The Lament

The Rouse

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.

God save the Queen

God save our gracious Queen;
long live our noble Queen;
God save The Queen:
send her victorious,
happy and glorious,
long to reign over us:
God save The Queen.

Children's Theme for Church School

Scripture Readings: 2 Kings 6: 8-23; Romans 5: 8-10, 12: 19-20

2 Kings 6: 8-23

8 Once when the king of Aram was at war with Israel, he took counsel with his officers. He said, 'At such and such a place shall be my camp.'⁹ But the man of God sent word to the king of Israel, 'Take care not to pass this place, because the Arameans are going down there.'¹⁰ The king of Israel sent word to the place of which the man of God spoke. More than once or twice he warned such a place so that it was on the alert.

11 The mind of the king of Aram was greatly perturbed because of this; he called his officers and said to them, 'Now tell me who among us sides with the king of Israel?'¹² Then one of his officers said, 'No one, my lord king. It is Elisha, the prophet in Israel, who tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedchamber.'¹³ He said, 'Go and find where he is; I will send and seize him.' He was told, 'He is in Dothan.'¹⁴ So he sent horses and chariots there and a great army; they came by night, and surrounded the city.

15 When an attendant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. His servant said, 'Alas, master! What shall we do?'¹⁶ He replied, 'Do not be afraid, for there are more with us than there are with them.'¹⁷ Then Elisha prayed: 'O LORD, please open his eyes that he may see.' So the LORD opened the eyes of the servant, and he saw; the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.¹⁸ When the Arameans came down against him, Elisha prayed to the LORD, and said, 'Strike this people, please, with blindness.' So he struck them with blindness as Elisha had asked.¹⁹ Elisha said to them, 'This is not the way, and this is not the city; follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom you seek.' And he led them to Samaria.

20 As soon as they entered Samaria, Elisha said, 'O LORD, open the eyes of these men so that they may see.' The LORD opened their eyes, and they saw that they were inside Samaria.²¹ When the king of Israel saw them he said to Elisha, 'Father, shall I kill them? Shall I kill them?'²² He answered, 'No! Did you capture with your sword and your bow those whom you want to kill? Set food and water before them so that they may eat and drink; and let them go to their master.'²³ So he prepared for them a great feast; after they ate and drank, he sent them on their way, and they went to their master. And the Arameans no longer came raiding into the land of Israel. Amen.

Romans 5: 8-10, 12: 19-20

⁸But God proves God's love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.⁹ Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God.¹⁰ For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to

God through the death of God's own son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life.

¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' ²⁰No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Amen.

We are listening, O God;
Speak to us!

Sermon: PURSUING PEACE IN A WORLD OF CONFLICT Dr. Harris

Special Music: O Valiant Hearts Sir John Stanhope Arkwright;
music by the Rev. Dr. Charles Harris

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

Hymn: "For the healing of the nations"

No. 736

1. For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord,
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.

3. All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned,
pride of status, race or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow brief life's span.

2. Lead us forward into freedom,
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.

4. You, Creator God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind;
that, by our response and service,
earth its destiny may find.

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Piano Postlude: Military Polonaise

Chopin

Pianist, Paul Rzadkowski

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