
Remembrance Day Prayer Service

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL ✻ IOAM ✻ WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2020



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- Officiant* In this time and place,
we gather on the unceded ancestral lands
of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.
- All* **From many places and peoples we come to this house of prayer.**
- Officiant* In this time and place,
we meet in the presence of the living God.
- All* **The living God who creates us and all that is.**
- Officiant* In this time and place,
the risen Christ stands in our midst.
- All* **The risen Christ who accompanies us and all people.**
- Officiant* In this time and place,
God's Holy Spirit breathes in and through us.
- All* **The Holy Spirit who transforms us and all life.**
- Officiant* In this time and place,
Together, one people of God.
- All* **In the name of God, Source of all being,
Eternal Word and Holy Spirit. Amen.**
- Hymn* O God, Our Help in Ages Past (*CP 528*)
Please refrain from singing along

An Act of Penitence

Officiant 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, we confess that we have sinned.
We have acted willfully, vented our anger, and sought revenge.
Curb our passions, we pray, restrain our violence and hostility.
Give us the courage to speak out in the face of injury and wrong.
And in your mercy, restore and remake us, that we may act justly,
keep faith, and walk in the way of your commandments,
in justice and in peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Officiant 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 Invitatory

Officiant God is our refuge and strength.
All **A very present help in trouble.**

Officiant 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.

All **They are new every morning.**

Officiant What does the Lord require of you,
All **But to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?**

Officiant We meet in the presence of God.
We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation
between the nations, that all people may, together, live in freedom, justice and peace.
We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain
continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.
We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives,
in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away.
We will remember them.

Listening for the Word from God

Officiant Compassionate God, Source of Mercy,
we pay tribute to those who have served our country,
to express our gratitude for their courage and selflessness,
both those among us today and those of generations past.
This nation, built by those born of this soil
and those who have come here from all the corners of the earth,
is on a continual journey.
May we never let down those who have served in defence of this country.
May we uphold the value of freedom
and the inherent dignity of every human being,
by our own right conduct, by kindness
and by the respect we show to one another.
Then will the labours and sacrifices of our veterans be honoured,
not in words alone, but by our deeds.

The First Reading Micah 4:1-5

Reader Hear what God is saying to all people.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn Let there be Light (*CP 572*)
Please refrain from singing along

The Second Reading Revelation 21:1-6a

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection Dean Christopher A. Pappas

Hymn I Vow to Thee My Country
Please refrain from singing along

Praying Together

- Officiant* Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict,
and ask that God may give us peace:
- For the service men and women who have died in the violence of war,
each one remembered by and known to God; may God give peace.
- All* **God give peace.**
- Officiant* For those who love them in death as in life,
offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss;
may God give peace.
- All* **God give peace.**
- Officiant* For all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day,
remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return;
may God give peace.
- All* **God give peace.**
- Officiant* For civilian women, children, and men
whose lives are disfigured by war or terror,
calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatred of humanity;
may God give peace.
- All* **God give peace.**
- Officiant* For peacemakers and peacekeepers,
who seek to keep this world secure and free;
may God give peace.
- All* **God give peace.**
- Officiant* For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership,
political, military and religious;
asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve
in the search for reconciliation and peace;
may God give peace
- All* **God give peace.**
- Officiant* 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 life and hope, now and for ever.
- All* **Amen.**

Responding in Hope & Commitment

Officiant When you go home tell them of us and say,
for your tomorrow we gave our today.

Let us remember before God,
and commend to God's safe keeping,
those who have died for their country in war;
and all who have lived and died in the service of the peoples of the world.

Prayers of Remembrance

Officiant Almighty and eternal God,
from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life:
hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day;
fulfill in them the purpose of your love;
and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Officiant O God of truth and justice,
we hold before you those men and women who have died in active service,
and those who suffer as a result of its effects on them:
in Bosnia, Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere.
As we honour their courage and cherish their memory,
may we put our faith in your future;
for you are the source of all life and hope, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Act of Commitment

Officiant Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

All **We will.**

Officiant Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

All **We will.**

Officiant Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

All **We will.**

Officiant Will you pledge yourselves to work for reconciliation
between the nations and all people,
that everyone may live together in freedom, justice and peace?

All **We will.**

Officiant 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.

All **We will.**

Officiant Let us individually and together,
commit ourselves to the cause of peace and reconciliation:

Lord God, your Son proclaimed your peaceable Kingdom in both word and deed,
open our hearts and minds, we pray, to receive his Easter gift of peace.

And as we seek to witness to your purpose of peace,
give us generosity of spirit in times of disagreement,
patience in times of difficulty,
the desire to pray for those who oppose us,
and above all make us to be interpreters and bridge-builders
between those who are at enmity.

This we ask in the name of Christ
who has destroyed every wall that divides us,
and whose sacrifice has made our peace with you,
the Father of all humankind.

All **Amen.**

Officiant And so we pray together,
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

All **Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.**

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us:
Please pray in the language of your choosing.

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.**

10:52am ✠ Reading of In Flanders Fields

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.

10:54am ✠ Prayer

10:57am ✠ Act of Remembrance

Officiant

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.

All

We will remember them.

10:58am ✠ Last Post

11:00am ✠ 2 Minutes of Silence

11:02am ✠ Lament

11:04am ✠ Reveille

11:05am ✠ *Commitment to Remember*

Officiant They were young, as we are young,
They served, giving freely of themselves.
To them, we pledge, amid the winds of time,
To carry their torch and never forget.
We will remember them.

All **We will remember them.**

Officiant As we remember all who have fallen in war,
the innocents who have died and those who cry out in grief,
we remember humanity's power to heal and save.

All **Amen.**

The Kontakion Members of Cathedral Choir
Setting: Rupert Lang
Please refrain from singing along

Refrain Give rest unto your servant
with your saints O God,
give rest, give rest;
where there is neither pain,
nor sorrow, neither sighing,
but life everlasting.

For you, God only are immortal, the creator and the maker of all;
and we are mortal, formed of the earth,
and to the earth we shall return. *Refrain*

For so did you ordain when you created me, saying,
"You are dust, and to dust you shall return.
All of us go down to the dust;
yet even at the grave we make our song:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia." *Refrain*

Blessing
Officiant

God grant to the living, grace, to the departed, rest,
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth and all people,
unity, peace and concord,
and to us and all God's servants, life everlasting;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**



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Participants
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Officiant & Reflection Dean Christopher A. Pappas

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Organist & Director of Music



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