Holy Eucharist
With Act of Remembrance
Hope and Resurrection in a Pandemic Time
23rd Sunday After Pentecost
November 8th, 2020, 10:30am

The Anglican Parish of
Christ Church Elbow Park, Calgary

Act of Remembrance
¶ The congregation is invited to stand, the clergy enter.
¶ Please hold a solemn silence.

Sentences
“\(\text{I lift up my eyes to the hills - from where is my help to come? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.}\)\) - Psalm 121:1-2

“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; they are new every morning.” - Lamentations 3:21-23

“Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.” - Isaiah 40:31

“What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?” - Micah 6:8

Choir Introit
For the Fallen
- Fullalove

Remembering
Friends in Christ, as we meet this day 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, suffer the consequences of fighting or terror.
We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world
wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away.

National Anthem (Choir)
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.
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Honour Roll

¶ Please stand as names of the fallen are read.

Fallen Parishioners of The First World War 1914-1918

- Edgar Bocher
- Roland Dyer
- Jack Eaton
- Edward Eckersley
- Rankin English
- Wilfred Eyre
- George Jull
- Lawrence Kirkland
- Charles Ladler
- John Ladler
- Cressman Mills
- Reginald Pryce Jones
- Richard Price
- Jack Toole
- Ned Toole
- Cyril Ware

Fallen Parishioners of The Second World War 1939 – 1945

- Everett Allan
- Fred Boalch
- Anthony Cock
- Harry Eaton
- Norman Hall
- Basil Haylock
- Ronald Lowe
- William Main
- Donald McDaniel
- Harry Pearce
- William Pentland
- Charles Rice
- Kemp Richardson
- Jack Ross
- Geoffery Round
- Leslie Sceales
- Lawrence Sherman
- Arthur Snell
- Bernard Swain
- Charles Thomas
- William Wallace
- Laurence Wilkinson
- Courtney Woodward
- Norman Woodward

Fallen Calgarians of The War in Afghanistan, 2001 - 2014

- Kevin Dallaire
- Nicola Goddard
- Chadwick Horn
- Nathan Hornburg
- Michelle Lang (journalist)
- Steven Marshall
- Michael Starker
- Darcy Tedford
- Nurse Zeenab Kassam
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The Ode

‘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.

Last Post - Minute of Silence - Reveille

Prayers of Commemoration and for Peace

One Creator of all, giver of life,
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 for ever. Amen.

One O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace.
Let the design of your great love shine
on the waste of our wrath and sorrow,
and give peace to your Church, peace among nations,
peace in our homes and peace in our hearts;
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Royal Anthem

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!

Welcome & Acclamation

One The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All And also with you.
¶ The presider offers welcome, then leads in the collect for purity.

One Almighty God,
All 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

§ After a short silence, the presider prays the collect of the day.

One Ever-living God, you inscribe our names in your book of life so that we may share in the firstfruits of salvation. Grant that we may acknowledge Christ as our redeemer and, trusting in him, be confident that none of your own will be lost or forgotten. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.
All Amen.

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Hymn

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Choir

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

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

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

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

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

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come;
Be thou our guard while troubles last and our eternal home!

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Collect Prayer

One The Lord be with you.
All And also with you.

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Holy Scripture

1st Reading

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Psalm

78:1-7

- Thomas Pavlechko, SJMP

Cantor

Hear my teaching O my people; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will declare the mysteries of ancient times. That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, we will not hide from their children. We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, and the wonderful works he has done.

Choir

We will recount to generations to come the works of the Lord.

Cantor

He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, which he commanded them to teach their children; That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; that they in their turn might tell it to their children; So that they might put their trust in God, and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments;

All

We will recount to generations to come the works of the Lord.

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2nd Reading

I Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia - Light of the World, arr. Rob Glover

One The Lord be with you!
All And also with you!

One The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to...
All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Matthew 25:1-13

One The Gospel of Christ!
All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
Homily
The Rev’d Brandon Witwer

Anthem
Holy is the True Light
- Harris

Response of Faith
The Great Commandment

One
Christ, when asked which commandment was the greatest, answered with the mandate to love. Together, let us say,

All
Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

Prayers of the People
¶ The intercessor prays, silence and a concluding prayer follow.

Confession and Absolution
- Scotland

One
God is love and we are God’s children. There is no room for fear in love. We love God because God loved us first. Let us approach and seek God’s grace in our lives, and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

¶ Silence is held as we consider our needs, and the needs of others.

One
Most Gracious God,

All
we confess to you and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and in what we have failed to do. We are truly sorry. Forgive us our sins, and deliver us from the power of evil, for the sake of your Son who died for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

¶ Silence is held as we remember that all who seek forgiveness must also forgive.

One
God, who is both power and love, forgive you and free you from all your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord, in the name of the holy, indivisible Trinity. Amen.

Peace
¶ Please Stand

One
The peace and the joy of the Lord be always with you.

All
And also with you.

¶ All offer a contact-less sign of God’s peace.

Holy Eucharist

Offertory Hymn
¶ The Church’s worship and mission are funded entirely by gifts offered at this altar.
¶ Thank you for your offering. The plate will not be passed. If you are not already on automated giving, or wish to make an additional gift, an offering plate is at both doors.

Hymn
O God of Every Nation
Tune - Llangloffan

Choir
O God of every nation, of every race and land. Redeem the whole creation with your almighty hand; Where hate and fear divide us and bitter threats are hurled, In love and mercy guide us and heal our strife-torn world.

From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right, From trust in bombs that shower, destruction through the night From pride of race and station and blindness to your way. Deliver every nation, eternal God, we pray.

Lord, strengthen those who labour that all may find release From fear of rattling sabre, from dread of war’s increase; When hope and courage falter, Lord, let your voice be heard; With faith that none can alter, your servants undergird.

Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease, When hatred and division give way to love and peace, ‘Til dawns the morning glorious when peace on earth shall reign And Christ shall rule victorious o’er all the world’s domain.

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Prayer Over the Gifts

One You let us choose, O God, between you and the false gods of this world. Help us to give as you give and to acknowledge that all we have is yours. In the midst of the night of sin and death, wake us from our slumber that our generosity will free us to greet Christ with hearts fixed on him, so to follow Christ to eternal light.

All Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

One The Lord be with you.

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One Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them up to God.

One Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. Jesus lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Choir Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy...)

Lord’s Prayer

All 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 for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread & Invitation to Communion

One We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

One Behold what you are.

All May we become what we receive.

The gifts of God, for the people of God!

All Thanks be to God!
Fraction Anthem

**Choir**  *Agnus Dei...* (Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world...)

Communion

- Please take care to follow our protocol about receiving communion. We can do this safely!
- Remember to keep your mask on until you have received the wafer and then step back.
- During communion, please remain in prayer. Music is offered to support this.

Music During Communion

**Prelude and Fughetta** - Healey Willan

**Choir Motet**  *In Memoria Aeterna* (Ps. 112) - Vivaldi

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Prayer after Communion

**One**  Holy God, you faithfully keep the promises you made to our ancestors and continue to lead humanity into the future, providing for all on the way.

Help us who inherit the pilgrim life to journey faithfully at your command, that we may be a band of disciples empowered to live and proclaim your purposes.

**All**  Amen.

A Prayer For Courage and Peace - NZ Prayer Book

**All**  God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; bring hope and courage to us as we wait in uncertainty.

Bring hope that you will make us the equal of whatever lies ahead.

Bring us courage to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness; you are God, and we need you.

Amen.

A Parish Prayer for Christ Church

**One**  Gracious God, source of all life and love,

**All**  in your gift of the cross of Jesus Christ you call humanity to reconciliation, wholeness and abundant life.

Draw us together in your purposes that we may make your love known in all we say and do.

Give us your courage and generosity, that through the mission, worship and fellowship of Christ Church, we may reflect your faithfulness, your grace, forgiveness, and mercy, your wisdom and justice, your generosity and service. Form us completely, that we may welcome all to your community of healing, compassion and hope. Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

**One**  May God keep you in all your days.

May Christ shield you in all your ways.

May the Spirit bring you healing and peace.

May God the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from you and pour upon you blessing and light. And the blessing...

Hymn  *Let Streams of Living Justice*  - NZ Prayer Book

Let streams of living justice flow down upon the earth.

Give freedom's light to captives; let all the poor have worth.

The hungry's hands are pleading; the workers claim their rights, The mourners long for laughter, the blinded seek for sight.

Make liberty a beacon, strike down the iron power.

Abolish ancient vengeance. Proclaim your people's hour.

For healing of the nations, for peace that will not end.

For love that makes us lovers, God grant us grace to mend.

Weave our varied gifts together: knit our lives as they are spun.

On your loom of life enrol us till the thread of life is run.

O great Weaver of our fabric, bind church and world in one.

Dye our texture with your radiance, light our colours with your sun.
Your city’s built to music: we are the stones you seek.
Your harmony is language: we are the words you speak.
Our faith we find in service, our hope in other’s dreams.
Our love in hand of neighbour: our homeland brightly gleams.
Inscribe our hearts with justice, your way – the path untried:
Your truth – the heart of stranger, your life – the Crucified.

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Dismissal

One Let us depart in peace.
All In the name of the Lord.

Organ Postlude Nimrod (from Enigma Variations) - Elgar, arr. Ridout

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Monastic Wisdom…

Remembering in the Octave of All Saints/All Souls

The saints are those who have survived the ordeal of this life, those who can give
witness, already, that the eternal promise we hear in the book of Revelation is true.
The saints remind us that in the best of times and in the worst of times,
life is possible and passable, and that we are not left alone.
Today we remember all the saints, and they remember all of us.
-Br. Curtis Almquist, SSJE

Even in the sorriest and most desperate of times,
your memory can bear witness to Christ’s real presence being made known to you.
The remembrance of Christ meeting you – his brokenness meeting your own –
may be essential as you grope your way into God’s future
down what may seem to be a very uncharted path.
-Br. David Vryhof, SSJE

Peace

Drawing on Christ’s gift of peace requires such attentiveness
because there is so much that can take our breath away,
so much that can distract us, or hold us hostage.

What would help you retain an awareness of Christ’s offer of this gift of peace?
-Br. Curtis Almquist, SSJE

Peace-Receiving

There is plenty of peace that needs to be made all around our world and on our streets.
That is undeniable. But “peace receiving” precedes “peace making.”
I’m talking here about our being peace-receivers, receiving Christ’s peace,
our practising a posture of reception of peace…
which can change your day, and ultimately change our world.
Receive the peace of Jesus.
-Br. Curtis Almquist, SSJE

Shining Peace

In a world and nation dark with violence and war—in which leaders willfully abandon
their responsibility to make peace through diplomacy, in which the earth’s very
existence is threatened by human greed and inaction—we are to shine with the Light of
Christ, bear the yoke of Christ, decide for the kingdom of God which Christ brings. We
are called to dedicate ourselves anew to Wisdom’s teaching, love and truth, for we
ourselves embody the fullness of Christ for our own and the world’s healing.
-Br. Jonathan Maury, SSJE

Generosity

We have been created in the image of God,
whose opening act in creation in the Book of Genesis is generosity.
The words “genesis” and “generosity” spring from the same etymological source.
Long before death pulls from your grip what you cannot take to the grave,
acknowledge it all as gift, and gift it back to God as an offering for God’s use.
Participate in God’s generosity.
- Br. Curtis Almquist, SSJE
You are welcome in the worship, fellowship and mission of Christ Church. In response to God’s gift of life, of welcome, and of redemption in our namesake, Jesus Christ, we are a Eucharistic people, seeking to live out our baptismal vows in our lives.

We give and work to build the Body of Christ in our community in faith in God our Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit.

and to serve in the world, following our Lord’s command to Love God and to love one another. As we seek to live out our baptismal vows and reflect Christ to the world, this is our prayer:

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Amen.

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