

Kincardine United Church

Remembrance Service

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Bold print in the bulletin invites you to say the words.

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PRELUDE I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ BWV 636 J. S. Bach

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

We acknowledge the Traditional Territory of the Anishinabek Nation:

The People of the Three Fires

known as Ojibway, Odawa and Pottawatomie Nations.

We further give thanks to the Chippewas of Saugeen, and the Chippewas of Nawash – now known as the Saugeen Ojibway Nation –

as the traditional keepers of this land.

Our thanks compel us to live fully into our journey of reconciliation – a seven-generation process of intentional listening and learning.

We seek to live together in respect, friendship and peace.⁸)

Therefore, we commit ourselves to follow Jesus' calling us into the world, loving one another as we are loved by God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

MUSICAL INTROIT I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ Marcel Dupré

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

A quietness hovers over our world this morning,

for this is a time of remembrance and of honouring.

A sadness creeps into our hearts,

for today we feel for those who served and those who died.

A hope is beginning to shine like a candle in the night,

for the gift of love received from the sacrifice of too many families.

Let us pray together:

O God, at this annual time of remembrance,

our thoughts turn to the violence, the fear and the pain of war.

Come gently into our worship this morning that we may know your peace:

a peace which passes all human endeavours and hopes,

a peace given through the Prince of Peace. Amen.

***LIGHTING OF THE RED CANDLE** (*Red symbolizes sacrifice*)

Let us rise as we remember and pray together:

It is right that we take time to remember,

and to give thanks for the sacrifice of so many.

It is not the minutes or the hours we take to call their deeds to mind

which justifies their loss of all their tomorrows.

It is what we do with our todays which speaks loudest.

May we be worthy of the call to peace you extend, O God. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 527 (Verse 2 only)** God! As with Silent Hearts

LIGHTING THE YELLOW CANDLE (*Yellow symbolizes longing and light*)

Let us pray together:

We pray for the young and the old, the perpetrators and the innocents,

who live in countries where there is war, where hate and anger and

where a lust for revenge has turned neighbour against neighbour,

yet where love is kept alive in the hearts of many,

and the will to find peaceful solutions

is part of the fabric of today's visionaries.

Please, O God, prod us to find those visions,

where reconciliation brings peace and wholeness. Amen.

VOICES UNITED 527 (Verse 3 only, seated) God! As with Silent Hearts

LIGHTING THE WHITE CANDLE (*White symbolizes hope for transformation*)

Let us pray together:

It will not be today, O God, and this we acknowledge,

but we trust that some day, some day soon,

the swords of battle will become the tools of peace.

We pray that your prophets are right

when they tell of the lion lying down with the lamb.

Please, God, make your will and your purpose

burn in the hearts of all the Peoples of the earth.

Let not the gentle, vulnerable souls of children be sacrificed again –

for any reason.

Let Jesus' day of hope begin with us. Amen.

VOICES UNITED 527 (Verse 4 only, seated) God! As with Silent Hearts

LIGHTING THE BLUE CANDLE *(Blue symbolizes sorrow in the remembering)*

VOICES UNITED 527 (Verse 1 only, seated)

God! As with Silent Hearts

IN FLANDERS FIELDS

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.

***TWO MINUTES OF SILENCE**

***PIPER'S LAMENT**

Flowers of the Forest (Traditional)

Performed by David Hamilton

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

Hear the vision of the prophets:

**"...and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nations shall not lift sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more."**

Trust God who longs for peace.

Trust Jesus who remembers us by saying,

"Forgive them for they know not what they do."

Trust the Spirit who moves us to love even our enemies.

**We are forgiven, strengthened and empowered
to be peace bearers in our world.**

Thanks be to God!

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SHARING TIME "Peace: The Prayer of Saint Frances" illustrated by Anna Göbel

THE LORD'S PRAYER *We Sing*

**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.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

BIBLE READING Joshua 3:7-17 from the Old Testament

⁷ The LORD said to Joshua, "This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, so that they may know that I will be with you as I was with Moses. ⁸ You are the one who shall command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, 'When you come to the edge of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.' " ⁹ Joshua then said to the Israelites, "Draw near and hear the words of the LORD your God." ¹⁰ Joshua said, "By this you shall know that among you is the living God who without fail will drive out from before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites, and Jebusites: ¹¹ the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is going to pass before you into the Jordan. ¹² So now select twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe. ¹³ When the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, come to rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan flowing from above shall be cut off; they shall stand in a single heap."

¹⁴ When the people set out from their tents to cross over the Jordan, the priests bearing the ark of the covenant were in front of the people. ¹⁵ Now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest. So when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the edge of the water, ¹⁶ the waters flowing from above stood still, rising up in a single heap far off at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, while those flowing toward the sea of the Arabah, the Dead Sea,^[a] were wholly cut off. Then the people crossed over opposite Jericho. ¹⁷ While all Israel were crossing over on dry ground, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firmly on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, until the entire nation finished crossing over the Jordan.

***KNOWN UNKNOWNNS 94 (Tune: #260 VU) The Truth That Sets Us Free**

- 1. When the wheel of fate is turning and the mills of God grind slow,
when the past seems more attractive than the future we don't know,
when our confidence is waning and we lack security,
comes the timeless word of Jesus that the truth will set us free.**
- 2. Is it war or economics, is it danger or deceit,
is it unforeseen depression, fear of failure to compete?
Have the times which once were changing led where no one wants to be?
Shall we live by lies on offer or the truth that sets us free?**
- 3. With real faith there will be doubting, and with loss there will be grief.
No one knows the contradictions which will exercise belief.
Against conflicts life might bring us, God provides no guarantee,
just this word of hope and healing: know that truth will set you free.**
- 4. So, dear Jesus, make us willing to unmask convenient lies,
to protest whatever power closes conscience, ears and eyes;
and release our expectations of your kingdom yet to be,
born in courage, joy and justice and the truth that sets us free.**

BIBLE READING Matthew 23:1-12 from the New Testament

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, ²“The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’s seat; ³therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it, but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. ⁴They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others, but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. ⁵They do all their deeds to be seen by others, for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. ⁶They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues ⁷and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to have people call them rabbi. ⁸But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers and sisters. ⁹And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father, the one in heaven. ¹⁰Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. ¹¹The greatest among you will be your servant. ¹²All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

DOXOLOGY 315 (*verse 4 only*) “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

PRAYER BEFORE REFLECTION

REFLECTION “What Is Victory?”

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

...you call us to be lovers,

lovers in a dangerous time.

...Yet still you call us to be lovers,

lovers in a dangerous time.

...But you call us to be lovers,

lovers in a dangerous time.

...We pray for your presence in our midst, that we might learn from you how to be lovers,

lovers in a dangerous time. Amen.

ANTHEM O Valiant Hearts Words: Sir J. S. Arkwright & Music: Rev. C. Harris

*O valiant hearts, who to your glory came through dust of conflict and through battle flame;
tranquil you lie, you knightly virtue proved, your memory hallowed in the land you loved.*

*Proudly you gathered, rank on rank, to war, as who had heard God’s message from afar;
all you had hoped for, all you had, you gave to save mankind, yourselves you scorned to save.
These were his servants, in his steps they trod, following through death the martyred son of God:
Victor he rose; victorious too shall rise they who have drunk his cup of sacrifice.*

*O risen Lord, O Shepherd of our dead, whose Cross has brought them and whose staff has led,
in glorious hope their proud and sorrowing land commits her children to thy gracious hand.*

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Accept, O God, our gifts freely given.

**Bless these gifts that they may be signs of freedom for other:
freedom from hunger, from oppression, from conflict, from violence.
Use these gifts, as you use us, for your purpose in the world. Amen.**

***VOICES UNITED 684 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace**

BENEDICTION

SONG OF COMMITMENT 481 (*verse 2 only*) "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

**With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the task of our everyday life we will face.**

**Our faith ever sharing in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.**

**With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us,
unite us as one in this life that we share.**

**Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honour to Christ and the name that we bear.**

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

Henry Purcell