

REMEMBRANCE DAY

PRAYER SERVICE

Christ Church Cathedral 10:15 AM Friday, November 11, 2022



Prelude

Welcome

The Very Rev. Christopher A. Pappas, Dean of New Westminster

Presider

In this time and place,
We gather on the traditional, ancestral and unceded lands
of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh nations.

All

From many places and peoples we come to this house of prayer.

Presider

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.

Presider

In this time and place,
The risen Christ stands in our midst.

All

The risen Christ who accompanies us and all people.

Presider

In this time and place,
God's Holy Spirit breathes in and through us.

All

The Holy Spirit who transforms us and all life.

Presider

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.**

AN ACT OF PENITENCE The Rev. Dr. Rob James

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.

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.

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. Amen.

The Invitatory (The Clergy)

God is our refuge and strength.

All: A very present help in trouble.

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.

What does the Lord require of you,

All: But to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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.

All: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us (Repeat 3 times)

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.

Listening For The Word From God

A reading from the prophet Micah (Dr. Marvin Westwood)

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised up above the hills. Peoples shall stream to it, and many nations shall come and say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken. For all the peoples walk, each in the name of its god, but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn **O God, our Help in Ages Past (CP 528)**

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

Under 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.

Choir Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all our years away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

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

Text: Psalm 90, paraphrased by Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Music: ST. ANNE William Croft (1678-1727); descant Alan Gray (1855-1935)

A Reading from the Revelation to John (Chevalier Kirk Hamilton, KSJ)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Homily: The Rev. Ingrid Doerschel, St. Mark's Lutheran

Anthem **I Vow to Thee My Country**

I vow to thee, my country all earthly things above
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love;
The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.
And there's another country, I've heard of long ago

Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King,
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
And her ways are ways of gentleness, and all her paths are peace.

Text: Sir Cecil Spring Rice (1918);
Music: Gustav Holst (1921)

PRAYING TOGETHER The Rev. Dr. Rob James

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.

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.

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.

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.

For peacemakers and peacekeepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free; may God give peace.

All: God give peace.

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.

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. Amen.

RESPONDING IN HOPE AND COMMITMENT (Dame Heather Hamilton, DJSJ)

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

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. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

THE ACT OF COMMITMENT Rikki Kooy "Spirit Elk Woman"

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

All: We will.

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

All: We will.

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

All: We will.

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.

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: Amen.

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

Creator 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. **Amen.**

And so we pray together,

All: Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. 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.

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us:

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.

10:52 AM In Flanders Field (Capt. (Ret.) Roderick Mackin, 48th Highlanders)

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.

10:55 AM Reflection

10:57 AM Act of Remembrance (The Rev. Aslidair Smith)

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.

We will remember them.

10:58 AM Last Post

11:00 AM 2 Minutes of Silence

11:02 AM Reveille

11:03 AM Commitment to Remember (The Rev. Ingrid Doerschel)

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.

We will remember them.

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.

Amen.

The Kontakion (Members of Cathedral Choir)

The Kontakion Text: Eastern Othodox Funeral Liturgy; Music Rupert Lang

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.

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."

Blessing (The Very Rev. Dr. Christopher A. Pappas)

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. **Amen.**

Dismissal (The Rev. Alisdair Smith)

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Preacher	The Rev. Ingrid Doerschel
Clergy	The Rev. Dr. Rob James, the Rev. Alisdair Smith
Mentoring Elder	Rikki Kooy "Spirit Elk Woman"
Readers	Dr. Marvin Westwood, Chevalier Kirk Hamilton, KSJ, Dame Heather Hamilton, DJSJ, Capt. (Ret) Roderick Mackin
Servers	
Music	Members of the Cathedral Choir, with Rupert Lang Organist & Director of Music
Trumpet	
Special Thanks	

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of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations in the heart of Vancouver.



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