

## Kensington Presbyterian Church

# Remebering & Living

November 7, 2021

WELCOME, during these times of physical

isolation we are putting out these worship services that you can do at home. This doesn't mean you have to do them alone. You can invite those who live with you, or connect with others through the phone or computer, or even in small groups outside.

If you have any prayer requests, ideas, or just want to talk, please reach out to your elder or Rev. Peter (Peter@Kensingtonchurch.ca).

## Announcements

Clicking on or tapping blue text will take you to a web-site

Re-opening: We are pleased that we will now be able to sing in the building, as well as over Zoom, YouTube, and with the Text.

Sunday School: is available every week for those who are interested.

Communion: All who want to know Jesus better are invited to join us for the Lord's Supper this week. At home you will have to

us for the Lord's Supper **this week**. At home you will have to provide your own elements (bread/juice/wine). If you come in person we have a pre-packaged sanitary option.

Prayer Group: **NEW TIME** Thursday at 9:15 a.m. in 3500 Benny Av (off the Benny Farm Courtyard). Please let Rev. Peter if you would like to join with zoom and this can be arranged.

Calendars: Howie Dealove is selling church calendars to raise money for the Women's Missionary Society (WMS). Let us know if you're interested.



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## Ceremony of Remembrance

#### Invitation to Remembrance

This is the Sunday before Remembrance Day, and so before we gather to worship God, you are invited to remember those who have sacrificed to allow us to live in this freedom, search for truth, and enjoy life.

As a start to our Remembrance Ceremony, let us hear from some who served why they remember, and who they remember. www.youtube.com/watch?v=x9HGx4p23eM

While there have been many sacrifices since this poem was written in 1915, it is a poignant reminder that this is something fought for, and that it must be carried on.

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.

You may appreciate one of these videos which include the trumpet and moments of silence <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lDLI9G9Hcec">www.youtube.com/watch?v=lDLI9G9Hcec</a> (simple poppies) leadership.usask.ca/events/remembrance.php (some photos

please rise if you are able Last Post Moment of silence Reveille

☐ O Canada.....pg 11
www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bo2ktvhnpEo





Lighting of the Christ Candle Jésus Chris est la lumière du monde. Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

Call to worship (based on Psalm 27; John 4:23) Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in his holy temple.

We have come as we are, singing our joy and tears to the Lord.

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this time of worship and always.

## 🕏 Prayer of Approach

God of all ages:

we thank you for the faithful witness of your apostles, prophets, and martyrs throughout the history of your church and throughout the world today.

## Through their witness we see and hear your truth.

We bless you with all who bless your name through their writing, speaking, art, and music.

## Through their work we glimpse your beauty.

We praise you for all who serve you without recognition or honour, offering encouragement to the lonely, the sick, and the fearful.

# Through their lives we see your faithfulness and sense your comfort.

Merciful God,
We wish to be one of these people,
but we think we are not worthy
or we doubt our skills or usefulness

## Please forgive us for doubting your creation in us.

Jesus, even though you show us in the way of life, we pursue our comforts letting relationships with neighbour and land, you and ourselves be hurt.

#### Please forgive us for the hurt we cause.

Holy Spirit, we pray that you will use us to reflect the glory we see in Christ.

May the voices of all your saints, made holy in you, swell in joyous praise to you, the giver of all good gifts,

We pray in your name: God the Father, God the Son & God the Holy Spirit - three in one.

#### Amen.

\* Assurance of Pardon

Hear these comforting words:

If you repent and believe in God's redeeming mercy, your sins are forgiven.

Trust in God's promises and begin anew your life with God and all people in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.<sup>2</sup>



## Listening to God

☐ Hymn: Be still, my soul #1, 3, 4.....pg 12 (749)

www.youtube.com/watch?v=PVh--AlfkH4



Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may hear your Word with hope.

Amen.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Worship Sourcebook 2.4.33

adapted from Worship Sourcebook 3.1.10

## 🚁 Intro to the readings

- Before the gospel reading. Jesus has heard that his good friend Lazarus has died. He chooses to go, even though the last time he was in the region people tried to kill him.
- Our psalm was originally one that would have been sung when going up to the temple when going to church.
- Our last passage is a familiar one. It has been used at Christian burials since the early church.

Reading: Please look up the passages in your own Bible,<sup>4</sup> or click on the name to be taken to an online version (NRSV).

<u>John 11</u>: 32-37

Psalm 24

Revelation 21: 1-6a



4 If you'd like a new Bible with helpful notes, I recommend the 'Life with God Bible' NRSV from Renovaré. ISBN 0061834963 or for the more academically inclined, The New Oxford Study Bible NRSV

This Sunday is a day for remembering. We have taken time to remember those who have gone to war to make the world better, and especially those who died. We also recognize All Saints Day, which often focuses on those we love who have died.

Both these days are connected with death - a topic our society tries to avoid. Death is hard. I'm glad we have hymns like the one we just sang that admit that sometimes "all is darkened in the vale of tears".

I'm even more appreciative of passages in the Bible like today's gospel reading. Sometimes God is portrayed as an incredibly big, strong presence who cannot be moved. While I do feel that God is a rock upon which I can stand - one that won't cause me to lose my footing. I find it comforting that God also feels - is moved by hard times and loss. We are told before today's passage starts that Jesus loved Lazarus, Martha & Mary. When he arrived he was moved by the loss and grief, in the people gathered and, I believe, in himself. Jesus wept. God is not unaffected by our grief and pain.

Something the story of Lazarus goes on to remind us, as do many other passages in the Bible, is that death is not the end. There will come a time "when disappointment, grief and fear are gone, ...when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last." - to again quote the hymn.

The book of Revelation has always been a little troublesome. Near the end of the second century when leaders in the church

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<sup>5</sup> Psalm 19:14

were trying to decide which writings to collect into the Bible they didn't know what to do with it. It was different. It was confusing. It also was being read and bringing God's hope into people's lives. So they included it.

Revelation goes through a series of wild visions bringing messages to the churches. It builds to a section that includes today's passage of God making the earth new again, and coming to live with us. In this renewed creation "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."

I look forward to this day of no more pain.

I'm also glad the vision is not about destroying this creation and all of us going up to heaven. This world is important; it is precious. Throughout the Bible, and history, we have stories of God working with people to try and improve the world. As the psalm says, 'to have clean hands and pure hearts'. This is often hard work. We can see this when we look at the sacrifices people have made to make the world better.

Thinking of All Saints Day, the poet Malcolm Guite writes that it is good to remember those who have "kindled a light for us, or to speak more exactly, reflected for us and to us, the already-kindled light of Christ!" This reflected light can warm us in hard times. The lives of others can show us God's presence and care. They can show us ways to live out God's presence and care. As we sang in the first hymn,

Sing for God's saints who have travelled faith's journey before us, who in our weariness give us their hope to restore us; in them we see the new creation to be, Spirit of love made flesh for us.

Starry Night - van Gogh

Who do you remember?
Who has reflected Christ's light to you?

Sometimes I look to people of the past. I expect you could name some of my saints, like Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the servant community he shows, Martin Luther King Jr and his vision, and Mother Theresa and her simplicity. There are also less famous people, such as Madeleine L'Engle sharing Godly wisdom, Marva Dawn showing peace, and my friends Katie & Mike - who live out faithful struggles.

Not that they're all perfect. This actually seems to be a common part of saint stories. I recently read about St Francis and how he lived the party life as a young man. More famous examples include Paul in the Bible, who was attacking Christians for their beliefs, and Peter, who denied his belief in Jesus. We're not saints because we're perfect, but because sometimes we reflect the light of Christ.

<sup>6</sup> malcolmguite.wordpress.com/2021/10/30/all-hallows-eve-a-sonnet-of-reclamation-7/

For the last few weeks I've been taking a course with ministers from across North America. While I can't share their stories with you, I am encouraged by the stories of God working through the struggles we are all facing. In sharing about our failures, we also reflected the light of Christ.

Who do you remember?
Who has reflected Christ's light to you?

I also think of you. I look forward to my chances to talk with you, because I see God's presence in your life. Whether you are 90 or 9 I receive the gift of your wisdom. In a conversation with one of you who stopped by my office this week, I really appreciated the self awareness & peace with what you could and couldn't do. This is part of how God made us, and it changes. The light from this conversation was a good reminder.

Who do you remember?
Who has reflected Christ's light to you?

This will take time set aside to reflect - to remember. You can remember people from the past, and from your past. You can remember people in the present. I encourage you to remember the Saints, and in so doing, feeling the reflected light of Christ.

To God be all the glory.

Amen.



## Responding to God

## Q FaithTalk

These are some questions for you to discuss with somebody... or many somebodies. Do what you feel safe (and practice stretching a little).

Value: Is it important to remember? How do you do this? How does it help you move forward in your journey?

Memories: Who is a saint for you (present or past)? Share how they have reflected the light of Christ to you at some point through their life.

Wonder: Psalm 24 uses military language to express that God is powerful in the world. Together, can you suggest other examples or metaphors that express this?

Actions: Go through the words of the previous hymn (For all the Saints). Come up with names of people for the various examples in the hymn. Then turn it into a prayer of gratitude to God.

Actions: Tell somebody through whom you have glimpsed Christ what you saw/appreciated. As death is not the end, you can even thank people who have left this earth.

## Offering

Financially, we have set up a donation option on **our** website. Just click the '<u>Donate Now</u>' button, and then the pretty button. It gives you various options that are easy to follow. You can also donate through interac e-transfer. Our name is <u>Kensington Presbyterian Church</u> and the e-mail address is <u>info@kensingtonchurch.ca</u>. And you can sign up for Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) are also good options, or simply mail or drop off a cheque or cash.



#### Communion



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☐ Hymn: O Holy Father.....pg 13 (529)

www.youtube.com/watch?v=3M4yo7c3MhY

Invitation to the table

Since the time of Jesus believers (Saints) have found that God renews us through through the mystery of communion.

and so we come together,

Whether rich or poor strong in faith, or struggling

Jesus invites you to the Lord's Table.

not because of your works

but because you are loved.

We are still not gathered at one table, or even at one time, but we have all been gathered by one Lord, God almighty, ruler of heaven and earth.

We have all been invited to experience God now.

This table is the Lord's.

Tout le monde peut venir

It is the will of Jesus that those who want to experience him should meet Jesus here.

C'est la volonté de Dieu que tous ceux qui veulent connaître Jésus devraient partager ce repas.<sup>7</sup>

As we come together to share the Lord's Supper, we also come together with a statement of faith that we share with Christians of many types, around the world, and through the centuries.

## Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

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the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Great prayer of thanksgiving & the Lord's Prayer The Lord be with you.

and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It truly is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe.

We praise you for saints and martyrs, for the faithful in every age who have followed your Son and witnessed to his resurrection.

From every race and tongue, from every people and nation, you have gathered Saints into your kingdom.

You have shown them the path of life and filled them with the joy of your presence.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels, prophets and apostles, and with all the faithful of every time and place,

Therefore we join with the whole creation to lift our hearts in joyful praise.<sup>8</sup>

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

# Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

And that one is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Living among us,

sharing in our joys and sorrows, bringing grace, truth and healing.

When evil sought to destroy Jesus, and he lay in the darkness of death, you raised him from the grave.

Death is not the end;
Jesus is our risen Lord forever!
Together, we proclaim the mystery of the faith.



# Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

And we thank you that we are never separated from you, that you journey with us now through your Spirit, until the day that your Kingdom fully comes.

Until that day,

help us to live in ways that reflect you to the world.

As your Kingdom comes, we ask for your presence to be known in places that need your hope,

such as Haiti and Cuba.

and we pray for the new municipal governments being formed today in Québec.

and we pray for the nations gathered in Scotland to plan how we can better look after your creation. and Lord, please bring healing to those who need your touch. . .

<sup>8</sup> adapted from PCUSA 387

<sup>9 (</sup>even more) modified PCUSA 389

We that you continue to be present with us through your Holy Spirit.

and for the way you turn ordinary things (like a table, bread & juice) into special things so that we are reminded that you are with us - always.

As we share your bread and your cup, we pray that your Spirit will make them alive so that we may be closer to you and be strengthened by you until you come again.

As we prepare to share this symbol of the feast to come, we come together to say the prayer you teach us: (feel free to use another version/translation)

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is 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 forever. Amen.



We are all One in Jesus Christ - Soichi Watanabe

Words of Institution

On the night before he met with death, Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to God he broke the bread and shared it, saying

"This is my body; it is broken for you."

"Ceci est mon corps, qui est rompu pour vous" [take and eat]

In the same way, he took the cup of wine after dinner and said, "This is the new relationship with God, sealed in my blood Take this, all of you, in remembrance of me."

"Cette coupe est la nouvelle alliance en mon sang; faites ceci en mémoire de moi"

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. [take and drink]

## Prayer after Communion

Jésus, il n'y a rien qui puisse te séparer de nous. Vous êtes ici maintenant avec espoir et amour. Your Spirit nourishes us and offers us strength. Send us out with tenderheartedness to touch our neighbours as you would to share your love, hope and healing. Amen.

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The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 10



#### 10 2 Corinthians 13:13

## Rev. Peter Rombeek

for Kensington Presbyterian Church

#### Sunday, November 7 -

### MISSION MOMENT

## **Life-Saving Treatment in Haiti**

Haiti is experiencing a food shortage crisis. As a result, many children, like Elisemene Joachim, suffer from malnutrition. At four years old, Elisemene weighed a mere 8.5 kg (around 19 pounds) when she was diagnosed with acute malnutrition at a mobile clinic. She was immediately enrolled in a program where she received life-saving treatment and was regularly monitored for several months. After 10 months, Elisemene's health and nutrition status improved, and she was healthy enough to be discharged



from the program. Today, Elisemene is thriving and enjoying a healthy childhood. This project is supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development and Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

#### DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, November 7 We pray for malnourished children in Haiti, that they may recover and experience healthy childhoods with treatment provided by Presbyterian World Service & Development partners.

Monday, November 8 We pray for people who are awaiting the results of medical tests.

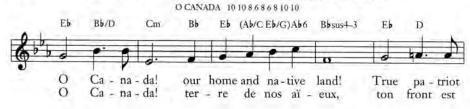
Tuesday, November 9 We pray for farmers in Malawi and give thanks for the sustainable farming projects supported by the church through Presbyterian World Service & Development that help their crops flourish.

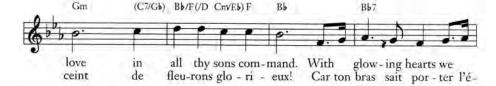
Wednesday, November 10 We give thanks and pray for clerks of Session who, with elders and ministers, nurture caring Christian ministry in congregations and communities across the country.

Thursday, November 11 (Remembrance Day) We pray for all who mourn or suffer as a result of conflicts and war. We ask God to protect and guide peacekeepers and those who serve in the armed forces.

Friday, November 12 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island.

Saturday, November 13 We pray for ministries in Canada that support the health, education, faith and well-being of children and youth.







see thee rise, the true north strong and free; from far and wide, O pé - e, il sait por - ter la croix! Ton his-toire est une é-po-



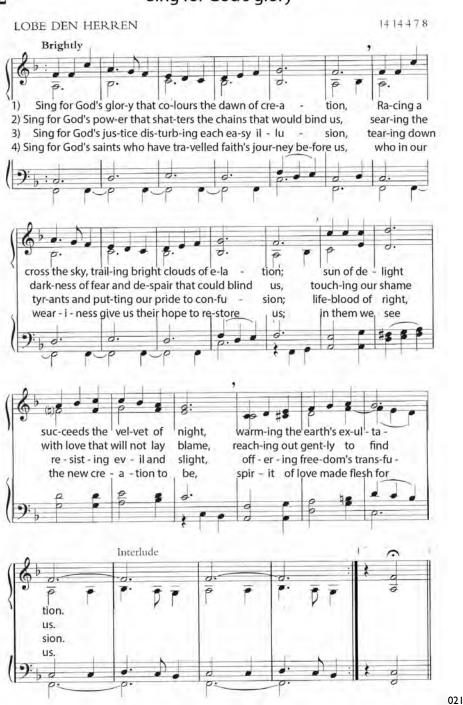




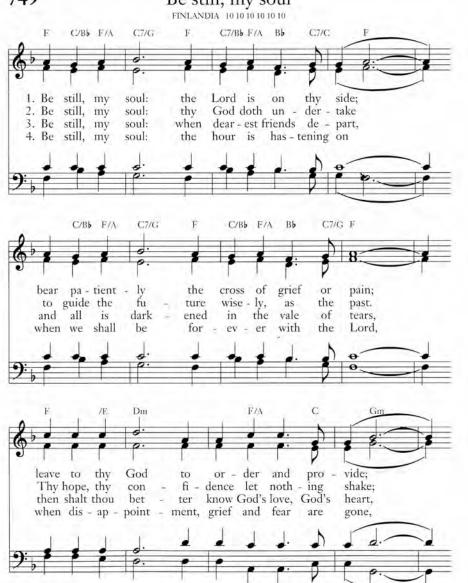
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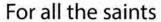
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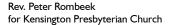
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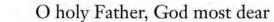
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