

Melville United Church  
Sunday, November 11, 2018  
Remembrance Sunday



*\* Congregation please stand as you are able.*

**Bold print invites congregational response.**

Presiding today - Rev. Marion Loree

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Sharing the Light**

**Call to Worship:**

Unless we love each other as God loves us,

**we serve only in part.**

Unless we seek justice for everyone,

**we welcome only in part.**

Unless we praise God with our whole self,

**we worship only in part.**

Come let us worship God with body, mind, and spirit.

**\*Hymn:** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling **VU 333**

**Opening Prayer:**

Great healer, lover of our souls:

**bless this sacred time set apart for worship and praise.**

May this space be different from the places we left to come here.

**May this space be a glimpse of your coming kin-dom.**

Let us feel your loving presence

**as we remember, pray and sing together. Amen.**

**Prayer for Inner Healing:**

Holy Oneness, we need you. We need you because,  
when we choose to worry,

**we lose sight of hope.**

When we choose to grumble,

**we lose sight of joy.**

When we choose to fear,

**we lose sight of love.**

When we are worried and grumbling and afraid,

**we lose our sight.**

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God of every vision,

**forgive us and help us to see and to choose what is good. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance:**

Friends, God calls us to do better. With God's help, and the loving support of each other, we can demonstrate a glimpse of the change that we hope to actualize in our homes, our community, our country, and the world.

**Thanks be to God. Amen!**

**Ministry of Music:** Love's Grace

**Theme Conversation:** Respectful Remembrance

**Service of Remembrance**

*Please remain standing as you are able throughout the service of Remembrance.*

**\*Hymn:** O Canada

**VU 524**

**\*Reading: In Flanders Fields** - Col. John McCrae

**Roll Call:** Karen Smillie, Elmer Shortt

**\*Last Post:**

**\*Silence:**

**\*Rouse:**

**\*Prayer:** Remembrance Day Prayer -Bruce Sanguin, *If Darwin Prayed*

**\*Hymn:** O God, Our Help in Ages Past - vs 1,3,4,6

**VU 806**

**Scripture:** Ruth 1:1-18 (*The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Edition*)

*(Ruth chooses to go with Naomi)*

Now that Naomi had lost both of her children as well as her husband, she prepared to take her daughters-in-law and leave the land of Moab and return to her homeland, for she had heard that YHWH had visited the people by providing an abundance of food.

So she and her two daughters-in-law left the house where they had been living, and she set out on the road to Judah. But Naomi told each of her daughters-in-law, "Return to your mother's house. May the Most High care for you with the same kindness that you have cared for your dead and for me. May the Most High give you security and true fulfillment, and lead you to new spouses." Then she kissed them both.

But they wept loudly and said to her, "No, we want to go back with you to the land of your people!"

But Naomi said to them. "Go back, my daughters. Why do you want to come with me? I have no more sons inside me that you can take as spouses. No, you must go back, my daughters.

And once more they wept loudly. Then Orpah kissed Naomi and returned to her people. But Ruth stayed by her side.

Naomi said to Ruth, "Look, your sister-in-law has returned to her people and to the god of her ancestors. You too must go. Follow your sister-in-law."

But Ruth said to her."Please don't ask me to leave you and turn away from your company. I swear to you: Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge. Your people will be my people, and your God, my God. Where you die, I'll die there too and I will be buried there beside you. I swear - may YHWH be my witness and judge - that not even death will keep us apart."

Seeing that Ruth was determined to accompany her, Naomi said no more.

**Scripture:** Mark 12:38-44 (*The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Edition*)

*(The widow offers two small copper coins)*

In his teaching, Jesus said, "Beware of the religious scholars who like to walk about in long robes, be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, and take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets. These are the ones who swallow the property of widows and offer lengthy prayers for the sake of appearance. They will be judged all the more severely."

Jesus sat down opposite the collection box and watched the people putting money in it, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny.

Then Jesus called out to the disciples and said to them, "The truth is, this woman has put in more than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have put in money from their surplus, but she has put in everything she possessed from the little she had - all she had to live on."

**Scripture:** Hebrews 9:24-28 (*New Revised Standard Version*)

*(Christ, the once-and-for-all sacrifice)*

For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

**Message:** True Sacrifice

**\*Hymn:** Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands (vs 1,2,4,5) **MV 173**

**Offering:**

**Ministry of Music:** The Journey

**\*Offering Hymn: Offering Song:** What Can I Do? **MV 191**

**What can I do? What can I bring?  
What can I say? What can I sing?  
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.  
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.**  
*(Repeat)*

**\*Offertory Prayer:**

**God, in your great commonwealth, love is the highest currency.  
Please accept these gifts as a love offering towards the work of your  
kin-dom here on earth. Amen.**

**Joys and Concerns:**

**Prayer Prelude:** God Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary **MV 18**

**God, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
pure and holy tried and true;  
with thanksgiving,  
I'll be a living sanctuary for you. (Repeat)**

**Prayers of the People:**

**The Lord's Prayer:**

**\*Hymn:** Make Me a Channel of Your Peace **VU 684**

**\*Blessing:**

Go now, remembering all who have sacrificed  
so that you may live in peace and freedom.

Go with God,

**we go to create new paths were there once were none.**

Go with Jesus,

**we go to break down walls and systems that exclude and oppress**

Go with the Spirit,

**we go, resisting any force that tries to keep us down.**

**Amen!**

**Solo:** O Canada

**Postlude:**

**Prayer of the Week:**

God of hope, lead all who are vulnerable to places of sanctuary where life may be sustained and hope may be found. God of peace, as we remember the past, we pray for the ceasing of guns and violence and war. Strengthen us to serve you in all we say, in all we do, in all we give. Amen.

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