

Holy Trinity Anglican Church - Nov 12, 2023  
24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - Remembrance Sunday

Our National Anthem

O Canada! Our home and native land!  
True patriot love in all thy sons 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.  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

A moment of silence

The Congregation is invited to pin their poppy's to the cross.

Let us pray

All: Lord God our Father, We pledge ourselves to serve you and all your peoples, In the cause of peace, for the relief of want and suffering, And for the praise of your name. Guide us by your Spirit; give us wisdom; give us courage; Give us hope; and keep us faithful now and always. Amen.

## Welcome

### Opening Hymn: Praise to the Lord the Almighty

1. Praise to the Almighty the King of creation,  
Oh, my soul praise him for he is thy health and  
salvation,  
All ye who hear, brothers and sisters draw near,  
Praise him in glad adoration.

2. Praise to the Lord who o'er all things so wondrously  
reigneth,  
Shelters thee under his wings, yea so greatly  
sustaineth,  
Hast thou not seen, how thy entreaties have been,  
Granted in what he ordaineth.

3. Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore  
him,  
All that hath life and breath come now with praises  
before him,  
Let the Amen, sound from his people again,  
Gladly for we adore him.

## The Penitential Rite

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found, call upon him  
when he draws near; let the wicked forsake their

**ways, and the evil ones their thoughts; and let them return to the Lord, and he will have compassion, and to our God, for he will richly pardon. Isaiah 55.6, 7**

### Invitation

Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

### Confession

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

### Absolution

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Officiant" Lord, open our lips,  
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People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People: O Lord, make haste to help us.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

### Venite

ALL: Come, let us sing to the Lord;\* let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving\* and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God,\* and a great king above all gods. In his hand are the caverns of the earth,\* and the heights of the hills are his also. The sea is his for he made it,\* and his hands have moulded the dry land. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,\* and kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.\* Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

### The Proclamation of the Word

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JOSHUA  
(JOSHUA 24:1-3A, 14-25)

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God." But Joshua said to the

people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

### A Reading of PSALM 78:1-7

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.**

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: God of pilgrims, strengthen our faith, we pray. Guide us through the uncertainties of our journey, and hold before us the vision of your eternal kingdom, made known to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Gradual Hymn: Jesus Is A Friend Of Mine**

**Jesus is a friend of mine Praise him!  
Jesus is a friend of mine Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Jesus is a friend of mine, Praise him!**

Jesus died to set us free Praise him!  
Jesus died to set us free Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Jesus died to set us free Praise him!

Jesus is the king of kings praise him!  
Jesus is the king of kings praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Jesus is the king of kings praise him!

Jesus loves us one and all Praise him!  
Jesus loves us one and all Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Jesus loves us one and all Praise him!

### The Gospel Reading - MATTHEW 25:1-13

**Reader:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Reader:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**People:** Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.



When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

**Reader:** The Gospel of Christ.

**People:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

### **Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the**

Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offertory Hymn: He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

1. He leadeth me o blessed thought, o words with heavenly comfort fraught,  
What-e'er I do wher-e'er I be,  
Still tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Chorus:

He leadeth me, he leadeth me,  
By his own hands he leadeth me,  
His faithful follower I would be,  
For by his hand, he leadeth me.

2. And when my task on earth is done,  
When, by thy grace the victory's won,  
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,  
Since God though Jordan leadeth me.

### Chorus:

He leadeth me, he leadeth me,  
By his own hands he leadeth me,  
His faithful follower I would be,  
For by his hand, he leadeth me.

### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Gracious God, your word to us is food indeed.  
Receive all we offer you this day, and let your loving-kindness be our comfort, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your living Word.

### Prayers of the People

(Let us offer our prayers to the source of all love and all life, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer.")

Merciful Lord, we pray for all who call themselves Christians: that we may become a royal priesthood, a holy nation, to the praise of Christ Jesus our Saviour.  
Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for John our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers: that they may remain faithful to their calling and rightly proclaim the word of truth.  
Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for Charles our King, for the leaders of the nations, and all in authority: that your people may lead quiet and peaceable lives.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for this city and those who live here, the poor and the rich, the elderly and the young, men and women: that you will show your goodwill to all.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the victims of our society and those who minister to them: that you will be their help and defence.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those preparing for baptism, (for those recently baptized): that they may be strengthened in the faith.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all the saints who have found favour in your sight from earliest times, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and those whose names are known to you alone: and we pray that we too may be counted among your faithful witnesses.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

## Collect of the Day

**ALL:** Eternal God, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning, grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

## Lord's Prayer

**Officiant:** And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.

## The Blessing

## Closing Hymn: Stand Up Stand Up for Jesus

**STAND UP STAND UP FOR JESUS, YE SOLDIERS OF  
THE CROSS,  
LIFT HIGH HIS ROYAL BANNER, IT MUST NOT**

SUFFER LOSS,  
FROM VICTORY TO VICTORY HIS ARMY SHALL HE  
LEAD,  
TILL EVERY FOE IS VANQUISHED, AND CHRIST IS  
LORD INDEED.

STAND UP STAND UP FOR JESUS, THE TRUMPET  
CALL OBEY,  
FORTH TO THE MIGHTY CONFLICT, IN THIS HIS  
GLORIOUS DAY,  
YE THAT ARE MEN NOW SERVE HIM, AGAINST  
UNNUMBERED FOES,  
LET COURAGE RISE WITH DANGER, AND STRENGTH  
TO STRENGTH OPPOSE.

STAND UP STAND UP FOR JESUS!  
THE STRIFE WILL NOT BE LONG;  
THIS DAY THE NOISE OF BATTLE,  
THE NEXT THE VICTOR'S SONG.  
TO HIM THE OVERCOMETH A CROWN OF LIFE  
SHALL BE,  
HE, WITH THE KING OF GLORY, SHALL REIGN  
ETERNALLY.

L: The worship is over

All: **Our Service begins**