



Remembrance Sunday

9 November | 2025 | 11.30am

The Rev. Canon Dr. Penny Anderson - Rector

The Rev. Wojtek Kuzma - Priest Associate

Andy Elmhirst - Director of Music

Carrie Ford-Jones - Children's & Youth Ministry Coordinator

Welcome to St. Christopher's

Thank you for being with us this morning! We hope that this will be a meaningful time of worship for you! Please be assured that we are continuously evaluating and adapting our liturgical customs and hygiene practices to protect the health and safety of all.

About the Service

Everything you need for the service can be found in this booklet and large print copies are also available. You may take this service bulletin home with you or discard it in the blue box as you exit.

Children & Families

Please enjoy being together throughout the service. Programming for children, 0-3 years (Grannie's Place) takes place at 9.30am. Children aged 4+ meet in the preschool room during the 9.30am service with Carrie Ford-Jones. Should you require assistance at any time during the service, please let one of the greeters know and they will be happy to assist you.

Audio Loop

If you use a hearing aid with a "T" setting, you can take advantage of our audio loop in the main section (Nave) of the church.

"Collection"

We don't pass the collection plate at St. Christopher's. Instead, if you wish to make a financial contribution to support our ministries, there are donation boxes just inside the door into the worship space. Also, there is now a tap machine on a stand in the Atrium. You can tap with your credit card or using your mobile phone or watch. Please use your mobile device to scan the QR code if you wish to receive a tax receipt.

Communion

All are invited to share in the Holy Eucharist.

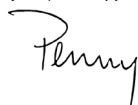
General Health Protocols

We encourage you to sanitize your hands frequently and there is sanitizer in many places throughout the church.

You may signal your preference to share the Peace in a distanced manner by crossing your arms over your chest, or by raising your hands, palms together. We ask you to check with your neighbours before making physical contact at the Peace.

Blessings

None of us comes to church by accident and each of us brings the rest of our lives with us. No matter what joys, burdens or dilemmas you bring with you today, we pray that this time will be a gift to you; that God's grace will touch you with hope and energy to live your life with greater depth, integrity, compassion, and courage.



Canon Penny Anderson

On the Cover

Poppies left by mourners to honour the fallen
at the National War Memorial in Ottawa.

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Remembrance Sunday

11.30 am

Welcome!

Canon Penny

You belong here!
Everyone is welcome at the table.
No fussy rules.
No exceptions.

Land Acknowledgement

John Edmond, an Ottawa lawyer who practiced constitutional and Indigenous law, compiled a chronology of the Indian Residential Schools. Author Bob Joseph says Edmond compiled the chronology “to convey, by historic milestones, how the Indian residential school system came to be, how it embodied attitudes of its time, how critics were dismissed, and how, finally, the deep harm it did to many members of generations of Indian children was exposed in the course of a reconciliation process that continues.”

In one such historic milestone, in 1976, the National Indian Brotherhood (precursor to the Assembly of First Nations) proposed a series of amendments to the *Indian Act*, all of which were rejected by the government.

May we who gather for worship on the territory of the Anishinaabeg and the Haudenosaunee peoples commit ourselves to learning our history, and to engaging in reconciliation with First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples.

Gathering Prayer

Opening Song: Highway of Heroes

The Trews

The day I shipped out they numbered a dozen
Upon my return, were a hundred or so
From the coast and from the prairies
I bet they keep coming add one more name from Ontario

[Refrain]

*Carry me home down the highway of heroes
People above with their flags flying low
Carry me softly down the highway of heroes
True patriot love there was never more*

I served with distinction O visions of glory
I served without question or personal gain
Seek no justification it's not part of my story
And it offers no comfort to the ones who remain
[Refrain]

I took up my vocation I was called by my nation
Without hesitation my answer I gave
Now I am not wondering the things that I might have been
No consolation to the forgotten brave
[Refrain]

Listening for God

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah (58.6-9)

Reader

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard.
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."

All

Holy Word. Holy Wisdom.
Thanks be to God.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew (10.34-39)

Reader May God be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Reader The Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
All **Glory to you, O Jesus Christ.**

Reader Jesus said, "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

Reader The Gospel of Christ.
All **Praise to you, O Jesus Christ.**

Homily

Canon Penny

Silence for Reflection

Solemn Act Of Remembrance

Leader In the presence of God
we remember with thanksgiving and sorrow
those whose lives,
in world wars and conflicts past and present,
have been given and taken away.

Silence is kept.

Presider 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.

All **We will remember them.**

Song: Goodnight Saigon

Billy Joel

We met as soul mates on Paris Island.
We left as inmates from an asylum.
And we were sharp, as sharp as knives.
And we were so gung ho to lay down our lives.

We came in spastic like tameless horses.
We left in plastic as numbered corpses.
And we learned fast to travel light.
Our arms were heavy but our bellies were tight.

We had no home front. We had no soft soap.
They sent us Playboy. They gave us Bob Hope.
We dug in deep and shot on sight.
And prayed to Jesus Christ with all of our might.

We had no cameras to shoot the landscape.
We passed the hash pipe and played our Doors tapes.
And it was dark, so dark at night.
And we held onto each other
like brother to brother.
We promised our mothers we'd write.

And we would all go down together.
We said we'd all go down together.
Yes we would all go down together.

Remember Charlie, remember Baker,
They left their childhood on every acre.
And who was wrong? And was right?
It didn't matter in the thick of the fight.

We held the day in the palm of our hand.
They ruled the night and the night
seemed to last as long as
six weeks on Paris Island.

We held the coastline they held the highlands.
And they were sharp, as sharp as knives.
They heard the hum of our motors.
They counted the rotors and waited for us to arrive.

And we would all go down together.
We said we'd all go down together.
Yes we would all go down together.

The Prayers of the People

Please add your own prayers, ending with,

<i>One</i>	God is good,
<i>All</i>	Thanks be to God.
<i>or</i>	
<i>One</i>	God of love,
<i>All</i>	Hear our prayer.

The Peace

Song: Nothing More

Alternate Routes

To be humble, to be kind.
It is the giving of the peace in your mind,
To a stranger, to a friend,
To give in such a way that has no end.

Refrain

*We are love, we are one,
We are how we treat each other when the day is done.
We are peace, we are war,
We are how we treat each other and nothing more.*

To be bold, to be brave.
It is the thinking that the heart can still be saved.
And the darkness can come quick,
The dangers in the anger and the hanging on to it.
[Refrain]

Tell me what it is that you see.
A world that's filled with endless possibilities?
Heroes don't look like they used to.
They look like you do.
[Refrain]

We are how we treat each other and nothing more.
We are how we treat each other.

Prayer over the Bread and Wine

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider May God be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the living God.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the God of the universe.
All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The eucharistic prayer is spoken in the moment.

All **Holy, holy, holy,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in God's name.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The eucharistic prayer continues.

All **Amen.**

Presider We pray as Jesus taught us:
All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as 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 for ever.
Amen.**

Sharing Bread and Wine

As we serve one another:

All **The body of Christ.
The blood of Christ.**

Song: Instrumental

Prayer After Communion

Closing Song: We'll Meet Again

Ross Parker, Hughie Charles

We'll meet again,
don't know where, don't know when,
but I know we'll meet again
some sunny day.

Keep smiling through
just like you always do;
'til the blue skies drive the
dark clouds far away.

So will you please say hello to the folks that I know.
Tell them I won't be long.
They'll be happy to know that as you saw me go
I was singing this song.

We'll meet again,
don't know where, don't know when,
but I know we'll meet again
some sunny day.

We invite you to join us for refreshments in the Atrium
following the service.

Thought for the Month

Every day, as long as "today" lasts, keep encouraging one another ...

Hebrews 3:13



We are a dynamic, inclusive, diverse community
rooted in the life-giving, life-affirming, life-changing love of God
reaching beyond ourselves
caring for creation
making a difference with others.

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