



Remembrance Sunday

9 November | 2025 | 9.30am

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 here 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.

Washrooms are located off the Great Hall - just ask one of the greeters for directions.

Children & Families

Children belong in church! We know that children move around, and children make sound - kids are allowed to be kids at St. Christopher's. Programming for children 4 and older takes place with Carrie Ford-Jones in the Youth Room during the 9.30am service. Caregivers, please pick up your children from the Youth Room at the end of the service. Parents are welcome to spend time with their children ages 0-3 in Grannie's Place. Please ask one of our greeters if you need assistance finding your way there.

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.

Please remain seated until you are invited up the centre aisle by the greeter. When it's your turn, please hold out your hands and the communion minister will drop the wafer into your hands (without touching you). Once you have received the wafer, you may choose to receive the wine, or simply touch the base of the cup. Please return to your seat by the side aisle. If you are not comfortable receiving the bread or wine, you can come forward to receive a blessing - just cross your arms over your chest; the priest will pray for God's blessing on you (without touching you). If you require gluten-free bread, please ask the communion minister.

Sensory Room

There is a space for you at St. Christopher's! Including a brand new sensory room, located in the South hallway, on the left just beyond the freezers. The sensory room is a space where you can lower or raise sensory inputs - there are blackout curtains so you can control the lighting, mats you can place on the floor, and options for listening to the service, or to enjoy silence. The space is available for people of all ages, although we ask that care givers remain with children who wish to use the sensory room.

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 you will encounter God's grace in a way that frees you to experience newness, compassion and hope.

If you are looking for a spiritual home, we have a variety of services and programs to meet your needs. For more information, please visit our website. We are at www.stcb.ca.



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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Thought for the Month

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

Hebrews 3:13

Remembrance Sunday

9.30 am Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Elegy

George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)

Welcome & Announcements

Canon Penny

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.

Please rise in spirit or in body.

Opening Hymn: O God Our Help in Ages Past

Blue book #528

The Gathering

Presider

Ever-living God,
we remember those whom you have gathered
from the storm of war
into the peace of your presence;
may that same peace calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples
and establish harmony among the nations;
through Jesus Christ,
in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All

Amen.

Hearing God's Word

Please be seated.

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

read by Amy Collard

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."

Holy Word. Holy Wisdom.

All

Thanks be to God.

Please rise in spirit or in body.

Before the Gospel: When Quiet Peace Is Shattered

Yellow 399 vv. 1,2

When quiet peace is shattered
By dreadful noise of war,
And we are bruised and battered
By fighting's constant roar.

Refrain:

*Lord, break the silence of your word
And let your healing voice be heard,
O let your healing voice be heard.*

When troubles still our love song,
And fear beats hard within,
When anger drowns the dove's song
And life's a noisy din.

Refrain

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.**

After the Gospel: When Quiet Peace Is Shattered

Yellow 399 v. 3

When clashing wills divide us,
And hearts refuse to mend,
When feelings scream inside us
And agonies won't end.
Refrain

Please be seated.

Homily

Canon Penny

Silence for reflection.

Anthem: For the Fallen

Douglas Guest (1916-1996)

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.

Laurence Binyon (1896-1943)

Please rise in spirit or in body.

Affirmation of Faith

Presider Let us affirm the faith we share.

All **We trust in God,
who has created and is creating;
who came to us in Jesus,
the word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new;
who works in us and others
by the Holy Spirit.**

**We believe we are called to be God's people:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus' death and resurrection
by word and deed.**

**We live in hope because
in life, in death, in life beyond death,
we are not alone:
God is with us.**

**Thanks be to God.
Amen.**

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.

Last Post

Silence is kept.

Reveille

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.**

O Canada

O Canada!
Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us 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.

The Prayers of the People

Led by Bob Goodwin

The Peace

The presider addresses the people.

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
All **And also with you.**

The members of the community offer signs of peace to one another.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: Eternal Father Strong to Save

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

O Christ! Whose voice the waters heard
And hushed their raging at Thy word,
Who walkedst on the foaming deep,
And calm amidst its rage didst sleep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

Most Holy Spirit! Who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,
And bid its angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion, peace;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

O Trinity of love and power!
Our brethren's shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

The Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Here is bread, here is wine:
the fruit of the earth and the work of human hands.

All **Here we offer our lives:
the harvest of history and the work of grace.**

Presider As many grains have been gathered to make this bread
and many grapes have been gathered to make this wine:

All **So may we be united in love and empowered as one
to serve your reign of justice.
Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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

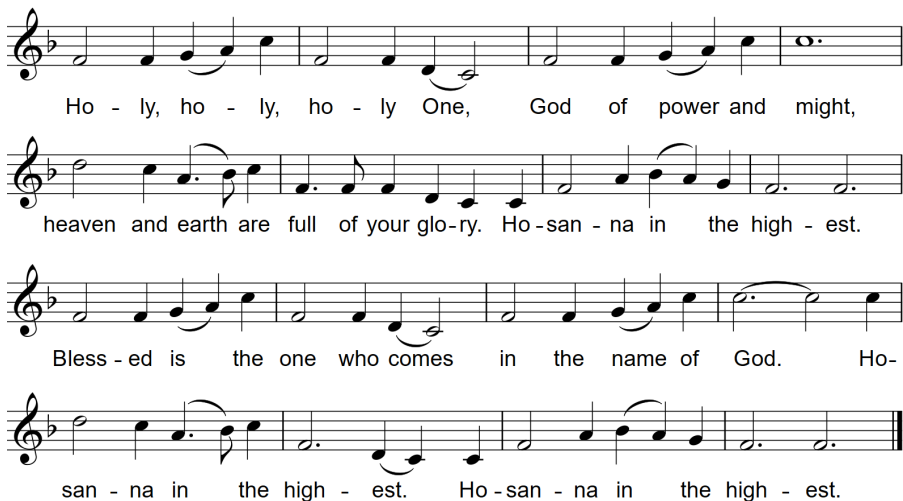
Presider Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Living God.**

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

Presider God of all the ages,
you called all the children of Abraham
to walk with you,
and yet Abraham's ancestors were often at war,
suffering and inflicting great loss and grief.
Your prophets longed for a day
when swords would be turned into ploughshares.
In the cross of Jesus Christ you took into your own body
the hatred and cruelty and violence of humankind,
and responded with forgiveness and the promise of new life.
And so we thank you and praise you,
with all the company of heaven,
joining in the unending song of martyrs and angels:

All

Traditional



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly One, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of God. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Presider

God of resurrection,
in Jesus you suffered the horrors of violent conflict,
in betrayal and brutality and injury and agony.
Together with his friends he shared a meal
that showed us how to remember,
and so to piece together
the hopes and dreams and bodies and loves
broken by violence and death.
Send your Holy Spirit to dwell
with all who remember in sadness,
that their mourning may be turned to deeper trust in you.

By that same Spirit, sanctify this bread and this wine,
that they may be for us the body and blood of Jesus Christ;
who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks,
broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,
"Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;
do this to remember me."

After supper Jesus took the cup.
Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
"Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
As often as you drink it, do this to remember me."

Great is the mystery of faith.

All

Traditional



Presider

Redeeming and reconciling God,
your love is made manifest when enemies become friends
and woundedness turns to healing.
Bless all who live with the daily grief
of losing a precious person in battle.
Strengthen any who carry injuries in body, mind, or spirit.
Make the nations worthy of the blood shed in their name,
and empower those who work for peace;
until the day when there is no more war,
and your gentle paths lead us to unity in you,
O Trinity of peace and love.

All

Traditional



Presider We pray as Jesus taught us,

All

Tirro

Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal-lo-wed be Thy name.
Thy king-dom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heav en.
Give us this day our dai-ly bread, and for-give us as we for-give each oth - er;
and lead us not in-to temp - ta - tion, but de - li-ver us from e - vil;
for Thine is the king - dom and the po - wer and the
glo - ry for - e - ver. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider

The body that was broken

All

has become for us the bread of life!

Invitation

Presider

This is God's table
ready for those who love God
and those who want to love God more.

So come,
you who have much faith
and you who have little,
you who have been here often
and you who have never been before,
You who have tried to follow Jesus
and you who have failed.

Come, because it is Christ who invites us
to meet him here.

The gifts of God, for the people of God.

All

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

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Songs During Communion

The White Cliffs of Dover

Nat Burton and Walter Kent

I'll never forget the people I met
braving those angry skies.
I remember well as the shadows fell,
the light of hope in their eyes.

And tho' I'm far away
I still can hear them say:
"Thumbs up"!
For when the dawn comes up:

There'll be bluebirds over
the white cliffs of Dover
tomorrow, just you wait and see.
There'll be love and laughter
and peace ever after,
tomorrow, when the world is free.

The shepherd will tend his sheep,
the valley will bloom again,
and Jimmy will go to sleep
in his own little room again.

There'll be bluebirds over
the white cliffs of Dover
tomorrow, just you wait and see.
There'll be love and laughter
and peace ever after,
tomorrow, when the world is free.

There'll be bluebirds over
the white cliffs of Dover
tomorrow, just you wait and see.

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.

Please rise in spirit or in body.

Prayer after Communion

Presider

Restoring God,
as you feed us with the body and blood
of your beloved one, Jesus Christ,
so also guide us by your Holy Spirit
that we may join you
in creating your new society;
through Jesus Christ,
in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All

Amen.

Doxology

Presider Together, we say,
All **Glory to God,
whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Blessing

Closing Hymn: O Day of Peace *Blue book #573*

Dismissal

Presider Alleluia! Go forth from this place
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!
All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude

Finale and March from Battle of Britain Suite *William Walton (1902-1983)*

Special Thanks
Trumpet Alecia Blackman

The Eucharistic Prayer based on Samuel Wells and Abigail Kocher,
Eucharistic Prayers.

Refreshments are served in the Atrium.
We invite you to join us,
or to remain in the church to enjoy the postlude.



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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