Carlisle/Kilbride Pastoral Charge
Remembrance Sunday
Sunday, November 8, 2026
Kilbride 9:30 am, Carlisle 11:00 am

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Welcome & Acknowledgement of the Land

We begin this time of worship by acknowledging that we are meeting on the land of the *(Kilbride: Huron-Wendat, Petun, Seneca, Neutral, Anishinaabe, and most recently the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation),*
(Carlisle: the Neutral, Haudenosaunee, Anishinabek, and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation),
who continue to cry out for justice. As treaty people, we commit to listen, learn, and work to right the wrongs of the past and present.

Lighting of the Christ Candle:
It is far better to light the candle than to curse the darkness.*
The Light of Christ is in our midst.

**(William L. Watkinson,* The Supreme Conquest and Other Sermons Preached in America*, 1907)*

Call to Remember:
(David Sparks in Gathering*, Pentecost 2, 2017)*
As we gather on this day, we remember the men and women who have died in active service.
And we remember their friends and family members who still feel deep grief.
We remember the men and women who still suffer the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual wounds of war.
And we remember those for whom depression and post-traumatic stress is a reality.
We remember the naval, army, and air force personnel who faced mortal danger.
And we remember civilians, bombed, shelled, and driven from their homes, and refugees living in camps without hope of a new life.

Peace-loving God, even as we commit ourselves to remembering,
may we also commit ourselves to compassionate and practical support for those who suffer because of wars past and present.
We remember, and we act, because we have been called to love one another.
Amen.

Opening Prayer:
O God, at this annual time of remembrance,
our thoughts turn to the violence,
fear, and pain of war.
Come gently in our worship this morning
that we may know your peace—
not the peace of violence ignored and fear repressed,
but the true peace of evil confronted,
injustice exposed,
and reconciliation achieved.
We pray in the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Hymn: VU 524 – O Canada (updated lyrics below)
Words: French, Adolphe B. Routhier 1880; English, Robert Stanley Weir 1908; Music: melody Calixa Lavallée ca. 1880; harm. William Smith Dingman ca. 1930
This instrumental version of our national anthem is performed by Ottawa-based bamboo flautist and Youtuber Flute Siva and cellist Raphael Weinroth-Browne.
Canadian National Anthem | O Canada Instrumental | Flute Siva feat. Raphael Weinroth-Browne

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.

[Carlisle] Procession of the Colour Party (Scouts)

[Carlisle] Remembering One of Our Own: Arlene Munroe

Roll Call of Honour:
One: We Remember.
(Names of living and deceased who have served are read out loud)

The Act of Remembrance:
(from Laurence Binyon, "For the Fallen," 1914)
They shall not grow 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.

Response: We will remember them.

The Last Post
Two-Minute Silence
Reveille
https://youtu.be/lDLI9G9Hcec?si=mf4Nlbjn0Belgwce

Prayer for Grace:
Holy God, violence and hatred have so often overwhelmed our world.
Today we remember and repent as we acknowledge that, even in our own lives,
hatred sometimes obscures love
and violence sometimes overcomes peace.
Heal us, O God,
assist us as we work for peace in our homes,
our community, our church, and our world.
Call us again to live lives
of love, caring, generosity, and concern.
This we ask in the name of Jesus, our Christ,
the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Assurance of Grace:
Trust the God who longs for peace.
We are forgiven, strengthened, empowered
to be peacemakers in our world.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sung Response: TLUS 89 – Our Tears Falling Down (2x)
Words & Music: Paul M. Vasile, based on Psalm 126:6, 2018
Paul M. Vasile's hymn is arranged and performed by composer, arranger, choral director, and musician Lonnie Delisle. Delisle is the Artistic Director of the Universal Gospel Choir – Vancouver's award-winning, multi-faith, community gospel choir – and is the Musician in Residence at the Vancouver School of Theology.
Our Tears, Falling Down Like Rain | by Paul M. Vasile, arranged by Lonnie Delisle

> Our tears, falling down like rain to the ground
> will water seeds of change.
> Kyrie, kyrie, kyrie, kyrie.

Kyrie eleison.

Prayer for Illumination:
(Wendy MacLean in Gathering*, Pentecost 2, 2023, p. 37 [adapted])*
Gracious and Compassionate God, we praise you.
Open us to the wisdom of your word,
The shred trust of generations,
The shared longing of your people,
The shared work of your followers,
The shared call to justice for all your people. . . .
Bless us in our understanding.
Inspire and convince us to go into the world, to lead and to follow as you show us the way. Amen.

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37
The Parable of the Good Samaritan
25 An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to
inherit eternal life?" 26 He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read
there?" 27 He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with
all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbour as
yourself." 28 And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will
live."
29 But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?"
30 Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the
hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead.
31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by
on the other side. 32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him,
passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and
when he saw him he was moved with compassion. 34 He went to him and bandaged his
wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought
him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii, gave them
to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you
whatever more you spend.' 36 Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to
the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" 37 He said, "The one who showed him
mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Reflection

Hymn: VU 600 – When I Needed a Neighbour
Words & Music: Sydney Carter 1962; harm. Cantate Domino
Led by their Director of Music George Richford, the Romsey Abbey Choir and congregation perform this hymn for a 2017 episode of the BBC *Songs of Praise* television program. They are accompanied by Adrian Taylor on organ and a quartet of instruments (harp, flute, oboe, and cello) that briefly plays between verses.
"When I Needed A Neighbour" | Romsey Abbey Choir (George Richford)

1 When I needed a neighbour,
were you there, were you there?
When I needed a neighbour, were you there?
And the creed and the colour
and the name won't matter, were you there?

2 I was hungry and thirsty,
were you there, were you there?
I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?
And the creed and the colour
and the name won't matter, were you there?

3 I was cold, I was naked,
were you there, were you there?
I was cold, I was naked, were you there?
And the creed and the colour
and the name won't matter, were you there?

4 When I needed a healer,
were you there, were you there?
When I needed a healer, were you there?
And the creed and the colour
and the name won't matter, were you there?

5 Wherever you travel
I'll be there, I'll be there.
Wherever you travel I'll be there.
And the creed and the colour
and the name won't matter, I'll be there.

Prayers of the People:
Sing into prayer: VU p. 865 refrain "Hear our prayer"
Words & Music: George Whelpton 1897

Hear our prayer, O God,
hear our prayer, O God;
incline your ear to us,
and grant us your peace.

Prayer of Jesus: (alternate version)
(Jim Cotter, VU 916, 1988)
Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be.

Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo
through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed
by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done
by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever. Amen.

Offertory: MV 191 – What Can I Do?
Words & Music: Paul Rumbolt and Michele McCarthy; arr. Alan C. Whitmore 2005
Musicians of Golden Ears United give an energetic performance of Rumbolt and McCarthy's offertory.
MV 191 What Can I do

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.

Reading: *from "September 1, 1939" by W.H. Auden*

Hymn: Let There Be Peace on Earth
Words: Jill Jackson, alt. 1955; Music: Sy Miller 1955
Jill Jackson and Seymour "Sy" Miller met and married in 1949 and formed a songwriting partnership that would eventually earn them the George Washington Honor Medal from the Freedoms Foundation for "Let There Be Peace on Earth." This anthem was originally written for and performed by the International Children's Choir in Long Beach, California. In the following video it is sung a cappella by the PS22 Chorus of Staten Island, a group of public school 4th- and 5th-graders.
PS22 Chorus "Let There Be Peace On Earth" (BEAUTIFUL a capella)

Let there be peace on earth,

and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth,
the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me;
let this be the moment now.
With every step I take,
let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment
in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth,
and let it begin with me.

Sending Forth:
God make you strong in faith and love
and guide you in truth and peace.
Go in peace to love and serve God.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

[Carlisle] Recession of the Colour Party (Scouts)

Online Postlude: When I Needed a Neighbour
Here's another performance of Sydney Carter's 1962 hymn, sung by the choir of St Martin-in-the-Fields with oboist Dom Kelly providing haunting accompaniment – how unusual for a single melodic instrument to accompany a choir! This is another performance featured on the long-running BBC program *Songs of Praise* and well worth a listen.
Songs of Praise 2015, Dom Kelly on oboe