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Welcome

A warm welcome is extended to all this morning, especially those who are worshipping at Holy Trinity for the first time. Your presence both enriches us and this time of celebration together.

Order of Worship

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday, November 8, 2020

WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP GOD

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory

For thousands of years First nations people have walked in this land. Their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and spirituality. We are gathered on the lands represented in the Robinson-Huron Treaty 61 of 1850, the Traditional Territory of the Serpent River and Mississagi people and we acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages. May we live with respect on this land and live in peace and friendship with its people.

Call to Worship

Give ear, O people, to God's teachings,

For in parable and story God's wisdom is revealed.

Come, let us remember the stories of our ancestors in faith.

Let us share them with our children, and celebrate the goodness that has come from them.

God has established decrees with our grandparents and all generations:

And God has asked us to teach and continue them.

Come, people of God let us raise our hope in God, and remember our blessings;

Let us never forget God's glorious works in our lives.

Come, let us worship!

Prayer of Approach

Hymn: Let All Things Now Living, VU# 242

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God our Creator triumphantly raise.
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
By guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.
'Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished
As forward we travel from light into light.

By law God enforces, the stars in their courses
And sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We, too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration a song let us raise:
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving,
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

Prayer of Confession

All: Abiding God, there have been times when we have chosen the gods of our contexts, over full devotion to you. We have worshipped at the altars of progress efficiency, competition, and acquisition. We have claimed to be your people while behaving in ways that do not bear this out. We have allowed the obsessions of the “world” and the scarcity mentality of our cultures to permeate our spirits and cause us to wander.

We imagine we are ready to be in your presence, but in truth are often asleep to the true preparedness of constant vigilance in your grace. Forgive our shallow ways, and wake us up to what it means to be ready to follow wholeheartedly. Jostle us into alert commitment. Teach us to embrace the responsibilities that come with helping to bring about your realm on Earth. And help us to stay awake and prepared, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

WE REMEMBER

POEM: In Flanders' Fields

One Minute of Silence

Hymn: God! As with Silent Hearts, VU # 527, vs 1,2,3

God! As with silent hearts we bring to mind
how hate and war diminish humankind,
we pause, and seek in worship to increase
our knowledge of the things that make for peace.

Hallow our will as humbly we recall
the lives of those who gave and give their all.
We thank you, God, for women, children, men
who seek to serve in love, today as then.

Give us deep faith to comfort those who mourn,
high hope to share with all the newly born,
strong love in our pursuit of human worth:
'lest we forget' the future of this earth.

Sharing Peace with One Another



We Listen to God's Word Spoken to Us

(Today's Reader: Kathy Calverley)

First Reading: *Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 (NIV)*

The Covenant Renewed at Shechem

¹ Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God.

² Joshua said to all the people, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'Long ago your ancestors, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates River and worshiped other gods.

³ But I took your father Abraham from the land beyond the Euphrates and led him throughout Canaan and gave him many descendants. I gave him Isaac,

¹⁴ "Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD.

¹⁵ But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

¹⁶ Then the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods!

¹⁷ It was the LORD our God himself who brought us and our parents up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great

signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled.

¹⁸ And the LORD drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God.”

¹⁹ Joshua said to the people, “You are not able to serve the LORD. He is a holy God; he is a jealous God. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins.

²⁰ If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, he will turn and bring disaster on you and make an end of you, after he has been good to you.”

²¹ But the people said to Joshua, “No! We will serve the LORD.”

²² Then Joshua said, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen to serve the LORD.”

“Yes, we are witnesses,” they replied.

²³ “Now then,” said Joshua, “throw away the foreign gods that are among you and yield your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.”

²⁴ And the people said to Joshua, “We will serve the LORD our God and obey him.”

²⁵ On that day Joshua made a covenant for the people, and there at Shechem he reaffirmed for them decrees and laws.

Psalm 78, VU pgs. 792-793 (Parts 1 & 2)

Refrain:

We will tell new generations of the wonders God has done

Part One (vs. 1-7)

Give heed to my teaching, O my people,
turn your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable;

I will reveal the hidden meaning of things in the past.

What we have heard and known, what our parents have told us,
we will not hide from their grandchildren.

But declare to the next generation

the testimony that you gave to Jacob

and the law you appointed in Israel,

which you commanded them to teach their children,

that the next generation might know them, children yet unborn,
and these in turn should arise, and tell their children.

That they should put their trust in you,

and not forget your great deeds,

but keep all your commandments. R

Part Two (vs. 12-16)

Marvellous things you did in the sight of our ancestors,

In the land of Egypt, in the plain of Zoan.

You divided the sea and let them go through,

And made the waters stand up like a wall.

By day you led with a cloud,

And all the night long with a beacon of fire.

You split rocks in the wilderness,

And gave drink in plenty as from the great deep.

You brought streams out of the rock,

And made water run down like rivers. R

Gospel: *Matthew 25:1-13* (NRSV)

The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids

¹ “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.

² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.

³ When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them;

⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.

⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept.

⁶ But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’

⁷ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps.

⁸ The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’

⁹ 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.’

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’

¹² But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’

¹³ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Sermon: *Let us Care for Future Generations*

Prayers of the Faithful

Lord's Prayer

Moment of Musical Meditation

"Weep for the Dead" - Duo by Russ & Ann Foy

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn: Jesus Loves Me, VU # 365

Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong. **R**

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me!

The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know,
As He loved so long ago,
Taking children on His knee,
Saying, "Let them come to Me." **R**

Jesus loves me still today,
Walking with me on my way,
Wanting as a friend to give
Light and love to all who live. **R**

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH THE SERVICE OF OUR LIVES

Minute for Missions

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Prayer

Hymn: May the God of Hope Go with Us, VU # 424

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race. **R**

Refrain:

***Praying, let us work for peace,
Singing, share our joy with all,
Working for a world that's new,
Faithful when hear Christ's call.***

May the God of healing free the earth from fear,
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.
May the God of love keep our commitment clear
to a world restored, to human life renewed. **R**

Commissioning and Benediction

Instrumental Response

Announcements:

Church Parking:

Due to insurance liability issues, we kindly ask that when attending services/events at Holy Trinity that you please park in the HTUC church parking lot and not at the Service Ontario parking lot.

Thank you!

Snow Clearing Volunteers:

If you can volunteer for the last spot on the sidewalk snow clearing list, please contact Ken Pierce at 705-848-3947.

Online Christmas Craft and Bake Sale Donations:

If you are interested in donating any items, please contact Sandy Prest at 705-848-5515 or Elaine West at 705-827-0294.

*In
Loving
Memory*

The bulletin this week is sponsored by
Carol Noble, in loving memory of her son,
Thomas William.

A donation has been given to the Elliot Lake Foodbank
in memory of Diane Lea's uncle,
Dan Cadeau, of Timmins,
who passed away on October 20th, 2020.
He was an active volunteer through his church
and was a strong believer in helping others.