

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST IN



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November 9, 2025

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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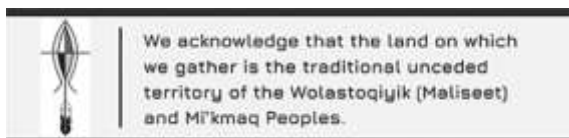
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THE GATHERING OF THE CHURCH**Greeting**

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise “Rejoice Today with One Accord” CP 318
Invitation, Confession and Prayer of Forgiveness

Officiant Dear friends in Christ,
as we turn our hearts and minds
to worship almighty God,
let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God’s commandments
and to live in love and peace with our neighbour.

All **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.**

Officiant Merciful God,
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace of Christ

Officiant We are the body of Christ; in the one Spirit we were all
baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that
makes for peace and builds up our common life.

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

We greet one another in the peace of Christ.

The Collect of the Day

Officiant Let us pray.

Father of all,
we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer.
Grant them your peace,
let light perpetual shine upon them,
and in your loving wisdom and almighty power,
work in them the good purpose of your perfect will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

Prayer for Illumination

Officiant Thank you, Father,
for making yourself known to us
and showing the way of salvation

through faith in your Son.
We ask you now to teach and encourage us
through your Word,
so that we may be ready to serve you;
for the glory of the One in whose name we pray,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

People

Amen.

(from *A Prayer Book for Australia*,
Anglican Church of Australia 1999)

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Wisdom 3:1-9

A reading from Wisdom.

¹ But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment will ever touch them.
² In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,
³ and their going from us to be their destruction;
but they are at peace.
⁴ For though in the sight of others they were punished,
their hope is full of immortality.
⁵ Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;
⁶ like gold in the furnace he tried them,
and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them.
⁷ In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,
and will run like sparks through the stubble.
⁸ They will govern nations and rule over peoples,
and the Lord will reign over them for ever.
⁹ Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him in love,
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,
and he watches over his elect. [NRSV-A]

Hear God's word for God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 116:1-8

1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of
my supplication, *

because he has inclined his ear to me whenever
I called upon him.

**2 The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.**

3 Then I called upon the name of the Lord: *
“O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”

**4 Gracious is the Lord and righteous; *
our God is full of compassion.**

5 The Lord watches over the innocent; *
I was brought very low, and he helped me.

**6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, *
for the Lord has treated you well.**

7 For you have rescued my life from death, *
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

**8 I will walk in the presence of the Lord *
in the land of the living.**

Second Reading 1 Peter 1:3-9

A reading from First Peter.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. [NRSV-A]

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Gradual Hymn “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less” MP 473

1. My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.

no merit of my own I claim,
but wholly trust in Jesus' name.

*Chorus On Christ the solid rock I stand -
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.*

2 When weary in this earthly race,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
in every wild and stormy gale,
my anchor holds and will not fail. *Chorus*

3 His vow, His covenant and blood,
are my defence against the flood;
when earthy hopes are swept away,
He will uphold me on that day. *Chorus*

4 When the last trumpet's voice shall sound,
Oh may I then in Him be found.
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before His throne. *Chorus*

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Gospel John 6:37-40

Hear the Holy Gospel written in the sixth chapter
of the Gospel according to Saint John
beginning at the thirty-seventh verse.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

³⁷ Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; ³⁸ for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰ This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.' [NRSV-A]

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon Heather Masson

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant
All

Let us confess our faith as we say,
**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.**

Prayers of Intercession

On This Day of Remembrance

**Prayers for Worship, Remembrance Sunday
(All Together) A Prayer of Confession:**

O God, we confess that we have been afraid. We have been indecisive when others' lives were threatened, too concerned about politics and precedent. At other times, we have been quick to jump in, assured of our own righteousness and the justness of our cause. We have too often prayed to you to support our own prejudices and goals. Forgive us, and give us courage to seek peace with justice in your world, wherever that may lead us. We pray in Jesus Name.

Symbols of Remembrance:

Livna: On this day of Remembrance, O God, we give thanks:
(Symbol of remembrance is placed at the altar).

All: For peacekeepers and pacifists; for those who served on the front lines, and those who protest and march; for those who volunteered and those who waited anxiously at home; for those who hoped that things would get better, and those who could not stand by and wait.

Laura: We give thanks for those who believed that the world could be a better place. (Symbol of remembrance is placed at the altar).

All: We remember and pray for those who paid the ultimate sacrifice, trusting that others would carry the torch. We pray for comfort and strength and peace for those who mourn.

Livna: We give thanks for those who were once enemies who have become friends and allies. (Symbol of remembrance is placed at the altar).

We Pray for Our Armed Forces

O God of hosts, God who calls us to be engaged in the world; we pray for those who are serving in our Armed Forces; soldiers, sailors, air personnel, and those who provide support for them. We pray for those who care for those who fight for peace and freedom in our world: for mental health workers, nurses, doctors, and chaplains. We pray for those who put themselves in harm's way; for Search and Rescue Technicians, for those engaged in mine-clearing, for those in the air or on the high seas. Keep them safe in their tasks; keep them virtuous in their calling; preserve them from danger, and return them to those who love them. God of mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We Pray for People of Courage

We offer to you, O God, our prayers for those who seek justice and resist evil. We pray for those who need your presence and strength to stand firm; for those who oppose the use of violence in any form in faithful following of the Prince of Peace. We pray for those who are prepared to protect those in danger. We pray for those who walk with others who need strength. We pray for those who protest, those who

organize letter campaigns, those who give sacrificially on behalf of others. God of mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who do not let their desire for peace hinder justice, and for those who do not let their zeal for justice override the call for peace.

We Pray for Our Enemies

We pray that those to whom we are opposed may be turned from enemy to friend. We pray that in our cause we may not fall into sin, so convinced of our own righteousness that we are unaware of our own sin. We pray that we are not so distracted by another's sin that we cannot be convinced of their value as children of God. May we always remember your willingness to forgive, and to bless, and to call the most unlikely people saints. God of mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray all these things in Jesus Name. **Amen**

Hymn for the Offering “The Son of God Proclaim” CP 77

Officiant Let us pray.

All **Yours, Lord, is the greatness,
the power, the glory, the splendour,
and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

Prayer of General Thanksgiving

All **Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all you have
done for us. We thank you for the splendour of the
whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the
wonder of life, and for the mystery of love. We thank
you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the
loving care which surrounds us on every side. We
thank you for setting us tasks which demand our best
efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which
satisfy and delight us. We thank you also for those
disappointments and failures that lead us to
acknowledge our dependence on you alone. Above
all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the**

truth of his word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom. Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known. And through him, at all times and in all places, may we give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

<i>Officiant</i>	And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
<i>All</i>	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.

An Act of Remembrance is introduced with these or similar words.

Introduction

As we stand, as we're able, we observe this Act of Remembrance in respect for those of this congregation and so many others who gave their lives in wars to date, along with those who were injured and those who suffered the psychological damage that often is experienced by those who have seen the horrors of war. We also gratefully acknowledge our veterans, and those now serving in Canada's armed forces. And we remember all innocent victims – adults, children, and infants – of every conflict.

AN ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

“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.

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch, be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Then it is said,

They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.

Then this response is given,

At the going down of the sun

and in the morning,
we will remember them.

All affirm,

We will remember them.

SILENCE

“God save the King”

God save our gracious King,
long live our noble King!
God save the King!
Send him victorious,
happy and glorious,
long to reign over us,
God save the King!

Dismissal

<i>Officiant</i>	Let us bless the risen and ascended Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn *“All the Way My Saviour Leads Me”*

1 All the way my Saviour leads me;
 What have I to ask beside?
 Can I doubt His tender mercy,
 Who through life has been my Guide?
 Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,
 Here by faith in Him to dwell!
 For I know, whate’er befall me,
 Jesus doeth all things well;
 For I know, whate’er befall me,
 Jesus doeth all things well.

2 All the way my Savior leads me,
 Cheers each winding path I tread;
 Gives me grace for every trial,
 Feeds me with the living Bread.
 Though my weary steps may falter,
 And my soul athirst may be,
 Gushing from the Rock before me,

Lo! A spring of joy I see;
 Gushing from the Rock before me,
 Lo! A spring of joy I see.

- 3 All the way my Savior leads me,
 O the fullness of His love!
 Perfect rest to me is promised
 In my Father's house above.
 When my spirit, clothed immortal,
 Wings its flight to realms of day
 This my song through endless ages:
 Jesus led me all the way;
 This my song through endless ages:
 Jesus led me all the way.

Frances (Crosby) Van Alstyne
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Postlude

Those serving for this church's worship and learning today:

<i>Bulletin preparation</i>	Lori Maker (Parish Office)
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Joyce Mitchell & Ann Stone
<i>Sunday School</i>	Laura Janes
<i>Sound system</i>	Chris Titus
<i>Greeter</i>	Patti Vaughan & Pam Boucher
<i>Layreader & First Reader</i>	Heather Masson
<i>Second Reader</i>	Margaret Penchoff
<i>Prayer Leader</i>	Layreader
<i>Organist & Choir Director</i>	David Mitchell
<i>Guitarist</i>	Shayne Galbraith
<i>Officiant & preacher</i>	Heather Masson
<i>Counters</i>	Terry Ricketts & Janet Brown
<i>Building care</i>	Shayne Galbraith

Sun, Nov 9, 11:45 am	No Lunch
HVHS Lunch Programme preparation (Large Hall kitchen)	School Is Closed
Mon, Nov 10, 11:30 am	No Lunch
HVHS Lunch Programme delivery (from Large Hall)	School Is Closed

*Please see the bulletin board in the Narthex
for who's serving next week.*

THIS WEEK

- Mon, Nov 10, 6:00 pm** Tintinnabula Hand Bell Choir (Small Hall) For more info contact Lynn Adams at 506 635-8474
- Wed, Nov 12, 10:00 am** Saint John and District Senior's Shuffleboard (Large Hall) For more info contact Pauline Wilson at 506 738-8677
- Wed, Nov 12, 7:00 pm** Choir practice (Small Hall) For more info contact David Mitchell at 506 738-2798

FOR OUR WORSHIP AND LEARNING

Next Sunday –November 16 *Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost* Scripture readings Isaiah 65:17-25; Isaiah 12; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

NOTICES

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***Happy Birthday this Week to:***



Beverly Doiron, November 9  
Chris Galbraith, November 10  
Linda Lewell & Carol Ann Melvin, November 11

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“Remember you are a Child of God through Baptism”
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### PRAYER

**Prayer for folks in nursing or special care homes**

Ginny Abbott, Diane Cormier, Frances Finley, Ann Hoben, Ruth Northeast, Elizabeth Parks, Elsie Rusling, Arlene Trask.

### **Prayer for those in hospital or sick at home**

Andrew Aalund, Diane Basque, Margaret Boyer, Edith Chilton, Shelly Clark Collins, Linda Cunningham, Jo-Ann Diamond, Bonnie Dean, Wendy DeWitt, Ernest Ellingwood, Barb Ellis, Debbie Green, Kaye Mallory, Pam Melanson, Michael Penchoff, Susan Penchoff, Carol Price, Margaret Ann Reid, Lois Shaw, Bob Sherwood, Mark Slader, Mykayla Spinney, Norm Toole, Dennis Totton, Joe Totton, Robbie Wong.

### **Parish Cycle of Prayer**

#### **Week of November 9-15, 2025**

**Mon:** Canon David & Mrs. Alexandra Barrett  
**Tue:** Sharon Baxter  
**Wed:** Pam Boucher  
**Thur:** Jeffrey and Jennifer Bower and Family  
**Fri:** Our "Christmas Baskets" Ministry.

*Please pray for these parishioners and ministry this week.*

### **Saint John Mission to Seafarers Prayer Cycle**

In November, we pray for harmony among the variety of nationalities and cultures onboard ship.

### **OUR PARISH PRAYER TREE**

A team of volunteers is available upon request, to pray for you or your loved one (with their permission) daily, for two weeks. These prayers will be treated with the strictest confidence. Prayer-requests should be short and to the point and will be passed on verbatim. The Lord knows best what we need! A follow-up of thanks or an update encourages our intercessors in their ministry.

**To initiate the prayer-tree ministry please call your request to our "Captain", Ngaire Nelson 672-8666**

## **Remembrance Sunday**

So on this day of "remembrance" let us seize the opportunity and prayerfully take to heart the radical message of the Prince of Peace and follow his way of reconciling love. Let us discern together the ways in which God is calling us to be peacemakers in his world.

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. Hate multiplies hate, violence multiplies violence, and toughness multiplies toughness in a descending spiral of destruction....The chain reaction of evil - hate begetting hate, wars producing more wars - must be broken, or we shall be plunged into the dark abyss of annihilation.”

*Martin Luther King Jr.*

Today we especially ‘remember’ those who have given their lives through war in service of our country. They have left home and family often to foreign lands in the search of justice, freedom, and peace; the effects of which we feel in our society today. The world could have been a very different place for us without their sacrifice, which cannot and should not be forgotten.

The memories we recall this Remembrance Sunday should spur us forward in the search for true harmony and peace throughout the world. As the Lord commanded the apostles to “Do this in memory of me” we gather this day praying for the graces of the great sacrifice of Calvary to engulf the whole world that we may live in the harmony for which Christ prayed; and to our fallen we say “We will remember them”.

*From the web site of the Rev Shirley Murphy, Anglican priest in Wales*

