St. Hilda's Anglican Church, Fairbank

All Souls and Remembrance Day Observance

November 8, 2020 Holy Eucharist 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

The Order of Service

Organ Prelude: The Strife is O'er

Opening Prayer:

~ posted on the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways website. http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/

Faithful God, you draw near to us in our joy and in our grief,

in our hope and in our despair.

When we are bowed down, you raise us anew.

We turn to you now in search of your healing touch.

God of compassion and love, move among us.

Open our eyes, dispel our fears, and show us the real life you have to offer.

We pray this in the name of the Risen One, Jesus the Christ.

Amen.

Opening Musical: Praise my Soul the King of Heaven

Welcome: Fr. Kenute

The Greeting

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

And also with you.

The Royal Anthem: "God Save The Queen"

An Act of Remembrance Fr. Kenute

Brothers and Sisters, it is our duty this day to hold in solemn remembrance the men and women who, in days past when the earth was shaken with tumult of war, offered their lives in order that our nation and the peoples of the world might live in freedom and peace. And because it pleases our Lord God that we should remember the sacrifice made by others for us, let us now pay reverent and solemn tribute to those we honour this day.

The Last Post – Bill Khan on the organ

(2 minutes of silence)

The Lament: Bill Khan on the organ

The Reveille

They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. From the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

We will remember them.

The National Anthem: "O Canada"

The Collect for All Souls Day

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. **Amen.**

The Collect for Remembrance Day

Lord of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured their all for the liberties we now enjoy. Help us to recognize the incalculable debt we owe them, that we may strive in our own time to maintain true freedom in our nation, and to safeguard the peace which was won at so great a cost; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading: The Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9 (Philip Adridge/Sonia Wickham

A Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever. 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsive Reading: Psalm 130 (Philip Adridge/Sonia Wickham)

- 1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2. If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, O Lord, who could stand?
- 3. For there is forgiveness with you; therefore you shall be feared.
- 4. I wait for the LORD; my soul waits, for him; in his word is my hope
- 5. My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.
- 6. O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is mercy;
- 7. With him there is plenteous redemption, and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:50-58 (*Noel Lewis/Mike Robinson*)

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Musical: Blessed are the Pure in Heart

The Holy Gospel: John 5:24-27 Fr. Kenute

The Lord be with you **And also with you**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgement, but has passed from death to life. 'Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; and he has given him authority to execute judgement, because he is the Son of Man.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The Sermon: Fr. Kenute

The Nicene Creed

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People Noel Lewis/Mike Robinson)

On this Remembrance Sunday, let us bring before the God of peace our prayers for the world, the church and all His people.

Merciful God, we pray for peace in our hearts and homes, in our nations and our world, the peace which passes all understanding.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We remember today, O Lord, all those who have died in any kind of war throughout your world, soldiers who perished in the horror of battle, innocent people buried beneath the rubble from bomb attacks, and men, women and children brutally attacked and murdered in their villages.

We remember the victims of the two world wars, those who have lost their lives and those who returned with physical and emotional injuries. Help us to renew our fight against cruelty and injustice, against prejudice, tyranny and oppression.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord God, we pray for the leaders of the nations at this time, asking you to pour out your spirit of reconciliation on them. Give them a longing to bring freedom from fear and want for all peoples. We pray also for the Christian Church, called to witness to your love in this generation. May we work to break down the barriers which divide people and build a community where there is harmony and understanding. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Merciful God, we pray for all who face difficulties in their personal lives - problems in their families, in their friendships, in their neighbourhoods or in their workplace. Help them to be calm in times of uncertainty and patient with those around them. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Hear us, O merciful Father, as we remember in love those whom we have placed in your hands, especially ... May all who have died in the peace of Christ come with your saints to the joys of your kingdom, where there will be neither sorrow nor pain, but life everlasting.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your loving care, that casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Finally, we pray for ourselves. O Lord, you know we are often filled with fear and foreboding. Give us courage and deepen our trust. You are a rock which nothing can shatter. On you we place the whole weight of our lives.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Merciful Father: accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen

The Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

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.

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Instrumental: Eternal Father Strong to Save

The Prayer over the Gifts

Gracious and righteous Lord, we are united in the love of Jesus Christ. Accept all we offer you this day and bring us, with all your faithful people who have gone before us, into eternal glory; who is Lord now and for ever. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you."

In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him

The Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Grant us peace.

The Communion

The gifts of God for the People of God Thanks be to God.

Musical during Communion: Be Still My Soul

Beyond the Sunset

When the Trumpet of the Lord Shall Sound

Prayer after Communion

God of love, may the death and resurrection of Christ, which we celebrate in this Eucharist, bring us, with the faithful departed, into the peace of our eternal home. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our hope and our salvation. Amen.

The Commendation

Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

"You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Into your hands, O merciful Saviour, we commend all your servants.

Acknowledge, we pray, the sheep of your own fold, lambs of your own flock, sinners of your own redeeming. Enfold them in the arms of your mercy, in the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and in the glorious company of the saints in light.

Amen

The Blessing

May God give to you and to all those whom you love his comfort and his peace, his light and his joy, in this world and the next; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Announcements

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Recessional Instrumental: Onward Christian Soldiers

Postlude: And Can It Be