

St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith
330 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1T9
November 12, 2017/Remembrance Sunday/Communion

For the Fallen (verses 3, 4, 7)

*They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,
They fell with their faces to the foe.*

*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.*

*As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust,
Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain,
As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness,
To the end, to the end, they remain.*

Poem by Robert Laurence Binyon (1869-1943), published in The Times
newspaper on 21st September 1914



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Please remain seated comfortably until invited to stand.
Please silence your cell phone during the Service.

Musical Prelude

National Anthem: *O Canada*

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Acknowledging we are all a part of God's family

Welcome & Life & Work of St. James

Introit: *Be Still, My Soul*



Choir, 652

Entry into Worship and Celebration

Lighting the Community Candle

Passing the Peace:

One: The peace of God is with us. **All: Thanks be to God.**
(You are invited to share the peace with your neighbours.)

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: On this day of Remembrance, O God, we give thanks:

All: For peacekeepers and those who served on the front lines, for 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.

One: We give thanks for those who believed that the world could be a better place.

All: We remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice, trusting that others could and would carry the torch.

One: We give thanks for those who were once enemies who have become friends and allies.

Opening Prayer: (together) Gracious and Loving God, we are so thankful to be gathered again as Your people in the beauty of this Sanctuary. We come seeking Your renewed presence in our lives. We ask for Your strength, Your courage, Your love, and Your grace, so that these moments of worship will refresh our souls and our faith in You. Amen.

Hymn: *Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love* 574

Children’s Time

Prayer of Confession: (together) Holy and gracious God, we gather as Your people responding to Your call. We confess: the heart that is too hardened to repent; the pride that dares not admit it is wrong; the righteousness that knows no fault; the callousness that has ceased to care; the blindness that can see nothing but its own will. God in Your healing love, forgive us; through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer for Pardon: Merciful God, our hearts long for Your forgiveness. Touch us with Your healing, cleanse us of our guilt, renew our spirits, that we may serve You with joy all our days. Amen.

Offering Invitation: As we have been blessed, let us share the blessing.

Offertory

Offertory Hymn: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* 541

Offertory Prayer: (together) Loving God, on this day we offer our gifts to help with the work of Your church. Pour out Your blessing upon them and upon us, that they and we may be signs and symbols of new life and new hope for the world. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Scripture Readings

New Testament: Revelation 21: 1-6
Gospel: John 13: 21-35

Solo: *Laudamus Te (Mozart’s C Minor Mass)* H. O’Donnell

Message: Finding our place at the Table.

Hymn: *Just as I Am* 508

Sacrament of Holy Communion

A New Creed 918

Invitation

Communion Hymn: *Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face, v.1.2.3* 459

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Consecration:

One: The Lord be with you; **All:** **And with your spirit.**
One: Lift up your hearts. **All:** **We life them up to the Lord.**
One: Let us give thanks to our Lord God. **All:** **It is right for us to do so.**



One: All glory and thanksgiving be to You almighty God, for creating the heavens and the earth, and all that is in them, for making us in Your own image, and for watching lovingly over all that You have made. **All: O God, how good You are.**

One: We thank You God, that You give Yourself, You gave Jesus Your Son, a human like us but unlike us, faithful to You, He died as we die, but unlike us He accepted death, even though it meant to be broken on a cross. We thank You that You brought Him to life again that He lives now; that He always will live in glory. So it is that we, and all Your people, are grateful to You. We acknowledge Your greatness and goodness by saying:

All: We thank You, God. We thank You. Everything reveals how great and good You are. We worship You.

One: Before You, God, by what we do here we remember the life and death of Jesus Christ; we witness to the hope that He will come again.

All: Come Lord Jesus; come.

One: So it is that we do what Jesus did the night He was betrayed. Send Your Holy Spirit on us and what we do, so that as we share in this Sacrament, we may be united with Christ, He in us, and we in Him, that we who are many may be one in Him, built up in love, strengthened in the unity of the faith, attaining to the stature of Christ.

All: As our Lord Jesus Christ offered Himself to You, O God, we offer ourselves to You, as Your people have done before, as they still do everywhere. Use us as You will that we may die to self to live for You. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

Fraction of the Elements followed by Distribution to the People.

Post-Communion Prayer: (together) For the bread we have eaten, for the wine we have tasted, for the life we have received, we thank You God. Grant that what we have done here may so put its mark upon us that it may remain always in our hearts. Grant that we may become mature Christians, that ours may be the faith which issues in action; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing Hymn: *Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face, v.4,5* 459

Parting Words: (responsive)

One: God of power, may the boldness of Your Spirit transform us;
All: may the gentleness of Your Spirit lead us, may the gifts of Your Spirit equip us to serve and worship You now and always. Amen.

Words of Blessing followed by Musical Postlude