WELCOME TO IONA

We gather on the unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people. Peace and Friendship Treaties with the Mi'kmaq bind us together as we strive for healing and reconciliation. We offer thanks for their stewardship of this good earth!

November 8, 2026
24th Sunday after Pentecost
Remembrance Sunday



Ministry Candidate: Tamsin Moynihan-Robson
Music Ministry: Cathy Lee Holmes
Greeting Elder: Susan Osborne

Prelude: (Time for prayer and silent reflection)

Greeting: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

The Ministry of God's People

Act of Remembrance (See below)

APPROACH TO THE WORD

Choral Introit: "The church is wherever God's people" **# 484**

Call to Worship:

Let us trust that our Redeemer lives,
and he will stand on earth at last.
As we recall the many who have left this life,
let us commend them to the living God.
So let us marvel at a God who changes everything,
and calls us to be resurrection's children.

Hymn: "O God, our help in ages past" **# 330**

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

God of all the living:
In a world ruled by the proud and haughty,
you exalt the humble and humiliated.
In a world where wars are waged for pride and profit,
you come to us in Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
In a world where so many lives are claimed by conflict,
you give us the hope of resurrection,
in which the whole of creation shall be perfected,
and all those things that compel us to fight and die
shall finally be forgotten.
And so we praise you, Creator and Sustainer,
who sent your Son to harrow hell and burst the bonds of death,
one God, now and forever.

O God, today we remember the wars and violence
that have taken the lives of so many of your precious children.
Yet we confess that the vices of the nations also live in us:
greed, pride, vengeance, grandstanding, the will to power.
Forgive us, and help us instead to be steadfast and forthright,
speaking our truth with love and justice in our hearts. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Teaching hymn: "Give me oil in my lamp" **# 655**

HEARING THE WORD



First Reading: Joshua 24:1–3a, 14–25 (Joshua renews the covenant)
Responsive Reading: Psalm 78:1–7 (Give ear, O people)
Gloria Patri **# 594**
Epistle: Psalm 78:1–7 (Give ear, O people)
Gospel: Matthew 25:1–13 (Parable of the ten bridesmaids)

One: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn: "If the war goes on" (See insert)
Sermon
Music for Reflection

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Offering*
The Doxology **# 830**
Affirmation of Faith: *Living Faith* **8.5,** "World Peace"
Prayer of Dedication

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession
The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)
Hymn: "O Day of peace that dimly shines" **# 732**

Commissioning and Benediction
Choral Amen
Postlude

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***Offerings may also be given by e-transfer to ionapc@eastlink.ca or by pre-authorized monthly deduction. Contact Perry Mason (902-499-0095).*

We are glad you have gathered to worship with us this morning
Everyone is invited to join us after the service for coffee,
hosted this week by the **Guild** and next week by AMS.



Announcements:

- **The Wednesday craft group** will NOT meet this week (Nov.11)
- **FLU SHOT CLINIC** Saturday, Nov. 14th, 9am – 1pm at Iona. For an appointment call Christine at 902-434-9682 or email c-ba@live.ca. Just bring your MSI (health) card. All are welcome!
- **TAKE-AWAY TEA** Sat, Nov. 28th 11:30am–1:00pm. Preorder Tea by Nov 23, $12 ea**.** Bake table, New to You and Knitting tables!!
- **CHRISTMAS CAROL SING** Friday, Dec .4th at 6:30-7:30 pm. Sing favourite Carols, enjoy Cider & Cookies. Donation at the door for the East Dartmouth Christian Food Bank.
- **FINANCIAL STATUS**. *(as of Sept.30, 2026)*
  Receipts for our use: 63953.18 Disbursements 67209.25
  Current Deficit: 3256.07

If the war goes on

If the war goes on and the children die of hunger,
and the old men weep, for the young men are no more,
and the women learn how to dance without a partner;
who will keep the score?

If the war goes on and the truth is taken hostage;
and new horrors lead to the need to euphemize,
when the calls for peace are declared unpatriotic,
who'll expose the lies?

If the war goes on and the daily bread is terror,
and the voiceless poor take the road as refugees;
when a nation's pride destines millions to be homeless,
who will heed their pleas?

If the war goes on and the rich increase their fortunes
and the arms sales soar as new weapons are displayed,
when a fertile field turns to no-man's-land tomorrow,
who'll approve such trade?

If the war goes on, will we close the doors to heaven;
if the war goes on, will we breach the gates of hell;
if the war goes on, will we ever be forgiven,
if the war goes on...?

—Graham Maule and John L. Bell

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The Procession of Remembrance



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 Field.

Last Post / Minute of Silence / Reveille

FOR THE FALLEN

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.

Prayer

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.

Almighty Love, by thy mysterious power,
In wisdom guide, with faith and freedom dower,
Be ours a nation evermore that no oppression blights,
Where justice rules from shore to shore,
From lakes to northern lights.
May love alone for wrong atone;
Lord of the lands, make Canada Thine own!
Lord of the lands, make Canada Thine own.

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Remembrance Day will ever be honoured in memory of those who served in World War 1 (1914-1918), World War II (1939-1945), the Korean conflict, the Vietnam War, as well as in The Gulf War, Afghanistan, and the various other engagements conducted by our military to restore and maintain peace throughout the world.



In churches, communities and organizations around the free world Remembrance Day is observed in reverence, by those whose lives have been touched by the sacrifice made by all who served; remembering particularly those who made the supreme sacrifice. We remember and pass on this tradition from generation to generation, lest we forget.

It is to the Glory of God and in the memory and spirit of those who served and continue to serve in peace keeping missions, we humbly dedicate this memorial service.