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☐ **The NATIONAL ANTHEM** *O Canada* 833

The LAST POST / LAYING of the WREATH / SILENCE / REVEILLE

† PRAYER of REMEMBRANCE

“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 we remember before God those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, let us commend their souls anew to God’s eternal mercy and compassion, and let us pray that God would grant us grace to serve faithfully until our life’s end, to the honour and glory of God’s Holy name.

In unity with all Canadians, of every race, gender, and creed we offer up prayers of thanksgiving for all those who made selfless sacrifices for God and country so that we and future generations might live in peace.

Bring your comfort and relief to those who mourn. Enable those who are wounded in body, mind, or spirit to live more peaceful and satisfying lives. Endow us all with a new resolve to hasten that day when war shall be no more, and your will alone is done on all the earth. **Amen**

☐ **The ROYAL ANTHEM** *God save our gracious King* 834

☐ *Dona nobis pacem* 737

Call to Worship

God of all times and places, we gather to worship you.

We turn our eyes to you and rejoice in your presence.

God of all life and love, we gather to sing your praise.

We turn our eyes to you and marvel at your power and your promise.

God of all wisdom and wonder, we gather to learn from your Son.

We turn our eyes toward Christ and wait for your Word to lead us.

☐ *O God, our help in ages past* 330

† Gathering Prayer / Words of Hope

God of might and mercy, we come to worship you this day, proclaiming your power and your promise in a world where many things keep us on edge. We proclaim your power to defeat forces that work against your hope for the world. We proclaim your love that cracks open our hearts and draws us to you and to one another. We proclaim your promise in Jesus Christ that nothing can separate from your love. Strengthen our desire to live out our trust in you.

God of mercy, we confess that the world around us is broken and heartbreaking. Countries turn disputes over territory into threats of terror. Old enemies stir up conflict within tribes and nations. The threat of violence keeps us all on edge. We have not learned from past conflicts what leads to peace with justice among nations and neighbours. Forgive us all.

Neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Let us rejoice that, no matter what is happening around us, no matter what we have done, God's deep love will never let us go.

† Prayer for Understanding

God of prophets and parables, your Word can meet us with challenge, a puzzle and a promise. Send your Spirit with the gifts of understanding to grasp the puzzle and courage to take up the challenge and the promise, through Christ, your Living Word. Amen

Scripture

Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25 [OT 215]

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many."

"Now therefore revere the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord."

"Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore, we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.”

And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the Lord!”

Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.”

And they said, “We are witnesses.”

He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.”

The people said to Joshua, “The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey.”

So, Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Psalm 78:1-7 (*The Book of Psalms*)

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us. We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and the mighty wonders God has done. The Lord established a decree in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which God commanded our ancestors to teach to their children; that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep God’s commandments.

Mathew 24: 4-14 (*The Message*)

Jesus said, “*Watch out for doomsday deceivers. Many leaders are going to show up with forged identities, claiming, ‘I am Christ, the Messiah.’ They will deceive a lot of people. When reports come in of wars and rumored wars, keep your head and don’t panic. This is routine history; this is no sign of the end. Nation will fight nation and ruler fight ruler, over and over. Famines and earthquakes will occur in various places. This is nothing compared to what is coming. They are going to throw you to the wolves and kill*

you, everyone hating you because you carry my name. And then, going from bad to worse, it will be dog-eat-dog, everyone at each other's throat, everyone hating each other. In the confusion, lying preachers will come forward and deceive a lot of people. For many others, the overwhelming spread of evil will do them in - nothing left of their love but a mound of ashes. Staying with it – that's what God requires. Stay with it to the end. You won't be sorry, and you'll be saved. All during this time, the good news - the Message of the kingdom - will be preached all over the world, a witness staked out in every country. And then the end will come.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Message

□ *Be still, my soul*

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Offering and Prayer

Each week we pray for the coming of God's Kingdom. Though we do not know exactly what this will look like, we offer our gifts and talents to God for the work of the Kingdom here and now, that it will be known here and everywhere.

□ *Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

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God of purpose and promise, we offer our gifts to help fulfill your purposes on earth. Bless our gifts and our actions so that others will grasp the promise of your love and discover your purpose for their lives, through Christ, our friend and saviour. Amen

† Pastoral Prayers / The Disciples Prayer (enfleshed) / response: *Jesus, remember me*
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God of all the ages past – hope of years to come – we gather in this season of remembrance, grateful that you hold each one of us in your memory and your mystery now and for all the time to come. Today we remember all those who have served to preserve justice and freedom in the wars of the last century, in conflicts of our own generation and in peace keeping and relief efforts around the world, thinking especially of those who have died and those who carry scars on body and soul. We remember their courage and we remember their families who still ache for lives surrendered at great cost. For them we sing...

*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

Today we remember the victims of conflict, hiding in forgotten corners of the world, longing for safety and peace; and those seeking refuge among us. We remember victims of violence in our own country, still fearful and uncertain about the future. Help us remember to speak out for their protection and recovery. For them we sing...

*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

Today we remember all those around us who struggle to remember day by day; those who must cope with the fear of forgetting those who matter most to them and with the fear of being forgotten. Help us remember to reach out in comfort and support so no one is forgotten. For all these we sing...

*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

Today we remember all those around us who carry on under the burden of sad and hard memories; those weighed down by grief or disappointment, by anger, pain and loss. Help us remember to offer a listening ear and an understanding heart. For all these we sing...

*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

God of all the ages past, hope of years to come, help us remember you day by day. Keep us prepared to lift up the grace and truth of your Gospel – to shine into the harsh and distorted corners of the world – so that the world will see we are faithful followers of Jesus who encourages to pray a disciple's prayer... ***Mother of us all, who dwells within and beyond, sacred is your name. May your holy vision for collective flourishing come to fruition among us. May your dreams of justice, love, compassion, and connection be enfolded on earth. Provide us today with what we need to be nourished in body, soul, and heart. Forgive us for the harm we cause as we seek to forgive those who have harmed us. Lead us away from everything that destroys and liberate us from the hands of evil. For you are the ultimate source of hope. Your power-with exceeds all power-over. Your presence incites eternal wonder. All praise to you, our comfort and strength. Amen***

□ > *O day of peace that dimly shines*

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Blessing

This week, remember the blessings others have given you, those saints, soldiers and servants of Christ you have known and those you will never know. Consider how to share those blessings with others. And may the God of hope fill you with all joy and

peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

□ *We will go out with joy*

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