

Knox Service Outline

11/09/25

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Reader: Jim Jeatt

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements/Land Acknowledgement (Unison) Elder

As followers of Jesus, we are compelled to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God. It is our love of God and neighbour that leads us to acknowledge that we gather with gratitude on the traditional and unceded Coast Salish Territory of Lkwungen people. We pray that past and present injustices can be reconciled as we commit ourselves again to just and respectful relationships.

A Service of Remembrance

Please stand, if you are able to, for our Service of Remembrance.

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Last Post

Moment of Silence

Laying of Wreath

Reveille

Prayer of Remembrance (Responsive)

Reader

“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

#834 God save our gracious king

#737 Dona nobis pacem

Please be seated.

Gathering Song: Lord, Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary

Repeat Twice

Psalm Reading: Psalm 17:6-9

Pastor

I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me; hear my words. Wondrously show your steadfast love, O savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand. Guard me as the apple of the eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings, from the wicked who despoil me, my deadly enemies who surround me.

Call to Worship Prayer (Responsive)

Pastor

On this day of memories, we gather to sing and to pray;

we remember the past and look to the future.

On this day when the guns and cannons fell silent,

we come before you, God, seeking your peace.

On this day of hope in the face of terror,

we come before you, God, believing in your promise.

Let us worship God together, in peace.

First Hymn: 330 O God Our Help in Ages Past

Gathering Prayer

Pastor

God of might and mercy, we come to you today, proclaiming your power and your promise in a world where there are many things that frighten us. Today we proclaim your power to defeat the 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 us from your love. Strengthen us in this hour of worship to live out our trust in your power and promise in friendship with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Second Hymn: 740 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayer for Understanding (Unison)

Reader

God of wisdom, we turn to the scripture for insight and understanding. Send your Spirit to open our hearts and minds to receive the challenge and the comfort you offer through your Word. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Haggai 2:6-9

Reader

For thus says the LORD of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land, and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the LORD of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD of hosts. The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts, and in this place I will give prosperity, says the LORD of hosts.”

New Testament Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5

Reader

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

Scripture Response

Reader

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon: Luke 20:27-40 “Children of the Resurrection”

Pastor

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question: “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive.” Then some of the scribes answered, “Teacher, you have spoken well.” For they no longer dared to ask him another question.

Third Hymn: 592 Here I Am Lord

Offering and Prayer

Pastor

On Remembrance Day, we will mark the costly offering of life for the sake of others. What we offer today is just a small gift, something that does not cost us so much. But we can also offer ourselves to make a difference for the sake of others in Christ's name. Reflect on what this means for you as your offering is received.

Offering Song: 306 - Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Prayer of Dedication

Pastor

God of justice and generosity, when we consider that Christ gave his very life for our sakes, we are humbled to offer our gifts. We are also humbled by the memory of those who gave up their youth, their families, and their very lives in conflict so that justice and truth would prevail. Bless our small gifts with the possibilities your Spirit can create, so that justice and truth continue to prevail in the world you love, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Pastor

God of mercy, we confess that the world around us is in a mess. Countries turn arguments over territory into threats of terror. Old enemies stir up conflict within their tribes and nations. The threat of violence keeps us all on edge. Forgive us for not learning from past conflicts what leads to peace with justice.

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor

The prophet Micah reminds us that God requires of us three things: to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God. To all who turn away from hostility and seek reconciliation in kindness and humility, God offers forgiveness and peace. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Pastoral Prayers (Responsive)

Pastor

Loving God, in and out of season, in times of poverty and prosperity, in times of sorrow and joy, in times of war and in times of peace, you have been present with your people. As we gather again at this time of remembrance, we recall those who gave their lives in war so that others might live in freedom and peace. May they dwell in peace in your eternal presence.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

We remember those whose bodies, minds, and souls are scarred by war and whose lives will forever bear the wounds of trauma, violence and loss.

(Keep a brief silence)

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

We remember the continuing courage and sacrifice of those who serve in the Canadian Armed Forces and their families.

(Keep a brief silence)

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

We remember all those innocents who have been caught up in the world's power struggles, those who have lost their homes and livelihoods, those who now seek safe refuge in other countries, and children who have no sense of security or hope for the future.

(Keep a brief silence)

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

We remember those who make and keep peace here and around the world, and offer you thanks for those who work to shape just laws and tend the common good.

(Keep a brief silence)

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

We remember God's grace and care in time of need, conflict or crisis, whether between nations, within families, at the workplace or among friends.

(Keep a brief silence)

Let there be peace, Lord, and let it begin with us, with each of us. We pray in the name of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ who taught us to pray together ...

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

Pastor

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen

Fourth Hymn: 637 Take My Life and Let it Be

Blessing

Pastor

Go in humble confidence, trusting in God's love for you, yet sure you have still more to learn and to give. And may grace, mercy and peace from God who creates, redeems and saves us be with you all, now and always. Amen.

Dispersal Song: May the God of hope go with us every day

Repeat Once

Postlude