



November 8, 2020
Remembrance Sunday

Matthew 25:3

When the foolish took their lamps, they
took no oil with them

Theme

Plan for Peace



Welcome and Announcements

Trinity is Welcoming, Open, Inclusive and Accessible.

- Trinity is an Affirming Congregation and is inclusive of folk who find themselves a part of what is described as “LGBTQ+”
- Our Congregation is Active in a Ministry of Prayer, Service and Care.
- Worship Services are broadcast on COGECO and are available on Trinity’s Web Page and FaceBook

Congregational Notes -

The Stewardship Team recommends to Council (motion) “That the independent financial review of the 2019 General Account and 2019 Trustees' accounts be received and presented to the congregation for approval at a special congregational meeting." **22 November 2020 during our regular Gathering Time - 10:30 - 11:30 am**

- Gift Cards are still for sale though the office and can be ready for pickup on Sundays or by arrangement with the Office.
- If a lunch delivered to your home would be helpful, we will serve as we are able. This is a wonderful Ministry. When the lunch is dropped off, it is common to have a quick catch up even while we observe COVID safety guidance.
- Call Cynthia Sirett or Betty Lou for details
- Please consider Pre-Authorized Payments (PAR) as a consistent way to support the congregation
- Grocery / Gift Cards are still available for sale - Contact the Church Office at - 613 283 4444
- Masks are available at the church Tuesday and Saturday 11:30 am - 12:30 pm and Sunday morning prior to worship.

Trinity United Church COVID-19 Worship Protocols -

● Capacity and Support

- The sanctuary can accommodate 30 “Bubbles.”
 - 30 individuals or
 - family units to a maximum of 50 individuals
- The church “lift” is available
- One washroom at the sanctuary level will be available
- Fellowship Hall and other facilities are out of bounds

● Suspended Activities

- Communion, Fellowship Time, Children’s programming, Congregational singing, “Passing the Plate” for Collection

● Minimizing Exposure

- Risk assessment information will be available prior to worship
- Health screening station will be set up outside
- Entry, Exit and Movement within the sanctuary will be managed by Ushers
- Post Service Cleaning and Disinfecting will be completed ASAP

- **Communication**

- Posters will be prominently displayed in all critical areas as reminders regarding physical distancing, mandatory mask wearing and hand washing



We are grateful for the Town of Smiths Falls and Lanark County. Take Away Meals are subsidized through the generosity of the Community Grant Program and COVID-19 emergency funds.

Two Guys for Lunch are active partners with us in this community service.

Acknowledging Traditional Territory

Smiths Falls is located on the traditional territory of the Algonquin peoples dating back countless generations. We are grateful for our neighbours and recognize the opportunity to exercise the Ministry of Reconciliation

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "Nimrod" (Elgar)

Call to Worship

Eternal God, your people praise your name -

We tell of your glorious deeds.

Infinite God, your people marvel at your majesty -

We tell of your grace and power.

Everlasting God, your people give thanks for your saving love-

We tell of the wonders you have done.

So let us worship our God of justice and peace and pray for God's reign among us.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Gathering

Our Creator and Redeemer,

In this season of Remembrance, we are aware of how much war has cost the world you love. In spite of fighting between nations and neighbours, you have come to us in Jesus Christ, carrying no sword, calling us to serve as peacemakers.

In this time of worship, renew in us the hope that you will turn our swords into ploughshares, and lead the world from the study of war to the promise of peace with justice for all your peoples

Hymn 806 "O God Our Help In Ages Past"

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

under the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defence is sure

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages, in thy sight, are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time like an ever-rolling stream soon bears us all away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
be thou our guide while troubles last, and our eternal home.

**Learning with Children
Childrens' Prayer**

**Call to Reconciliation
Prayer of Confession**

God of mercy,

We confess our failed struggle to find Peace -

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 what leads to peace with justice.

Forgive us when we want to settle our disagreement by keeping
conflict alive.

Assurance of Pardon

Christ died so that we might live.
Through his undying love, we have been forgiven.
Rejoice in the forgiveness God offers us.
Be at peace
 with God and yourself, and
 make peace with your neighbours,
for Christ's sake. **Amen.**

Scripture Psalm 78:1-7 (VU 792);
 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18;
 Matthew 25:1-13

Psalm 78:1-7 (VU 792)

Refrain -

We will tell new generations of the wonders God has done.

Give heed to my teaching, O my people,
turn your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will reveal the hidden meaning of things in the past.

What we have heard and known,
what our parents have told us,
we will not hide from their grandchildren,
but declare to the next generation
the testimony that you gave to Jacob
and the law you appointed in Israel,
which you commanded them to teach their children,

that the next generation might know them,
and these in turn should arise, and tell their children.

**that they should put their trust in you,
and not forget your great deeds,
but keep all your commandments**

Refrain -

We will tell new generations of the wonders God has done.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (NRSV)

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Matthew 25:1-13 (NRSV)

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And

while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Hymn SFGP 130 "Give Me Oil In My Lamp"

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
give me oil in my lamp I pray;
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
keep me burning till the break of day.

Refrain -

Sing Hosannah! Sing Hosannah!
Sing Hosannah to the Servant King.
Sing Hosannah! Sing Hosannah!
Sing Hosannah let us sing.

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
give me joy in my heart I pray;
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
keep me praising till the break of day.

Refrain -

Sing Hosannah! Sing Hosannah!
Sing Hosannah to the Servant King.
Sing Hosannah! Sing Hosannah!
Sing Hosannah let us sing.

Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
give me peace in my heart I pray;
Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
keep me loving till the break of day.

Refrain -

***Sing Hosannah! Sing Hosannah!
Sing Hosannah to the Servant King.
Sing Hosannah! Sing Hosannah!
Sing Hosannah let us sing.***

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
give me love in my heart I pray;
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
keep me serving till the break of day.

Refrain -

***Sing Hosannah! Sing Hosannah!
Sing Hosannah to the Servant King.
Sing Hosannah! Sing Hosannah!
Sing Hosannah let us sing.***

Reflection Wisdom Does not Expect the Worst ... But it is Ready

A Time of Remembrance

Hymn "O Canada," VU 524

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

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 fields.

Honour Roll -

World War I

William B Craig -
Distinguished Flying Cross
Harry A. Chalmers
Arthur Connell
Elton L. Megart
Clarence R. Palmer
Earl Philips
J. Arthur Shepherd
William Speight
Lawrence A. Wark

World War II

J. Claude Best
Gerald R. Dawson
William G. Hopkins
C. Harwood McKimm Jr.
Lyle H. Merkley
John J. Saunders
C. Edward Slack
Kenneth G. Spooner - George
Cross
N. Dalton Tysick
John R. Warren
Donald R. Willoughby

Korean War

William R. Slack

Words 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.

Last Post

Minute of Silence

Rouse

Words of Remembrance

Eternal rest grant unto them, O God,
and may perpetual light shine upon them.
**May the souls of the righteous, through your great mercy,
rest in peace. Amen.**

Hymn 359 "He Came Singing Love"

He came singing love and he lived singing love;
he died singing love. He arose in silence.
For the love to go on we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.

He came singing faith and he lived singing faith;
he died singing faith. He arose in silence.
For the faith to go on we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.

He came singing hope and he lived singing hope;
he died singing hope. He arose in silence.
For the hope to go on we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.

He came singing peace and he lived singing peace;
he died singing peace. He arose in silence.
For the peace to go on we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.

**We Respond to God's Word
Offering Ourselves
For The Work And Witness Of The Church**

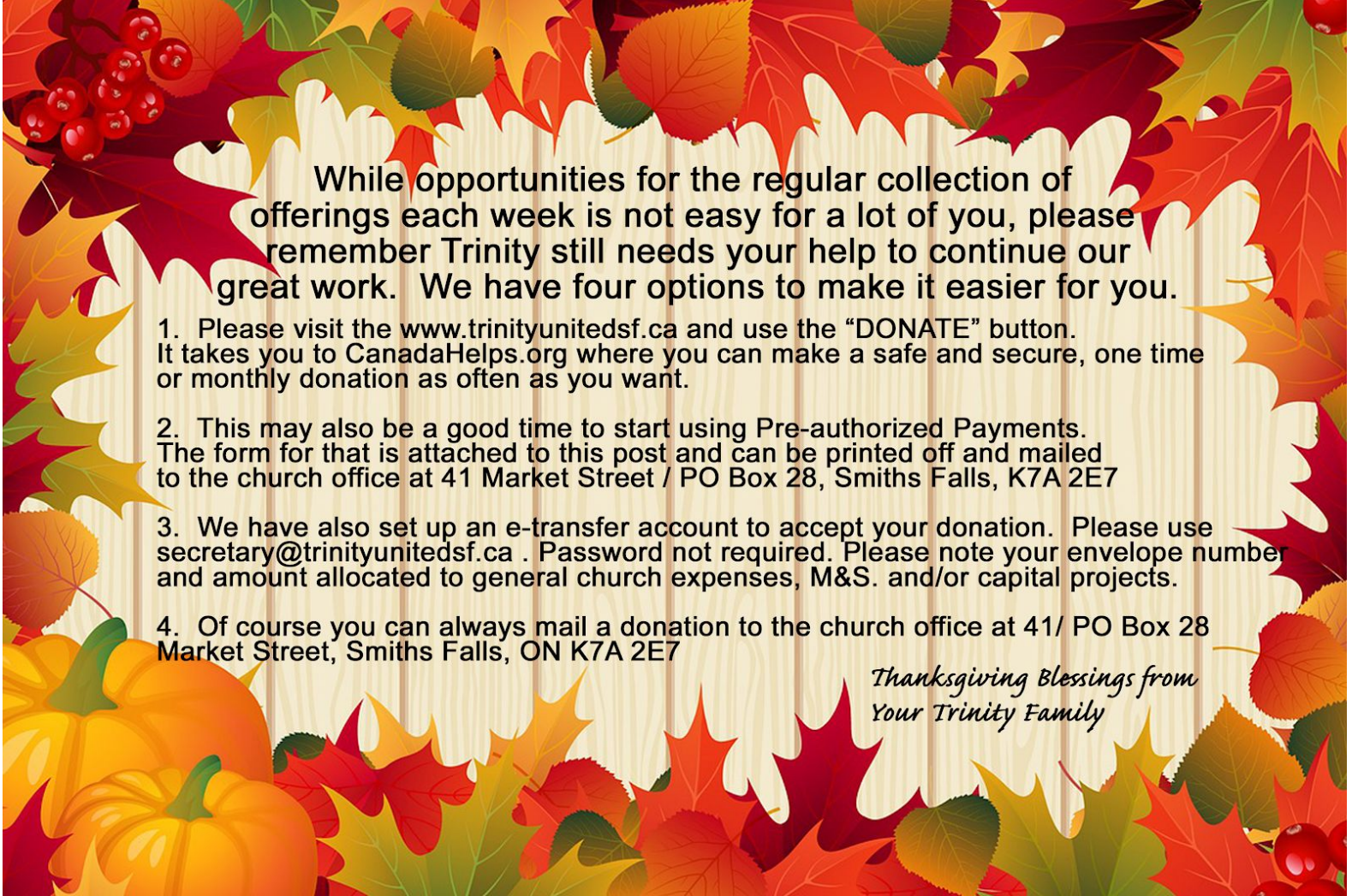
Invitation to Offering

On Remembrance Day, we mark the costly offering of lives given for the sake of others. What we offer today is small in comparison, but with God's blessing, our gifts can also make a difference for the sake of others—in Christ's name.



Offering Prayer

Generous and gracious God, we have received so much from you in Christ and in creation. Bless the gifts we offer this day so they will speak of your love for the world in all its detail, and for people in all our diversity. May our gifts touch the need around us in the name of Christ who makes us one. Amen.



While opportunities for the regular collection of offerings each week is not easy for a lot of you, please remember Trinity still needs your help to continue our great work. We have four options to make it easier for you.

1. Please visit the www.trinityunitedsf.ca and use the "DONATE" button. It takes you to CanadaHelps.org where you can make a safe and secure, one time or monthly donation as often as you want.
2. This may also be a good time to start using Pre-authorized Payments. The form for that is attached to this post and can be printed off and mailed to the church office at 41 Market Street / PO Box 28, Smiths Falls, K7A 2E7
3. We have also set up an e-transfer account to accept your donation. Please use secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca . Password not required. Please note your envelope number and amount allocated to general church expenses, M&S. and/or capital projects.
4. Of course you can always mail a donation to the church office at 41/ PO Box 28 Market Street, Smiths Falls, ON K7A 2E7

*Thanksgiving Blessings from
Your Trinity Family*

Meditation "Theme from 'Band of Brothers'" (Kamen)

Prayer for Remembrance Day

Almighty God,

Grant that we may pay fitting tribute and honour

to the memory of those who have died in the service of their country.

May we be so inspired by the spirit of their love and courage

that, forgetting all selfish and unworthy motives,

we may live only to your glory and to the service of your people.

May we who desire peace be willing to work for justice.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for the Armed Forces

O God of hosts,

God who calls us to be engaged in the world;

We pray for those who are serving in our Armed Forces;
soldiers, sailors, air personnel, and those who provide support for
them.

We pray for clerks and gunners, navigators and parachute
packers, infanteers and public affairs officers.

We pray for those who care for those who fight: for mental
health nurses, doctors, and chaplains.

We pray for those who put themselves in harm's way; for
Search and Rescue Technicians, for those engaged in mine-clearing,
for those in the air or on the high seas.

Keep them safe in their tasks; keep them virtuous in their
calling; preserve them from danger, and return them to those who
love them.

AMEN.

Prayers of the People

God of each life and all lives,
in every generation you have been present with your people:
in times of poverty and prosperity,
in times of sorrow and joy,
in times of health and pandemic,
in times of war and peace.

Today, we remember your gracious care in times of crisis, and give thanks for the courage and sacrifice of the women, men and families of the Canadian armed forces who have worked for peace, justice and protection in so many different times and places. Support those who have finished their time of service and still face challenges in civilian life.

God of mercy,
Hear our prayer.

God of promise and peace, we thank you for the places
where conflicts have ended, peace has been restored and
where citizens can enjoy secure freedoms and human rights.
Where people are oppressed and dissent restricted, encourage
those who witness and work for justice to be established.

God of mercy,
Hear our prayer.

God of wholeness and hope, we thank you for
those called to serve others in their home communities,
wherever they call home.

Especially we give thanks for those in our communities working
hard in the face of COVID-19.

May they know your protection and show your love in all
they do.

God of mercy,
Hear our prayer.

God of commitment and courage, we thank you for
the many organizations in Canada working to bring hope to
people facing social exclusion, discrimination or exploitation.

Inspire leaders in our communities to provide access to the
support they need to thrive.

May all your beloved children enjoy the life you desire for them.

God of mercy,
Hear our prayer.

God of Christ in community, we thank you for
the dedication of those who serve in the church.

May your church always be a place of hope, healing and
welcome.

Guide our congregation and denomination through these
challenging days

so that those who turn to us will find us faithful.

God of mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Eternal God, your promises endure from generation to generation.
Knowing your steadfast love, we trust you to answer our prayers
according to your generous mercy and infinite wisdom.

We are thankful that we can experience God in a relationship
from which we draw strength, courage and encouragement.

The ways of knowing God - Mother, Father, Friend -

Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer;
may be expressed in the prayer Jesus taught us -

We Depart to Serve with Joy

Hymn 436 "Abide With Me" vs. 1,2,3,4

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away.
Change and decay in all around I see.
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and strength can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

I have no fear with thee at hand to bless,
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Benediction

Having gathered, remembered, heard, given, and prayed,
**we ask, Almighty God, for your blessing,
and for your continual presence in our lives.**

Remind us that no matter where we go, you are there.

**No matter how bleak the world becomes,
all it takes is one ray of light
for a new day to be upon us once again. Amen.**

Choral Amen

Postlude "Abide With Me/ Last Post Medley" (Nichols)