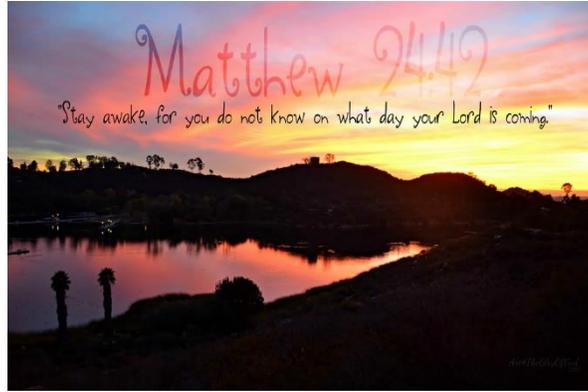


Remembrance Sunday **November 8th 2020**



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Opening

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also, with you.

Sentence

Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

Matthew 24.42, 44

Collect

Eternal God, who caused all holy scriptures, to be written for our learning, grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Readings

Wis 3:1-9;

Ps 116:1-8;

1 Pet 1:3-9;

Jn 6:37-40

Reflection November 8

***But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment will ever touch them.***

***In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,
and their going from us to be their destruction;
but they are at peace. Wisdom 3: 1-3***

This text from Wisdom is often used at Remembrance Day ceremonies because it expresses so poignantly both the pain and grief of death but also the hope of our faith. Times of war or the devastation of a Pandemic always produce unnecessary death, and while a loved one's death is thought to be a "disaster", and "their going from us to be their destruction", our faith tells us that "they are at peace". Human beings have always feared death and all religious beliefs must have an answer to the dreaded question, "What happens to us when we die?" We get two answers today this one from the Hebrew Scripture and then in the Gospel of John Jesus reassures his disciples that no one will be left behind, Jesus will take care of us, now and when we die. We will know peace with God.

There is a story in the Hebrew tradition that the Altar of God has two pillars. One is called Faithfulness and the other is called Righteousness. For the Hebrews and for Jesus, who was a Rabbi, these two words were the two most important attributes of a child of God and we see it in the reading today, "the souls of the righteous". Righteousness for Rabbi Jesus didn't mean a kind of Puritan or some other kind of morality, it was rather a word that measured Justice, compassion and even sacrifice for others. Righteousness is ultimately about love for others so Jesus would say, "greater love has no one than to lay down their life for another." On Remembrance Day we think of all those righteous men and women who loved, loved their country, but also their brothers and sisters even unto death. The second pillar was Faithfulness, for the Hebrews and Rabbi Jesus this was not a kind of trying to believe doctrines or even being a regular (faithful) churchgoer. It actually means Trust in and Relationship with God. The word faith is related to fidelity and others that speak to relationship with others. Faith isn't about belief it's about relationship, with God and with others. On Remembrance Day we also remember the Faithfulness of so many people who put their relationship with God and others first, who served in so many capacities and truly loved their neighbours as themselves. From hiding Jewish refugees to working in factories and farms for the common good, the wars, for all their horror, brought out the best in so many people. They showed their Righteousness and Faithfulness, may we pledge as part of our remembrance, to follow in their footsteps.

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Prayers of the People from Mary Field - jamar@kwic.com

Heavenly Father thank you for this day; we are so honored & grateful You are here with Us *Let us spend a few moments to quietly direct our thoughts to prayer-*

We offer the following prayers through *our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son.*

Heavenly Father we pray for our Queen, the leaders of all nations, in all positions large and small, please Lord guide them in the ways of freedom, justice and truth. We specifically at this time pray for our neighbours in the United States as they face difficulties of health, racial unrest, political tension and a contentious election.

Heavenly Father we continue to pray for the world's scientific community as they search for a vaccine and successful treatment for COVID-19. We pray for those suffering with COVID-19, may they return to health and please Lord take into your arms those who have succumbed to the disease.

Lord, we are aware our Gratitude and acceptance helps turn what WE have into enough. We are appreciative of Your presence with us in these difficult & frightening times.

Lord we pray for your earth as it shutters under the pressure of mankind's abuse, we pray to You for an awakening of need to cherish & protect it. We give thanks for our community, for our safety here, for its bounty & for our Christian community

Hear us, O merciful Father, as we remember in love those who have shaped our lives, family and friends whom we have placed in your hands, help us remember them, well grant them eternal joy and peace. Remembering especially anyone known to you.

Heavenly Father we look forward with excitement to our faith and fellowship lives with our new minister, Enrique Martinez. We welcome him to our area. Heavenly Father we ask that you be with Enrique, his wife and children as they join our faith community. May our worship journeys be pleasing to YOU, bless us with wisdom, courage and a sound and growing faith.

We pray for all -- those in transition, who are sick, in need or any kind of distress or trouble: Rick our interim Rector who continues to play a vital role in our worship, Todd our Bishop, Anne our Metropolitan, Linda our Primate, Mark National Indigenous Archbishop, Marinez Bishop of Amazonia.

We pray also for the people of the Parish of Long Point Bay and all lay and clergy. We pray also for Rev. Rosalyn Elm and the people of the **Parish of the Six Nations**.

We pray for our shut-ins at home, hospital and in local nursing homes. We especially remember: June, Shirley, Iris, Julie, David, John, Anna and Jack B.

We pray as well as for the ones who have asked for Your healing touch upon their lives:

Betty F., Don G. Franz and Elaine Z., Steven K., Rebecca M., Trista P., Kathleen C-S., Bill MC., Dwayne M. and Andrea B., Susan A., Olivia H., Karen M., Delores B., Dale F, Rose G. and anyone known to you.

'God of Love hear our prayers & make us an instrument of Your peace.'

Amen

It is important that we keep the prayer list and shut-in list up to date. If you know of any changes to these lists can you please email Anne at lpbparishsecretary@gmail.com or Enrique at enrique6921@hotmail.com

If you know of anyone that has asked you to pray for them during this pandemic, we will put on the prayer list for a month.



Prayer of Confession

Search us O God and know our hearts today
Try us and know our anxious thoughts,
see if there are any hurtful ways in us
and lead us in your loving and life-giving Way

Words of Assurance

God knows our secret fears, ignorance & selfish ways.
God forgives, forgive yourself, forgive others
Amen

Closing Prayer

God our strength and salvation, receive all we offer you today, and grant that we who have confessed your name, and received new life in baptism, may live in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ the Lord, Amen

Doxology

Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Indoor Services continue in a limited fashion.

We are currently in the AMBER stage of this programme. Details can be found at the Diocesan website. This means that we can host indoor services and events like weddings and funerals. We have very strict protocols for indoor services that include, screening, masks and strict seating and social distancing rules. This has resulted in drastically reducing the numbers of people that can safely meet inside the church. Unfortunately, we are not permitted to sing in the church but we can have communion in a creative way without needing to move from our seats.

Note that not every church will be holding a service every week as in the past. It will be as it was before, with Holy Communion every second week but the Morning Prayer services in between have been cancelled. This allows us to safely monitor the health of our congregations over two-week periods. Not all parishes or congregations are required to offer indoor services but it has become an option that we are exploring carefully. Your safety is our paramount concern, we know this pandemic is not over.

Services:

There will be an indoor Remembrance Sunday Eucharist service:

Today St John's Port Rowan November 8th at 9:30 am

Then there will be Morning Prayer services:

November 15th Pt Ryerse at 9:30 and Woodhouse 11am

There will be a Parish Budget meeting on Saturday December 5 at 9:30am.

**Your Long Point Bay Regular Service can be found here:
Please click on the link to watch this week's video**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TOK90s3UD10&feature=youtu.be>



CONTACT INFORMATION:

At this extraordinary time if you wish a telephone visit please call Enrique. If you have any other announcements or news contact Anne Halls at the contacts below.

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