

Remembrance Sunday service 8.11.20

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[0 : 00] Well, let's begin this short time of worship by saying to God's praise from Psalm 46.

Psalm 46 and we'll sing from verses 1 to verse 7. God is our refuge and our strength and straits our present aid. Therefore, although the earth remove, we will not be afraid.

Though hills amidst the seas be cast, though waters roaring make and troubled be, ye though the hills by swelling seas do shake. We sing down to the end of verse 7.

The Lord of hosts upon our side doth constantly remain the God of Jacob's, our refuge. God is our refuge and our strength.

In straits our present aid. Therefore, although the earth remove, we will not be afraid.

[1 : 27] Though hills amidst the seas be cast, though waters roaring make and troubled be, yea, though the hills by swelling cease to shake.

Our river is whose streams do glad the city offer God.

God is our refuge and our strength. The holy place within the Lord most high hath his abode.

God in the midst of her doth dwell. Nothing shall her remove.

The Lord to her unhelp but will, and that right early prove.

[2 : 56] The heathen raged tumultuously. The kingdoms moved where the Lord God uttered.

His voice the earth did melt for fear. The Lord of hosts upon our side doth constantly remain.

The God of hosts upon our side doth continue. The God of Jacob's refuge are safely to maintain.

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Amen. Amen. When we are there, we'll be together to see who we are now. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

[4 : 22] Amen. and your word gives us hope for eternity. We think of the response of Peter when asked the question, will you also go away?

And he replied by saying, to whom else shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. So enable us, Lord, we pray, to hear these words as we read these passages of scripture.

Draw near to us, we pray. Take our sin from us, we pray. Fill us with your spirit. Give us eyes to see and ears to hear. And we pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

A few passages from God's word now as we come to the time of silence. John chapter 14, Jesus' words.

Jesus said, peace I leave with you. My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled.

[5 : 29] And do not be afraid. Isaiah 40 Do you not know? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.

He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall. But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 43 But now, this is what the Lord says, He who created you, O Jacob, He who formed you, O Israel, fear not, for I have redeemed you.

I have summoned you by name. You are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you. And when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned.

[6 : 44] The flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. Romans 8 If God be for us, who can be against us?

He who did not spare his own son, but gave him up for us all, how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who is he that condemns Christ Jesus, who died more than that, who was raised to life, is at the right hand of God, and is also interceding for us.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ, shall trouble, or hardship, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

As it is written, for your sake, we face death all day long. We are considered a sheep to be slaughtered. No, in all these things, we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

[7 : 52] for I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

And then again in the psalm that we sang, Psalm 46, from 7 through to the end, we have that assurance, that reassurance, that the Lord Almighty is with us.

The God of Jacob is our fortress. Come and see the works of the Lord, the desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth.

He breaks the bow and shatters the spear. He burns the shields with fire. Be still and know that I am God.

I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the earth. The Lord Almighty is with us.

[9 : 13] The God of Jacob is our fortress. Again, let's pause for a moment as we pray.

Lord God, we thank you once more for the richness of the promises that are found in your word. And we pray for faith that you would enable us to take hold of these promises by faith and to know not only in our minds the reality of the fact that these promises are true, but we pray that we would know in our hearts and our experience that you are God and that you are with us and all that you promise to us in the gospel is delivered, is experienced and enjoyed by those who trust you.

Enable us to trust you, we pray. And we ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen. And now, as we come towards eleven o'clock, we observe these two minutes of silence.

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Thank you.

[11 : 58] Thank you.

Thank you.

Let's pray once more. Our Heavenly Father, we thank you for the lives of those that we have remembered in this time that has been set aside.

We thank you for the lives of many who we did not know, those who left these shores and did not return.

We thank you for the lives and for the service, for the sacrifice of those that we do know, those even in our congregation.

[13 : 40] We think of Donald Morrison and Scott Road here.

We pray for those who are lost in more recent days. We pray for those who can remember the trauma and the torment of difficult days of conflict.

Those perhaps even who wrestle with the memories of them still. And we pray for those who continue to put themselves in the place of danger so that we can know peace.

We pray for those who are lost in the army. We pray for those who seek to reach out to them and minister to them, for chaplains, for padres, that you would give to them the courage to share the gospel, Lord.

And we ask that there would be many who take hold of the good news about Jesus, the fact that he is the one who is with us, the one who is our refuge in strength and trouble, and who brings to us the eternal peace that we need when we trust in him.

[15 : 20] We pray for those who, Lord, that we seek to Windsor only for those who are in turn of div snake winds.

We pray for those who are in authority over us. We pray that must be in authority over us. you have called us to pray for them. So hear our prayers for them, that you would give to them the wisdom that they need.

And Lord, we pray for a world that is so much troubled. We know that Jesus said himself that in this world you will have trouble. There will be difficulty.

But we thank you that Jesus is the one who came, whose name was Emmanuel, God with us. We praise you, Lord, that you are with us in the trouble. And we praise you that you are the one who went to a cross to lay down your life so that we could have eternal peace, eternal life in Jesus. Help us to fix our eyes upon him. For we pray these things in Jesus' name and for Jesus' sake. Amen. I want to read one more short passage from John chapter 15.

[16:57] John chapter 15. Jesus is speaking to the disciples and he says in verse 9, As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you.

Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love.

I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this. Love each other as I have loved you.

Greater love as no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. And from that passage, I want to just underline that verse, which is very familiar to most of us, I expect.

Verse 13. Greater love as no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. And today we remember.

[18:04] And we are thankful for those who laid down their lives in these years of war. Why did they lay down their lives?

Well, it was because of love, because of that greater love that Jesus speaks of. Those that we remember in the silence, they are those who loved their country enough to respond to that call to serve.

They are those who loved their family and friends so much that they were willing to go to the place of danger and fight for the freedom and for the peace that we still to this day enjoy.

And we need to remember it came at such great cost. We see the names of people in the war memorial. Real people who lived in this place connected to us.

Family names that we share. We see pictures in the homes of those that we visit. We see pictures of loved ones who left these shores as that Psalm, Psalm 46 was sung.

[19:22] And many of them never came back. And for those who did come back, we know that many of them came back with scars and these haunting memories of war.

The freedom and the peace that we enjoy in time today, we must remember. We must remember it came at great cost and it was driven by a great love.

love. And as we remember that love that was shown to us by many that we do not know, we think upon the Saviour, Jesus, who spoke the words that we just read.

He is the one who calls us to come to know him. He is the one who loved us. He is the one who still loves us.

He is the one who loved us with that greater love. A greater love that took him to a cross, to that place of ultimate conflict.

[20:43] And there he laid down his life willingly so that we could know eternal freedom and peace. Jesus, God the Son, he came to this world on a mission and he went to war with sin and Satan and death and hell.

That was his mission. And the good news of the gospel is that he was victorious. The resurrection shows us that. The Saviour died but rose again, triumphant over the grave.

and that triumph, that victory that he won, he promises to share. The eternal freedom, the eternal peace, that eternal resurrection life that he won, he promises that he will share with those who come to him.

so let us this morning be encouraged to come to Jesus and to know the assurance of his promise that even though trouble and war may be our experience in this world, we have the promise of Jesus.

May we know the assurance of it that we can have a wellness, peace within our souls and we are trusting him.

[22:20] May God enable us to trust him and may God bless these thoughts on his word. Ian A. will now lead us in prayer and garlic, please.

Gentlemen, journey. Ye, Uluvianite, haxinitin faxhortach aher graash letlachg agus lethalachg as sonnambeyanachg anna haxivitostgain.

Haxinit gaitich ach, nahh diyanish gibil sinitim gairich irinire hapichhorgini bi. And fiusindiuhen haxinitibia shacharan na'r smuantian, na'r briaren agus na'r gneafan.

Ach, haxin taingyl ant iw gwyfel criast ageniam ar arsbaniar agus gwynt o cholane an ober y hwcw gaa nir y chai achrochg e'r crown case i chalfri.

Sawn trot o fach gy haxin y gwrni agus ant iw gysorriti nir y haxin y conorachg na hi bwrsd i rain na gila ni ag an o chaljech an an duchan im kêen axin kütioch mochal a riipost y warachg jese kriast.

[23 : 37] Axin taingyl luluvianetje rishon a sose ha aking sose a warri fain ag kosge wach o moor. Axin taingyl gyrol aantranol aantranol a laian dylich dorych a basin ima tach glion a edash agus a sin taingyl gyrolw gyrolw gyrolw ariyna dydjw agus gyt na chil a sin an amianachagi a sin haast an am blaar an oin an spiritan agus cungach an dyrachg a sin a gyniru dda'r tía gynpio gartian gynpio gartian gynpio gartcumal agus gynpio gartrárachg mar ilan mar hughiich agus mar hul a sin erig o'r fathar fawab bwod a chot ariyna a agus hau a tosh gyalagayn tratoch magirishlichis mabuag er an gyrrar minan ea tí agus gynpio gant uarni agus gyniára at magnuo agus gynpio gant dróch lén an sün clinymi wun an an agus mahi am piachg agus leoish am an chid as hain e gynion holl a fra chee lé

Adrii gond gwan yo Amen.

Amen. It is well, it is well with my soul.

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It is well, it is well with my soul.

[26 : 59] Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blessed assurance control.

But Christ hath regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.

It is well, it is well with my soul.

It is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin, O the bliss of this glorious thought.

[28 : 32] My sin, O the bliss of this world.

Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul.

It is well, it is well with my soul.

It is well, it is well with my soul.

[29 : 38] And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight.

The clouds be rolled back as a scroll.

The trump shall resend, and the Lord shall descend.

Even so, it is well with my soul.

It is well, it is well with my soul.

[30 : 48] It is well, it is well with my soul.

And I have a benediction from 2 Thessalonians 3, verse 16. Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always, by all means.

The Lord be with you all. Amen.