

### *Prayer over the Gifts...*

God of compassion and forgiveness, receive our offering this day, and make us one with him who is our peace, Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

### *Prayer after Communion...*

Eternal God, in you we find peace beyond all telling. May we who share in this heavenly banquet be instruments of your peace on earth, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen



## **We shall keep the Faith.**

Oh! You who sleep in Flanders' fields,  
Sleep sweet - to rise anew,  
We caught the torch you threw,  
And holding high we kept  
The faith with those who died.  
We cherish too, the poppy red  
That grows on fields where valour led.

It seems to signal to the skies  
That blood of heroes never dies,  
But lends a lustre to the red  
Of the flower that blooms above the dead  
In Flanders' fields.

And now the torch and poppy red  
Wear in honour of our dead.  
Fear not that ye have died for naught  
We've learned the lesson that ye taught  
In Flanders' fields.

Written by Miss Moina Belle Michael  
An American, On Nov. 9, 1918, the Saturday before the Armistice was signed,  
she read Col. John McCrae's poem, In Flanders Fields and  
it made such a impression on her, that she wrote this reply to it.



## **IN FLANDERS Fields**

In Flanders field 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.

~Major John McCrae, May 1915.~



## Readings – Service of Remembrance

### Collect...

O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to your Church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

### A Reading from the Book of Micah...

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised up above the hills. Peoples shall stream to it, and many nations shall come and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken. For all the peoples walk, each in the name of its god, but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God forever and ever.

*Micah 4:1-5*

### *Psalm 85:8-13*

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*John Joubert*



- 8 I will listen to what the LORD<sup>1</sup> God is<sup>1</sup> saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to<sup>1</sup> those who<sup>1</sup> turn their<sup>1</sup> hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to<sup>1</sup> those who<sup>1</sup> fear him, \*  
that his<sup>1</sup> glory may<sup>1</sup> dwell in our<sup>1</sup> land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have<sup>1</sup> met to<sup>1</sup> gether; \*  
righteousness and<sup>1</sup> peace have<sup>1</sup> kissed each<sup>1</sup> other.
- 11 Truth shall spring<sup>1</sup> up from the<sup>1</sup> earth, \*  
and righteousness shall<sup>1</sup> look<sup>1</sup> down from<sup>1</sup> heaven.
- 12 The LORD will indeed<sup>1</sup> grant pros<sup>1</sup>perity, \*  
and our<sup>1</sup> land will<sup>1</sup> yield its<sup>1</sup> increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall<sup>1</sup> go be<sup>1</sup> fore him, \*  
and peace shall be a<sup>1</sup> pathway<sup>1</sup> for his<sup>1</sup> feet.

### A Reading from the Epistle to the Ephesians...

Remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

*Ephesians 2:12-22*

### The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John...

"On that day you will ask nothing of me. Very truly I tell you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name he will give it to you. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete. I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures, but will tell you plainly of the Father. On that day you will ask in my name. I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world; again, I am leaving the world and am going to the Father." His disciples said, "Yes, now you are speaking plainly, not in any figure of speech! Now we know that you know all things, and do not need to have anyone question you; by this we believe that you came from God." Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? The hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each one to his home, and you will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone because the Father is with me. I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world!"

*John 16:23-33*