

## Greeting and Welcome

Leading in worship this morning is LCol (Retd) the Rev William MacLellan. We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors. Let us together know the joy and wonder of worshipping God. Please join us downstairs for coffee and goodies after the service!

There are large print hymn books and large print bulletins available. Please speak with an usher. The church is fully accessible with an elevator, ramps and a properly-appointed washroom.

### A Note on Our Worship

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### **Forward in Faith — Our Vision**

St Giles Presbyterian Church seeks to be a welcoming, fully-alive faith community, which shares Christ's vision for the world and responds in a Christ-like manner to the present-day challenges of our society and world in partnership with all who seek to make Christ's vision for the world a present reality.

#### **St Giles Presbyterian Church**

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## We Gather In God's Name

Welcome

Call to Worship

We come together today with heavy hearts:

**to remember with pride and appreciation those who have given their lives in service of others.**

We come together today with heavy hearts:

**to remember with dismay the suffering, destruction, and pain caused by human conflict.**

We come together today:

**not to glorify or celebrate war and conflict, but to recognize its cost.**

We come together today:

**to acknowledge the common failings that lead to conflict and war.**

We come together today:

**to give thanks to God for memory through which we are warned by the mistakes of the past and enriched by sacrifices made by those who gave their lives to resist the forces of evil that threatened to destabilize the world.**

**\*\*Hymn: For the healing of the nations**

**736**

**1. For the healing of the nations,  
Lord, we pray with one accord,  
for a just and equal sharing  
of the things that earth affords. To a life of love in action  
help us rise and pledge our word.**

**2. Lead us forward into freedom,  
from despair your world release,  
that, redeemed from war and hatred,  
all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness  
fear will die and hope increase.**

**3. All that kills abundant living,  
let it from the earth be banned,  
pride of status, race or schooling,  
dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice  
may we hallow life's brief span.**

**4. You, Creator God, have written  
your great name on humankind;  
for our growing in your likeness  
bring the life of Christ to mind,  
that, by our response and service,  
earth its destiny may find.**

Prayer of Approach

**God of healing and wholeness,  
we come earnestly desiring peace  
in our communities and in your world.**

**We come earnestly desiring peace  
in our hearts and in our relationship with you.**

**Grant us your peace, O God,  
and help us in this time to remember and honour  
those who have lived  
and those who have died for peace.**

Call to Confession

Let us now with a sincere heart and humble voice,  
seek the forgiveness of God.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The Lord's Prayer (*spoken*)

**Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy  
Kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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, The power,  
and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.**

An Act of Remembrance

Introduction:

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.  
As we humble ourselves in God's presence, and make solemn  
remembrance of the great things that have been done for us, we  
earnestly seek God's mercy and grace.

Once more, we pause to remember the eleven members of St Giles  
who paid the supreme sacrifice in World War 2. They rest peacefully  
from Berlin across Europe to the depths of the Atlantic Ocean.

Reader: The Roll of Honour

Let us also remember those who have given their lives in our country's  
duty of peacekeeping and peacemaking.

We are also remembering those who were wounded, some still in  
hospitals, and those who suffer the effects of PTSD.

May we ever pray - Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet.

**Lest we forget; lest we forget.**

## The Call to Remembrance

Reader: They shall grow not old as we who 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.

**We will remember them.**

\*\*Last Post

\*\*Silence

\*\*Lament

\*\*Reveille

**\*\*Hymn: O God, our help in ages past                      330 vs 1, 2, 5, 6**

- 1. O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home.**
- 2. Under the shadow of thy throne  
thy saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone,  
and our defence is sure.**
- 5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all our years away.  
They fly forgotten,  
as a dream dies at the opening day.**
- 6. O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last,  
and our eternal home.**

## The Word of God

### Prayer for Illumination

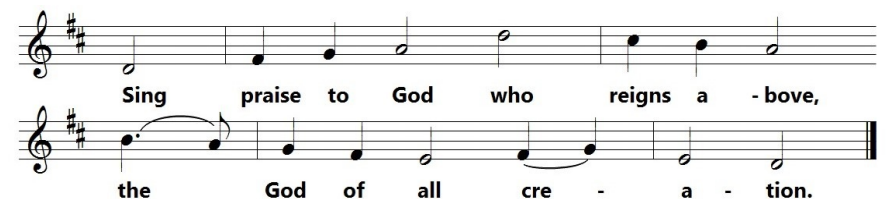
Old Testament: Micah 4:1-5

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 for ever and ever.

This is the witness of the Prophet.

**Thank you Lord God.**

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 146



Praise the Lord:

**Praise the Lord, O my soul!**

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

**I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

Do not put your trust in princes,  
**in mortals, in whom there is no help.**  
When their breath departs, they return to the earth;  
**on that very day their plans perish.**

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
**whose hope is in the Lord their God,**  
who made heaven and earth,  
**the sea, and all that is in them;**  
who keeps faith for ever;  
**who executes justice for the oppressed;**  
**who gives food to the hungry.**

The Lord sets the prisoners free;  
**the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.**  
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;  
**the Lord loves the righteous.**  
The Lord watches over the strangers;  
**he upholds the orphan and the widow,**  
**but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**  
**The Lord will reign for ever!**

New Testament: Mark 14: 3-9

While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger, 'Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.' And they scolded her. But Jesus said, 'Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor

with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.'

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**\*\*Hymn: O for a world where everyone**

**730**

- 1. O for a world here everyone  
respects each other's ways,  
where love is lived and all is done  
with justice and with praise.**
- 2. O for a world where goods are shared  
and misery relieved,  
where truth is spoken, children spared,  
equality achieved.**
- 3. We welcome one world family  
and struggle with each choice  
that opens us to unity  
and gives our vision voice.**
- 4. The poor are rich, the weak are strong,  
the foolish ones are wise.  
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong,  
who perishes will rise.**
- 5. O for a world preparing for  
God's glorious reign of peace,  
where time and tears will be no more,  
and all but love will cease.**

Sermon: **Where the story isn't told, the people forget Part 2**  
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The Response to God

Confessional Response: *\*\* (standing and in unison)*  
From Living Faith § 8.5.1-3

- 8.5.1 **Christ, the Prince of Peace, calls his followers to seek peace in the world.**
- 8.5.2 **We know that nations have fought in self-defense and that war, at times, may be unavoidable. But the tragic evil that comes with war, the slaughter of men, women, and children must rouse us to work for peace.**
- 8.5.3 **We protest against the world arms race that diminishes our ability to fight hunger, ignorance, poverty and disease. We affirm that God is at work when people are ashamed of the inhumanity of war and work for peace with justice. We pray for peace to him who is the Prince of Peace.**

The Offering

**\*\*Presentation of our Offering: Let the people praise 39**

2. **Let the people praise you, Lord;  
be by all that live adored.  
Let the nations shout and sing  
glory to their gracious King;  
at your feet their tribute pay,  
and your holy will obey.**

The Dedication of the Offering  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow 830**  
**praise him all creatures here below;**  
**praise him above, ye heavenly host;**  
**praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

**\*\*Hymn: O Canada 800 vs. 1, 2**

1. **O Canada our home and native land,  
true patriot love in all our hearts 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.**

Benediction

**\*\*Hymn: God save the Queen 834**

**God save our gracious Queen;  
long live our noble Queen;  
God save the Queen:  
send her victorious,  
happy and glorious,  
long to reign over us:  
God save the Queen.**

Postlude The Regimental March

## St Giles's Connection to John McCrae

**Our thanks to LCol (Retd) the Rev William MacLellan,  
piper Cpl. Brennan Pinkerton-Kock,  
bugler MCpl Peter Limeburner,  
organist Brenda Beckingham,  
and soloist Sharon Haidenger.**

In the Cushman Memorial Church remembrance area at the back of the sanctuary is an Honour Roll from Zion Presbyterian Church, Hull.



Zion's wooden church was built in 1872. In 1924, it was replaced by Cushman Memorial Church.

On the Honour Roll, you will notice that the first name is Alexis Helmer. Lieutenant Helmer "was killed at Ypres on May 2, 1915 at the age of 22. According to a witness, Helmer's friend Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae, began writing his iconic poem, *In Flanders Fields*, in an attempt to compose himself following the burial." \*



Alexis Helmer



John McCrae