

PASTORAL CARE MESSENGER

Christ Church Cathedral Ottawa, November 2021



A Symbol

A simple red flower, these past hundred years
Has honoured those who shed silent tears
Among the destruction that they found,
As comrades passed away, on foreign ground.

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Worldwide and closer to home.
Names engraved upon a slab of stone
Tell a tale of heroes who gave it all
Fearlessly answering, their Nations call.

Each poppy worn on Remembrance Day
Is an unspoken word that allows us to say
Thank you to all who chose to fight,
As the Last Post echoes through the night.

— From a poem by Jacqueline Black

God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble. [Psalm 46.1]



Thank you God for all our loved ones and friends we see no longer. They will
continue to hold a special place in our hearts.
Through our experience of being in relationships with them we gained wisdom
and strength on the journey with them.
Today we give thanks for those we've lost and recognize each other as we
mourn together.
Help us God to know you are here,
Hold all our hopes,
Holding all those we love
And holding us this day. AMEN

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