

Season of Remembrance

Transgender Day of Remembrance

23rd November 2025

Led by Fiona Bennett & Miller Hoffman



*Remembering is
what we do
together
by
Jan Richardson*

Welcome & Gathering

Call to worship:

One: God of the past
ALL: Source of all being
One: God of the present
ALL: Saviour beside us
One: God of the future
ALL: Shaper of hope
One: God beyond time
ALL: Holy three in one, we worship you.

Hymn: Come and find the quiet centre CH4 716 (Lewis Folk Tune)

Come and find the quiet centre
In the crowded life we lead
Find the room for hope to enter
Find the frame where we are freed
Clear the chaos and the clutter
Clear our eyes that we can see
All the things that really matter
Be at peace and simply be

Silence is a friend who claims us
Cools the heat and slows the pace
God it is who speaks and names us
Knows our being touches base
Making space within our thinking
Lifting shades to show the sun
Raising courage when we're shrinking
Finding scope for faith begun

In the Spirit let us travel
Open to each other's pain
Let our lives and fears unravel

Celebrate the space we gain
There's a place for deepest dreaming
There's a time for heart to care
In the Spirit's lively scheming
There is always room to spare.

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Prayer

Introduce Focusing Movement:

God of the past who has father and mothered us	(point behind)
God of the future who is always ahead of us	(point in front)
God of the present, who is here in the midst of us	(hands open)
God of all time, we offer you our worship and praise.	

We unite our prayers together in the Jesus' Prayer or Lord's Prayer using the form or words which are most worshipful for us...

Source of Life,
Father and Mother of us all:
Creation honours you!
May your Realm of Justice & Joy
Sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another,
forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. Amen

Time for all ages

Hymn: The Peace of the Earth be with you CH4 798

The peace of the earth be with you,
the peace of the heavens too;
the peace of the rivers be with you,
the peace of the oceans too.
Deep peace falling over you;
God's peace growing in you.

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TDOR Act of Remembrance and Prayer

Readings:

Jeremiah 23:1-6

23Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. 2Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. 3Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. 4I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. 5The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 6In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Luke 23:33-43

33When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. 34Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. 35And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" 36The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, 37and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" 38There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." 39One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" 40But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." 42Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." 43He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Sermon by Rev Miller Hoffman of MCC

Prayers of the People with sung response

Sung Response:

Behold, behold I make something new
beginning with you and starting from today
Behold, behold, I make something new
my Promise is true for I am Christ the Way

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Offering & Dedication

Praise God from whom all blessing flow
Praise God all creature here below
Praise God above, You heavenly host
Praise Maker Christ and Holy Ghost

*Music: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561.
Words: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711*

Notices

Hymn: For everyone born CH4 685

For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,
and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

For trans, woman, man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for trans, woman, man, a system that's fair,
and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong,
and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

For all who are queer, a place at the table,
a covenant shared, a welcoming space,
a rainbow of race and gender and colour,
for all who are queer the chalice of grace,
and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

For just and unjust, a place at the table,

abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,
for just and unjust, a new way to live,
and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free,
and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

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Blessing & Sung Amen

What's on @ AUC this week?

Event	Date	Time	Location	Notes
Sunday Worship	Sun 23 rd Nov	11am	AUC & Online	Advent service. Fiona is leading and Rev Miller Hoffman is preaching
Post Service Zoom Social	Sun 23 rd Nov	12 noon	Online	
Carbon Literacy Course	Sun 23 rd Nov	12.45- 3.15pm	Sanctuary	Session 3 of 3
Contextual Bible Study	Wed 26 th Nov	7.30- 8.30pm	Online	Avt2 Luke 3:1-6 Email minister@augustine.org.uk for the Zoom link
Contextual Bible Study	Thu 27 th Nov	12 noon - 1pm	Online	Avt2 Luke 3:1-6 Email minister@augustine.org.uk for the Zoom link
Sunday Worship	Sun 30 th Nov	11am	AUC & Online	Kathleen is leading and Fiona is preaching
Post Service Zoom Social	Sun 30 th Nov	12 noon	Online	
Christmas Making	Sun 30 th Nov	12.30- 2pm	Sanctuary	An opportunity to share together in making decoration for the AUC Christmas Tree with chat and some carol singing. Open to all.
Coffee Social: Come OUT with Our Tribe (LGBTQI+)	Sun 30 th Nov	1.30- 3pm	Coffee Saints Little King St, Edinburgh EH1 3AR (Opposite the side entrance of John Lewis)	Chance to meet, chat and get to know each other over a cuppa. New people always very welcome. Look out for the Rainbow flag on our table.

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