



*Lest We Forget*

## REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Fort York National Historic Site  
Strachan Avenue Military Cemetery  
250 Fort York Blvd

Friday, November 11, 2011  
10:45 a.m.



## ORDER OF SERVICE

### The Procession

Opening remarks: Mr. Richard Haynes, Fort York National Historic Site

### O Canada

*O Canada!*

*Our home and native land!*

*True patriot love in all thy sons 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.*

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Performed by: Mr. Robert Divito

Prayers and Readings: The Reverend Dr. John D. Hartley

Call to Remembrance: The Reverend Dr. John D. Hartley

## Litany

**Leader:** Let us remember before God, and commend to God's sure keeping, all those who have given their lives in the service of this land. Lord, in your mercy,

**Response:** Hear our Prayer.

**Leader:** Let us pray for the safety of those who serve in the Canadian Armed Forces remembering specially those who serve on peacekeeping duties around the world. Lord in your mercy,

**Response:** Hear our Prayer.

**Leader:** Let us pray for all those who suffer as a result of war, for the injured and disabled, for the homeless and refugees, and for all those who have lost family members. Lord, in your mercy,

**Response:** Hear our Prayer.

**Leader:** Let us pray for the leaders of the nations that they may have wisdom and courage to work for the cause of justice and peace in the world. Lord in your mercy,

**Response:** Hear our Prayer.

**Leader:** Let us pray for ourselves and for the people of Canada that we might be a nation committed to the cause of freedom and peace, and that we might foster a spirit of reconciliation in our own country and overseas. Lord in your mercy,

**Response:** Hear our Prayer.

## The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.*

*Thy kingdom come.*

*Thy will be done  
on earth, as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power and the glory  
for ever and ever.*

*Amen.*



**Address:** The Reverend Dr. John D. Hartley

**Last Post:** Mr. Robert Divito

**Two Minutes of Silence**

**Lament:** Marilyn Willis

**Reveille:** Mr. Robert Divito

**Laying of Wreaths**

**Announcements:** Mr. Richard Haynes

**Dismissal:** The Reverend Dr. John D. Hartley

## **God Save the Queen**

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!

**Performed by: Mr. Robert Divito**

## **Recessional**

### **Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire**

The IODE is a Canadian women's charitable organization with the mission to improve the quality of life for children, youth and those in need, through educational, social service and citizenship programmes.

The Municipal Chapter has had a long association with the Strachan Avenue Military Cemetery and the annual Remembrance Day service held here. The IODE was instrumental in restoring the neglected military burial grounds early in the 20th century. On November 11, 1922, the Mayor of Toronto unveiled a bronze tablet, presented by the Toronto Chapter of IODE, honouring the soldiers interred here.

In the following years members of the organization continued to care for the site and in 1952 held a Remembrance Service on the grounds. About 100 people attended the first ceremony, including pipers of the 48th Highlanders and buglers of the Queen's Own Rifles. The service has become an annual tradition.

## **Strachan Avenue Military Cemetery**

The Strachan Avenue Military Cemetery, established in 1863 on the Garrison Common lands between Fort York and Stanley Barracks, is Toronto's second major military burial ground – the first, dating from 1793, is located at the Victoria Square Memorial Park on Portland Street. This cemetery served as the burial ground for soldiers of the garrison including Crimean War veterans and their families. The last known interment took place in 1911 and there may be as many as 200 graves on the site. Garrison Common itself remained an active military centre after the closing of the cemetery. Troops continued to be stationed at Fort York until 1933 and at Stanley Barracks until the late 1940s.

## **Fort York National Historic Site**

The City of Toronto purchased Fort York in 1909 and restored it between 1932-34. On Victoria Day in 1934, Fort York opened as a historic site museum. Today, the defensive walls surround Canada's largest collection of original War of 1812 buildings. These structures house restored barrack rooms, a powder magazine, plus a variety of exhibits that tell the story of Ontario's turbulent military past.

## **IN APPRECIATION**

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