

**In Flanders Fields  
John McCrae**

**In Flanders fields 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.**



**The First reading is taken from the Book of Isaiah**

<sup>6</sup> Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?

<sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them,  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

<sup>8</sup> Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you,  
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

<sup>9</sup> Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

**Psalm 16, found on page 719 of the Green Book of Alternative Services**

<sup>1</sup> Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;\*  
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

<sup>2</sup> All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \*  
upon those who are noble among the people.

<sup>3</sup> But those who run after other gods \*  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

<sup>4</sup> Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*  
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

<sup>5</sup> O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
it is you who uphold my lot.

<sup>6</sup> My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

<sup>7</sup> I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;\*  
my heart teaches me, night after night.

<sup>8</sup> I have set the Lord always before me; \*  
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

<sup>9</sup> My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
my body also shall rest in hope.

<sup>10</sup> For you will not abandon me to the grave,\*  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.

<sup>11</sup> You will show me the path of life; \*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures  
for evermore.

The Prayer together

Gracious God, we bless your holy name for the heritage you have given us.  
Show us the path of life, that we may follow it in hope, and come to know the  
joy of the resurrection of your  
Son, Jesus Christ.

**Our second reading is taken from Hebrews, chapter 10, verses  
11 to 28.**

And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering  
again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away  
sins. <sup>12</sup> But when Christ<sup>ᵃ</sup> had offered for all time a single  
sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” <sup>13</sup> and  
since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a  
footstool for his feet.” <sup>14</sup> For by a single offering he has perfected  
for all time those who are sanctified. <sup>15</sup> And the Holy Spirit also  
testifies to us, for after saying,  
<sup>16</sup> “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those  
days, says the Lord:  
I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their  
minds,”

<sup>17</sup> he also adds, “I will remember<sup>ᵇ</sup> their sins and their lawless  
deeds no more.”

<sup>18</sup> Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any  
offering for sin.

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, my friends,<sup>ᶜ</sup> since we have confidence to enter the  
sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by the new and living way  
that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his  
flesh), <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of

God, <sup>22</sup> let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of  
faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience  
and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast to the  
confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has  
promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how to provoke one  
another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet  
together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another,  
and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

<sup>26</sup> For if we willfully persist in sin after having received the  
knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for  
sins, <sup>27</sup> but a fearful prospect of judgment, and a fury of fire that  
will consume the adversaries. <sup>28</sup> Anyone who has violated the  
law of Moses dies without mercy “on the testimony of two or  
three witnesses.”

The word of the Lord.