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REMEMBERING

I'm of that generation that was born right after the Second World War and the memories of it dominated my childhood. I don't know how many evenings my brothers and I sat listening to my parents and their friends recounting their experiences of those years — they had all been caught up in it to some extent. During the early years they were still caught up in the thrill of victory, the joy of simply being alive and tended to romanticize their experience. As time passed however their tone changed; it's as if they realized that it was their responsibility to impress on us how terrible it had been, to make sure we remembered so that our generation would not repeat the mistakes. Three of my high schoolteachers were Holocaust survivors: they spared us no details and implored us never to forget.

It was only when I was older that I realized how intent that generation had been on sparing u the horrors of a world war.

I came to understand the rationale behind the generosity of the Marshall plan that restored former enemies to wholeness and prosperity, the point of the United Nations and the many other international organizations that were established in order to foster cooperation and interdependence among nations so as to avoid the confrontations of the past that had lead to so much pain and destruction. The order they established did not lead to a universals utopia – this is, after all, a fallen world – but it spared my generation and those that followed another international conflagration and witnessed a period of tremendous growth and relative prosperity.

But to preserve and build on this order we have inherited, it is essential that we remember why our forebears established it in the first place, and it is evidence that that memory is fading. The wars are a thing of an ever more distant past, and their horror has been trivialized and tamed by the entertainment industry, and there are signs that the forces of extremism and fragmentation that led to those wars are stirring again among us.

It is good then, that we take the time today to remember, and in our rites to impress the lessons learned on younger generations, who can only remember through us, because this world cannot afford to forget – the stakes are simply too high.

HAPPENING @ CHT:

MORNING PRAYER:

8:00a.m., Chapel. (Tues, Wed; Fri & Sat)

MIDWEEK EUCHARIST:

Thurs. 9:00a.m., Chapel.

NOVEMBER:

•Nov. 16, Saturday. Wedding, 2:30p.m.

Nov. 17, Sunday. Vestry Meeting, 11:00a.m., Rectory; Wedding, 3:00p.m.

•Nov. 23, Saturday, ECW Meeting, 2:00p.m., Rectory.

•Nov. 24, Sunday. French Service, 11:30a.m.; Joint Thanksgiving Service, 6:30p.m., Union Church of Manila.

DECEMBER:

•Dec. 8, Sunday. Norway Advent Service, 5:00p.m.

•Dec. 14, Saturday. Wedding, 1:00p.m.

Dec. 15, Sunday. Wedding, 2:00p.m.

•Dec. 21, Saturday. Wedding, 2:00p.m.

Dec. 29, Sunday. Wedding, 2:00p.m.

SAINTS:

Martin, Bishop of Tours, 11 November. Born in about the year 316 in Pannonia (in modern-day Hungary), Martin was a soldier in the Roman army and a Christian. He found the two rôles conflicted and, under the influence of Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, he founded a monastery in Hilary's diocese in the year 360, the first such foundation in Gaul. The religious house was a centre for missionary work in the local countryside, setting a new example where, previously, all Christian activity had been centred in cities and undertaken from the cathedral there. In 372, Martin was elected Bishop of Tours by popular acclaim and he continued his monastic lifestyle as a bishop, remaining in that ministry until his death on this day in the year 397.

Margaret of Scotland, 16 November. Born in the year 1046, Margaret was the daughter of the Anglo-Saxon royal house of England but educated in Hungary, where her family lived in exile during the reign of Danish kings in England. After the Norman invasion in 1066, when her royal person still was a threat to the new monarchy, she was welcomed in the royal court of Malcolm III of Scotland and soon afterwards married him in 1069. Theirs was a happy and fruitful union and Margaret proved to be both a civilising and a holy presence. She instituted many church reforms and founded many monasteries, churches and pilgrim hostels. She was a woman of prayer as well as good works who seemed to influence for good all with whom she came into contact. She died on this day in the year 1093.

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