

12 February 2023 - Epiphany 6 Worship Notes



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Opening Hymn – CP350 Stand Up and Bless the Lord

Stand up and bless the Lord, you people of God's choice;
Stand up and bless the Lord of hosts, with heart and soul and voice.

Though high above all praise, Above all blessing high,
Who would not fear God's holy name, And laud and magnify?

O God our living flame, from God's own altar bought,
to touch our lips, our minds inspire, and wing to heaven our thought!

God is our strength and song, who makes salvation ours;
Then be God's love in Christ proclaimed With all our ransomed powers.

Stand up and bless the Lord, The Lord your God adore;
Stand up and bless the glorious name, henceforth forevermore.

Land Acknowledgement

We gather here mindful of the many who, for millennia, have called this valley home or depended on its trails for safe passage. We know this community as Fernie; it is also the unceded territory of the Ktunaxa people and Métis Nation. We strive for reconciliation with our Indigenous siblings, and pray that the Creator will guide our way.

Candle Lighting

We light this single candle to remind us

that even though things are not yet as we'd like them to be, we continue to wait...somewhat patiently, and join together in person and online, dreaming, hoping, wishing for that day when we will gather again,
not necessarily as we wish, yet as we are able.

Call to Worship

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Almighty God,

To you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

Gloria – Sung

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,

We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Living One, in whose freedom creation was born as a gift: free us from the need to possess, define and silence others, so that we might rejoice in the strangeness of your beauty revealed in flesh and blood; through Jesus Christ, our reconciliation.

Amen

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009)

Reader: Suzanne Artley

Readings: Sirach 15.15-20, 1 Corinthians 3.1-9,

Sirach 15.15-20

If you choose, you can keep the commandments,

and to act faithfully is a matter of your own choice.

He has placed before you fire and water;
stretch out your hand for whichever you choose.
Before each person are life and death,
and whichever one chooses will be given.
For great is the wisdom of the Lord;
he is mighty in power and sees everything;
his eyes are on those who fear him,
and he knows every human action.
He has not commanded anyone to be wicked,
and he has not given anyone permission to sin.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

Thanks be to God.

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

On Divisions in the Corinthian Church

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, 'I belong to Paul', and another, 'I belong to Apollos', are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Reader: Carole Chorostecki

CP714 - Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

May God be with You.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew.

Praise to you, O Jesus Christ.

Matthew 5.21-37

Concerning Anger

'You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not murder"; and "whoever murders shall be liable to judgement." But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, "You fool", you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

Concerning Adultery

'You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery." But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

Concerning Divorce

'It was also said, "Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce." But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

Concerning Oaths

'Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord." But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not

swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be "Yes, Yes" or "No, No"; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CP713 - Gospel Response

Alleluia, alleluia alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Sermon: The Reverend Canon Andrea L. Brennan –
"These are the Tricky Bits"

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, **the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen**

Prayers of the People #19 – Lynda Bird

Let us give thanks to God, always and forever saying, "We thank you God."

Silence

For the beauty and wonder of creation,

We thank you, God.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of
Christ,

We thank you, God.

For our daily food, for our homes and families and friends,

We thank you, God.

For minds to think and hearts to love,

We thank you, God.

For health, strength, and skill to work, and for leisure to rest and play.

We thank you, God.

For those who are brave and courageous, patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

We thank you, God.

For all who pursue peace, justice and truth,

We thank you, God.

Today we give thanks especially for –

Linda, our Primate; for Lynne, our Archbishop; for Andrea, our Regional Dean;

For Carmen, our Moderator; For Deborah, our Regional President,

for Treena, our Executive Minister, for Kathy, our Regional Minister.

For the Anglican Church of Canada,

for the Diocese of Kootenay, for the East Kootenay Region,

For the United Church of Canada, for the Pacific Mountain Region,

We thank you, God.

For those who will die today, that they may be welcomed into your arms, and those they leave behind may always know of your love and comfort,

We thank you, God.

Today we give thanks especially for the life of Danna Burgess who died this past Wednesday. We give thanks for the work she did as a Knox United church member on our Knox Financial committee and our Joint Ministry and Personnel committee.

Danna was a kind and giving person. Regardless of the various family health challenges she faced, her inner strength helped her to have a positive outlook.

She appreciated the prayers and support we gave her through these times.

God, we pray for your guidance to deal with the grief felt by Danna's family, our Parish Faith family and all who knew Danna.

We thank you, God. Amen

Confession

Dear friends in Christ, as we turn our hearts and minds to worship almighty God, let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen**

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Peace

We are the body of Christ; in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

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Doxology (as the offering is brought forward)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Prayer Over the Gifts

God of all creation,
all you have made is good, and your love endures forever.
You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine.
Nourish us with these gifts, so that we might be for the world
signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen
Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

Eucharistic Prayer BAS #3

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you gracious God, creator of heaven and earth;
you have revealed your eternal plan of salvation,
and have shown your Son Jesus Christ to be the light for all peoples.

Therefore with angels and archangels we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of
your name.

Sanctus - CP719 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made
known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken
through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from
evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him you have brought us from
error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely
accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is
given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to
them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is
shed for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the
remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to God's command,

**we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this cup.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit on these gifts,
that may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new
covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;

through Jesus Christ, our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church and the author of our salvation.

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen

The Breaking of the Bread BAS #5

"I am the bread of life", says God.

"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;

Whoever believes in me will never thirst."

Taste and see that God is good; Happy are they who trust in God!

Invitation to receive the elements

Dear friends,

I invite you in this moment, wherever you may be, to receive Christ,
in communion with the saints, and the gathering of God's people,
unseen and yet present with us now. Many are made one.

We receive you Lord Jesus Christ,

We welcome your presence in us, and together proclaim our love for you;

**with all our hearts, minds, our soul and our strength, with the saints we worship
you, with the angels we adore you, with your whole Church we proclaim your
reign. Come to us, through many, and make us one in you.**

The Communion

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Communion Hymn – CP647 Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, move among us all;

make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:

humble, caring, selfless, sharing –

Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
break me, melt me, mould me, fill me –
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me!

Prayer after Communion

God of abundance,

with this bread and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, so that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

A Prayer for Renewal

O God who knows the needs of the Church in every place:
by the light of your Holy Spirit, guide us
as we seek to respond faithfully to you in this time.

May we open our hands to the future you call us to;
May we open our hearts to those you are calling us to serve;
May we open our minds to new insight and new knowledge;
May we open our doors to go out towards those you would have us meet.

Lead us into your future together;
help us to build trust and resilience in our common life;
help us to anticipate and celebrate new possibilities.
We pray these things in the name of Jesus,
the one who invites us into the newness of life.

Doxology

Glory to God,

**whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen**

Blessing

May the peace of Christ, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, sustain you and those for whom you love and serve this day and always. **Amen**

Extinguishing our Candles

As we move from this time of community and communion
**we hold in our prayers those who are with us in person,
on screen and in our hearts,**

knowing that one day, we know not what day,
**we will be together again, not necessarily as we wish,
but as we are able. Amen**

Sending Song – CP259 For the Fruit of All Creation

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God;
gifts bestowed on every nation, thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour, God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done;
in our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit, thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Dismissal

Our Worship may be finished, but our service is only beginning.
Let us depart in peace to love and serve our God.

Thanks be to God. Amen

Upcoming this week...

Monday 13 February – Admin and Worship Prep

Tuesday 14 February – Office Hours

10:00 am – Rev. Ibi from Cranbrook to examine our worship tech

Wednesday 15 February – Office Hours

10:00 am – Saints Day BCP Matins

Noon – Clericus (East/West Kootenay) by Zoom

Thursday 16 February – Office Hours

Noon - BARDS by Zoom

Friday 17 February – Andrea+ Sabbath

Saturday 18 February – Sermon Writing and catch-up

NEXT WORSHIP – Transfiguration & AGM Sunday

Sunday 19 February

8:30 am - Fernie Knox United AGM (in the Worship Space)

10:00 am – Morning Prayer (United Church Liturgy)

11:15 am – Parish Breakfast in the Parish Hall

Noon – Christ Church Anglican AGM (in the Worship Space)

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