

Pentecost 23 - 13 November 2022



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Opening Hymn - CP439 - Blessed are the Pure in Heart

Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord, who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with men,
their pattern and their King;

Still to the lowly soul
he doth himself impart,
and for his dwelling and his throne
chooseth the pure in heart.

Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be;
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple meet for thee.

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,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all

And also with you.

Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together on the Lord's Day to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord. **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

Merciful God,
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

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 Collect of the Day

God of restless fire and urgent river's flow:

**unsettle the false peace which hides our divisions;
unfold our hearts to sense your presence;
unloose your kingdom and make us one in Jesus Christ,
the first of many brothers and sisters. Amen**

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009), alt.

Hymn of Praise - Praise - CP361 - Surely it is God Who Saves Me

Surely it is God who saves me;
I shall trust and have no fear.
For the Lord defends and shields me
and his saving help is near.
So rejoice as you draw water
from salvation's healing spring;
in the day of your deliverance
thank the Lord, his mercies sing.

Make God's deeds known to the peoples:
tell out his exalted name.
Praise the Lord, who has done great things;
all his works God's might proclaim.
Zion, lift your voice in singing;
for with you has come to dwell,
in your very midst the great and
Holy One of Israel.

Reader: Kirsten Gillespie

Luke 21.5-19

May God be with you.

And also with you.

The holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to St. Luke.

Glory to you, O God

The Destruction of the Temple Foretold

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'

Signs and Persecutions

They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them.

'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, O Jesus Christ.

Sermon: The Reverend Canon Andrea L. Brennan – "Was It Worth It?"

Our Creed

We are not alone,

We live in God's world.

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

We Responding in Giving and Gratitude

Our Church Tithes and Offerings

If you wish to make a donation to support our ministry
please send a cheque or e-transfer to:

Christ Church Anglican
Box 279, Fernie, BC VoB 1Mo
christchurchfernie@gmail.com

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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.

Prayers of the People - Sandra Barrett

In peace we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbours, and for all those who are alone.

For this community, our country, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.

For Linda, our Primate; for Lynne, our Archbishop; for Andrea, our Regional Dean;
For Carmen, our Moderator; 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,
For all who serve God in the Church.

For our own needs and those of others.
Hear us, Lord. For your mercy is great.

For all those who struggle with the ongoing Pandemic,
For all those who are waiting on booster shoots,
For those who are uncertain whether or not to vaccinate,
Hear us, Lord. For your mercy is great.

For all those who are suffering in Ukraine and Russia
For all those who are casualties of war in Afghanistan, Eritrea, Ethiopia
Ethiopia, Myanmar, Syria and around the world.
For those who are uncertain whether peace will ever be known.
Hear us, Lord. For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence is kept
The people may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our king;
And praise your name for ever and ever.

We pray for those who have died in the peace of Christ, and for those whose faith
is known to you alone, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence is kept
The people may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

Gracious God,
you have heard the prayers of your faithful people;
you know our needs before we ask,
and our ignorance in asking.
Grant our requests as may be best for us.
This we ask in the name of your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Prayer Over the Gifts

God of mercy and grace,
**the eyes of all wait upon you,
and you open your hand in blessing.
Fill us with good things at your table,
so that we may come to the help of all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

Hymn of Thanksgiving – 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 your God
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?

Oh for the living flame
from God's own altar brought,
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 proclaim
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.

Paraphrase of the Lord's Prayer

Eternal Spirit,

**Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be.**

**Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name
echoes through the universe!**

**The way of your justice
be followed by peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
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 forever. AMEN**

Doxology

Glory to God

**All 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**

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**

Dismissal

Let us depart in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Amen

Closing Hymn - CP565 - Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O Thou great *Jehovah, [*Redeemer]

Pilgrim through this barren land;

I am weak, but Thou art mighty,

Hold me with Thy powerful hand.

Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,

Feed me till I want no more;

Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,

Whence the healing stream doth flow;

Let the fire and cloudy pillar

Lead me all my journey through.

Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,

Be thou still my strength and shield;

Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,

Bid my anxious fears subside;

Death of death and hell's Destruction,

Land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises, songs of praises,

I will ever give to thee;

I will ever give to thee.

Upcoming this week...

Monday 14 November — Administration and Worship Prep

Global Joy Summit Day 2

11:00 am - 'flu vaccine

2:00 pm - Meeting at Fernie Knox United Church

7:00 pm - Meeting with new Narcotics Anonymous leaders at Christ Church

Tuesday 15 November — Fernie Knox United Office Hours

Global Joy Summit Day 3

3:30 pm - Worship Committee Meeting at Mary Elson's home

Wednesday 16 November

10:00 am BCP Matins Worship at Christ Church Anglican

Office Hours

Global Joy Summit Day 4

Noon — East/West Kootenay Clericus

5:30 – 6:30 pm – Christ Church Church Committee (By Zoom)

Thursday 17 November — Worship and Homiletic Prep

Noon – BARDS by Zoom

Friday 18 November

10:00 am – Pastoral Call

Saturday 19 November

Catch up and Sermon Writing

NEXT WORSHIP – 20 November - Reign of Christ – Blended Worship

10:00 am Worship – Broadcasting from Fernie Knox United Church

11:30 am – Congregational Meeting for Fernie Knox United Church

1:30 pm – Worship at Rocky Mountain Village

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