

26 February 2023 - Lent 1 Worship Notes



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Opening Hymn – CP179, Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery v. 2, 6b

Seed that dies to rise in glory, may we see ourselves in you,
If we learn to live your story,
We may die to rise anew, we may die to rise anew.

From the dawning of creation, you have loved us as your own;
stay with us through all temptation,
make us turn to you alone, make us turn to you alone.

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 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

Spirit of the desert,

**you drove Jesus to the end of the world to seek your truth and find his calling:
scour our hearts and awaken our hunger, so that freed from empty clinging we
may serve only you and the Creator; through Jesus Christ, the Lord of the wilds.
Amen**

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009)

Reader: Bill Silversides

Readings: Genesis 2.15-17, 3.1-7, Psalm 32,

Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

The First Sin and Its Punishment

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."'

But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church,
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, * and whose sin is put away!

Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, * and in whose spirit there is no guile!

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, * because of my groaning all day long.

For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; * my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, * and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." * Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

Therefore all the faithful * will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, * they shall not reach them.

You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; * you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; * I will guide you with my eye.

Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; * who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

Great are the tribulations of the wicked; * but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; * shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word,
Thanks be to God.

Reader: Carole Chorostecki

CP724 - Gospel Acclamation (Picardy setting)

We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory.

May God be with You.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew.

Praise to you, O Jesus Christ.

Matthew 4.1-11 – The Temptation of Jesus

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' '

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' '

Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' '

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' '

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CP724 - Gospel Response

We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory.

Sermon: The Reverend Canon Andrea L. Brennan – "Temptation"

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 – Jael Wong-Fehringer

With confidence and trust let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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,

Lord, have mercy.

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, we pray to you, Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Confession

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
God welcomes sinners and invites them to this table.
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

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

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 our provider,

**you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life.
Bless us and these gifts, which we receive from your bounty,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

Eucharistic Prayer Sup. EP#2

May God be with you..

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal God, Source of all being, we give you thanks and praise
for your faithful love. You call us into friendship with you and one another
to be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the world.

When those we trust betray us, unfailingly you remain with us.

When we injure others, you confront us in your love and call us to the paths of
righteousness.

You stand with the weak, and those, broken and alone, whom you have always
welcomed home, making the first last, and the last first.

Therefore we raise our voices with angels and archangels,
forever praising you and singing:

Sanctus - CP722 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (Picardy Setting)

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

Blessed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, O Holy One:

when Hagar was driven into the wilderness you followed her and gave her hope.

When Joseph was sold into bondage, you turned malice to your people's good.

When you called Israel out of slavery, you brought them through the wilderness
into the promised land.

When your people were taken into exile you wept with them by the river of
Babylon and carried them home.

Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

At the right time you sent your Anointed One to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed. Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them. He accepted water from a woman of Samaria and offered her the water of new life. Christ knew the desolation of the cross and opened the way for all humanity into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the 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 you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts, longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come.

Therefore we proclaim our hope.

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts that through them you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace. We hold before you all whose lives are marked by suffering, our sisters and brothers.

When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love.

Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O Source of all life, 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 #7 - Lent and Holy Week](#)

We break this bread,

Communion in Christ's body one broken.

Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

If we have died with him, we shall live with him;

if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.

[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 – CP175 - Forty Days and Forty Nights](#)

Forty days and forty nights, you were fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights, tempted, and yet undefiled:

burning through heat throughout the day, bitter cold when light has fled,
prowling beasts around your way, stones your pillow, earth your bed.

Shall not we your trials share, learn your discipline of will,
and with you by fast and prayer wrestle with the powers of hell?

So, if Satan pressing hard, soul and body would destroy,
Christ who conquered, be our guard; give to us the victor's joy.
Saviour, may we hear your voice – keep us constant at your side;
and with you we shall rejoice at the-eternal Eastertide.

[Prayer after Communion](#)

Compassionate God,

you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage; may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer; a song of grateful hearts; through Jesus Christ our Saviour and 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. **Amen**

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 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 - Go Now in Peace

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
A-men, A-men, A-men.

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...

Sunday 26 February – Trinity Lodge

1:30 pm - Storytelling Ministry

Monday 27 February – Admin and Worship Prep

Tuesday 28 February – Office Hours

Wednesday 1 March– Office Hours

10:00 am – Saints Day BCP Matins

1:00 pm – Andrea+ is moving from Ridgemont to 2nd Avenue

Thursday 2 February – Working from Home

Noon - Kootenay Cluster

Friday 3 February – Andrea+ Sabbath

Saturday 4 February – Catch up and Sermon Writing

NEXT WORSHIP – Lent 2

Sunday 5 March @ 10:00 am – Holy Communion (United Church Liturgy)

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