

# 26 September 2021 - Creation 3



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## 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.

## Lighting our Candles

As we celebrate the resurrection, we remember that one small light can illuminate our way to safety. We light this candle in remembrance and in honour those who are gone from our eyes, but not from our hearts. Those separated by death, distance or disease. May we find strength in the midst of weariness, pandemic, frustration and apathy, through the One who created us, sustains us and adores us.

## Opening Hymn – CP620

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!  
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, and drives away our fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole and calms the troubled breast;  
'tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary, rest.

O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend, my Prophet, Priest, and King,  
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, accept the praise I bring.

How weak the effort of my heart, how cold my warmest thought;  
but when I see you as you are, I'll praise you as I ought.

Till then I would your love proclaim with every fleeting breath;  
and may the music of your name refresh my soul in death.

## 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.**

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**

## Collect of the Day

O God, pour out your Spirit over all the world  
and inspire every heart with knowledge and love of you.

May we who confess Jesus as Lord set aside whatever obscures this faith,  
so that our witness to your love may shine clearly in all our days,  
for with him you live and reign in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God for ever and ever.

**Amen**

*Opening Prayers (1997) alt. II*

## The Proclamation of the Word

### **Reader – Danna Burgess**

**A reading from James 5.13-20 The Prayer of Faith**

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church

and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

**Holy Wisdom, Holy Word,**

**Thanks be to God.**

**May God be with you.**

**And also with you.**

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.**

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Mark 9.38-50 - Another exorcist**

John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

**Temptations to Sin**

'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell., And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

'For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, O Jesus Christ.**

Sermon: Reverend Andrea L. Brennan –

### 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

**Bill Silversides**

We thank you for all the blessings of this life.

For the sun that shines, the wind that blows, for this season of giving and receiving --

O God of Creation – **We give our thanks and praise you!**

Bless all those in the Elk Valley who care for our corner of creation.

For our Mayor, Ange; our Premier, John; and our Prime Minister, Justin.

O God of Creation – **We give our thanks and praise you!**

Bless all those who lead us in small and large ways. For our Conference Minister  
Kathy, our Regional Minister Treena, and for our Moderator, Richard.

For our Regional Dean Neil, our Archbishop Lynne, our Primate Linda.

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

For the Diocese of Kootenay, for the United Church of Canada.

O God of Creation – **We give our thanks and praise you!**

Bless and protect those who are on our hearts today. Whose names we offer to you  
silently or aloud -- PAUSE

O God of Creation – **We give our thanks and praise you!**

God of Mercy be with those who will die this day. Draw them into your arms and let  
them know they have found a home with you.

O God of Creation – **We give our thanks and praise you!**

Be with those who long to know you and those we ask you to know.

Be with those who are seeking and those who have found you.  
O God of Creation – **We give our thanks and praise you!**

### Confession

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

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.  
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

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

**The peace is exchanged verbally only with a wave if you're feeling fancy.**

### Hymn of Praise – CP384

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near,  
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously reigning;  
sheltering you under his wings, and so gently sustaining!  
Have you not seen all that is needful has been  
sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
if with his love he befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.  
Let the Amen sound from his people again;  
gladly forever adore him.

### Prayer Over the Gifts

Merciful God,  
as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one  
bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your  
kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

**Amen**

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

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### The Eucharist

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.**

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. In fulfillment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

**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.**

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;  
who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death,  
took bread and gave you thanks, saying,  
“Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you.”

In the same way he took the cup, saying,  
“This is my blood which is shed for you.  
When you do this, you do it in memory of me.”

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church.

Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

Hold in your love your church and all who in faith seek to serve you. Hold in your peace your world and all who are in need.

Hold in your care all those who have called on your name or have asked our prayers  
(silence is held)

Confirm us in your hope as we gather in your name, not yet as we desire but as we are able.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and forever. Amen

### The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to pray,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen**

## Fracture Sentence

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

These are the gifts of God, for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**[The elements are distributed.**

**Please come forward in your bubbles, leaving distance between you and the person ahead of you. Standing at the altar steps you will remove your mask, receive the bread, replace your mask and return to your seat.]**

## Communion Hymn - This is My Father's World

This is my Father's world, And to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world: The birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.

This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world: O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.

This is my Father's world: Why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring! God reigns; let earth be glad!

## Prayer after Communion

**We give you thanks, almighty God,**

**that you have refreshed us**

**through the healing power of this gift of life.**

**In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,**

**in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another;**

**for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006)*

## The 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**

## The 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 – Masithi: AMEN

SING AMEN: **Amen we praise your name O God**

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SING AMEN: **Amen Amen, Amen Amen, Amen we praise your name O God**

MASITHI: **Amen, Siakudumisa**

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MASITHI: **Amen, bawo, Amen, bawo, Amen Siakudumisa**

## Upcoming This Week:

### **Monday 27 September** – Administration and Worship Prep

11:30 am - ACW and UCW meeting at Knox United Church  
6:00 pm - Fernie Pride Society Board Meeting

### **Tuesday 28 September** – Office Hours @ Knox United

### Wednesday 29 September – Saints Day Worship

10:00 am in person and by Zoom  
2:00 pm - Regional Clericus (ACC) by Zoom  
4:30 pm - Joint M&P at Lynda Bird's House (weather permitting)

### **Thursday 30 September** – National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc (TteS) has invited people around the world to pause and pick up a drum at 2:15 pm (PT) on September 30th, Canada's first-ever National Day of Truth and Reconciliation.

Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc is also urging those interested to [learn the Secwepemc Honour Song](#) so that [those who choose to take part can sing and drum along](#), wherever they may be.

3:00 pm (MT) - Those interested are invited to join Andrea+ at the Eco Garden to join together to sing the Secwepemc Honour Song. You are invited to wear orange and bring a drum (although neither is necessary to participate). At 3:15 pm we will sing the song, beat our drums and remember.

### **Friday 01/Saturday 02 October** - Andrea's Sabbath

## **Our Next Worship:**

Sunday 3rd October – 10:00 am – World Communion Sunday  
Worship from Knox United Church

## Credits:

The liturgy today has been compiled with resources from the [Book of Alternative Services](#), [Alternative Collects](#) from the Anglican Church of Canada, and [Common Praise](#). Candle lighting, Prayers of the People and extinguishing prayers written by Reverend Andrea L. Brennan ©2021.

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