

29 January 2023 - Epiphany 4 Worship Notes



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Opening Hymn – CP439 Blest are the Pure in Heart

Bless'd are the pure in heart, For they shall see our God;
The secret of the Lord is theirs, Their heart 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 his presence doth impart,
And for a dwelling and a 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 fit 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, 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

God of the prophets, you shame the strong through the weakness of love and turn upside down the wisdom of the world: may your blessing dwell with the poor and hungry, the grieving and the abused; may your peaceful revolution be our joy and our reward; through Jesus Christ, the power of God. Amen

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009)

Reader: Mary Elson

Readings: Micah 6.1-8, 1 Corinthians 1.18-31

God Challenges Israel

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

'O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,

what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.'

What God Requires

'With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,

with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,

the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?'

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;

and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church,

Thanks be to God.

1 Corinthians 1.18-31

Christ the Power and Wisdom of God

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and

Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word,
Thanks be to God.

Reader: Rev'd Andrea

CP713 - 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 5.1-12

The Beatitudes

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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 – Living Upside Down

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 – 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.

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,

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, 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

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 #4

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.

It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe,
you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be:

the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,
and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have
their being.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race,
and blessed us with memory, reason and skill;
you made us stewards of creation.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another.
Again and again you call us to return.

Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law.

In the fullness of time, you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour.

He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities.

By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus,

with prophets, apostles and martyrs and with those who have look to you in hope,
to proclaim with them your unending hymn:

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.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup; he gave you thanks 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 in remembrance of me."

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Gracious God, we recall the death of your son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts.

Send your holy spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are your, creator of all.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

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

Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat,
whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

**So may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

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 – CP73 One Bread, One Body, One Lord of All

One bread, one body, one Lord of all
One cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many, throughout the Earth
We are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, Servant or free, Woman or man, No more.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all
One cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many, throughout the Earth
We are one body in this one Lord.

Many the gifts, many the works, One in the Lord, Of all.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all
One cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many, throughout the Earth
We are one body in this one Lord.

Grain for the field, scattered and grown, gathered to one, For all.

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.

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 - CP458 Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and God's righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you, Allelu, Alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened unto you, Allelu, Alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu, alleluia.

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 30 January – Admin and Worship Prep

Tuesday 31 January – Office Hours

Wednesday 1 February – Office Hours

10:00 am – Saints Day BCP Matins

2:00 - 3:00 pm – PMRC Townhall

Thursday 2 February – Office Hours

Noon - Kootenay Cluster

Friday 3 February – Andrea+ Sabbath

Saturday 4 February – 2:00 - 4:00 pm Emergency Preparedness Workshop

NEXT WORSHIP – Fifth after Epiphany

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

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