

All Saints - 31 October 2021



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

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 - VU 705, 1, 3,4 - For all the Saints

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
All who by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Oh, bless'd communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine,
yet all are one, within your great design.
Alleluia, alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west.
Soon, soon to faithful servants come their rest.
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Reader 1 - Suzanne Artley

Isaiah 25.6-9

The Heavenly Banquet

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death for ever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Corny Christian Joke

where was Solomon's Temple located?

on the side of his head.

Reader 2 - Beverlee Miller

Psalm 24

Entrance into the Temple

of David. A Psalm.

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.

They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation.

Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors!

that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory?

The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Hymn of Praise - VU 684

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your healing power
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Spirit grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
In giving to all that we receive
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Reader 3 - John T. Shannon

Revelation 21.1-6

The New Heaven and the New Earth

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Corny Christian Joke

What did pirates call Noah's boat?

"The arrrrrk."

Reader 4 - Bruce Elson

John 11.37-40

But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Jesus Raises Lazarus to Life

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?'

Hymn of Praise - Behold, Behold

Behold, behold I make all things new,
beginning with you and starting from today.
Behold, behold I make all things new,
my promise is true for I am Christ the way.

Sermon - The Saints? The Rev'd Andrea L. Brennan

Hymn - Shall we gather at the River

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod;
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

Ere we reach the shining river, Lay we ev'ry burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown.

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

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Your Generosity Matters - Amazing Generosity During
the COVID-19 Crisis

Read by: Mary Elson

Prayers of the People

Begin first with thanksgiving...

Today we are thankful for...

Continue with requests...

Today we ask you for...

Continue with requests for healing...

Today we ask you to be with...

Continue with pleas and petitions for the world...

Today we ask you...

Continue with prayers for the dead...

Praying for those who will die this day and for those who have recently died...

Continue with prayers for ourselves...

Today we ask you to be with us...

Conclude with thanksgiving...

With all our love and thanks we say, together, 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**

Corny Christian Joke

What was Moses' wife, Zippora,
known as when she'd throw dinner parties?

"The hostess with the Moses."

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

SING AMEN: Amen, we praise your name O God

SING AMEN: Amen Amen, Amen Amen,

Amen we praise your name O God

MASITHI: Amen, Siakudumisa

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Upcoming This week:

Monday 1 November - Admin and Worship Prep for All Soul's

Tuesday 2 November - Office Hours at Knox United

10:30 am - Knox Board meeting (blended)

6:00 pm - All Soul's Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

Broadcast from Christ Church

Please get your photos of those you wish for us to remember to Rev'd Andrea ASAP.

Wednesday 3 November - Office Hours at Christ Church Anglican

10:00 am - Saints Day Worship

Thursday 4 November - Worship and Homiletic Prep

Friday/Saturday 5-6 November - Andrea+'s Sabbath

REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR ON SATURDAY

Our Next Worship:

Sunday 7th November – 10:00 am – Remembrance Sunday

Worship from Knox United Church - Special Speaker - Carole Chorostecki

Credits:

The liturgy today has been compiled with resources from the Revised Common Lectionary, Voices United, Common Praise. Jokes from www.thoughtcatalogue.com. Candle lighting, Prayers of the People and extinguishing prayers written by Reverend Andrea L. Brennan ©2021.

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