

Epiphany 2 – 15 January 2023

Before I was born,
God chose me and called me by name!



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Opening Hymn - CP37 We'll Sing in the Morning

We'll sing in the morning a song of creation,
of your breath that stirs up the waters to birth;
and here at the fount of Christ's mercy we join you,
co-heirs of heaven and stewards of your gracious earth.

We'll sing in the noontime a song of redemption:
how Naaman was cleansed in the flow of your grace;
how, when we were sick, in our sin you released us
to laugh in health and dance in love before your face.

We'll sing in the evening a song of your pastures,
of rivers that gladden the city of God;
and when we arrive on the bank of our Jordan,
you'll help us through its cold by fords your saints have trod.

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

Redeemer of Israel,

you called us from before our birth to follow in your ways:

meet us in our searching and turn our eyes and hearts

to the one who gives his life for the world;

through Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. Amen

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009), alt.

Hymn of Praise - Praise - CP306 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.

He speaks, and, listening to his voice, new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken hearts rejoice, and humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf, ye voiceless ones, your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind behold your Saviour come, and lead, ye lame, for joy!

My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad, The honors of Thy name.

Reader: Beverlee Miller

Isaiah 49.1-7

The Servant's Mission

Listen to me, O coastlands,

pay attention, you peoples from far away!

The Lord called me before I was born,

while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away.

And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'

But I said, 'I have laboured in vain,

I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;

yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.'

And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant,

to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him,

for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord,

and my God has become my strength—he says,

'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant

to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel;

I will give you as a light to the nations,

that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,

to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers,

'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,

because of the Lord, who is faithful,

the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

1 Corinthians 1.1-9

The First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Salutation

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother

Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 St. John

Glory to you, O Christ.

John 1.29-42

The Lamb of God

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptising with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.'

And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

The First Disciples of Jesus

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!'

The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.

One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: The Reverend Canon Andrea L. Brennan – "I Know You"

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:

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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.

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.

Hymn of Thanksgiving – CP620 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

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.

Dear name? The rock on which I build, my shield and hiding place,
my never failing treasury, filled with boundless stores of grace.

Jesus my shepherd brother, friend, my shield and hiding place,
my never failing way, my end, accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart, and cold my warmest through;
but when I see thee as thou art, I'll praise thee as I ought.

Prayers of the People

Judy Harrold

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

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 in 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 - CP383 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run,
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring the highest honors to our King,
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

Upcoming this week..

Monday 16 January — Administration and Worship Prep

Tuesday 17 January — Office Hours

10:30 - Noon – Diocesan Compensation Committee Meeting by Zoom

3:30 - 4:30 pm - Ministry & Personnel Committee at Christ Church

Wednesday 18 January — Office Hours

10:00 am BCP Matins Worship at Christ Church Anglican

Noon - East/West Kootenays Clericus by Zoom

Thursday 19 January — Office Hours

11:30 - 1:00 pm – BARDS by Zoom

Friday 20 January

Pastoral Call – Sparwood

Saturday 21 January

Catch up and Sermon Writing

NEXT WORSHIP – 22 January Third After Epiphany – Blended Worship

10:00 am Worship – Morning Prayer – United Church liturgy

11:30 am - Christ Church Committee Meeting

1:00 pm - Trinity Lodge Worship

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