

# Sunday 5 June 2022 - Holy Baptism



Gabriel Lawrence Prochnau, Child of God

## **HYMN – MV157 v.1 - I Am a Child of God**

I am a child of God,  
I am a glimpse of God's new creation.  
I am a child of God, I am a child of God.

### **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 the Christ Candle**

We light this candle in reminder that one small light can illuminate the darkness. As we gather today to remember the birth of the church, and as we gather today to welcome Baby Gabriel into the family of God, may this light remind us that we are, each one of us, God's beloved children.

*Andrea Brennan, Fernie*

### **Statement of Purpose**

Sisters and Brothers,  
let us celebrate God's gift of grace given to us in the sacrament of baptism.

**There is one body and one Spirit; we have one hope in Christ.**

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God, Creator of us all.

**Out of the water of baptism we rise with new life,  
forgiven, renewed, and one with Christ, members of Christ's body.**

### **Prayer of Illumination**

Your glory is revealed in many ways, O God. In the beauty of sunsets, in the caring hands of others, and in the face of a child, we experience your love revealed.

Now reveal your glory through the sacred story we are about to encounter.

Open our hearts to your words so that we are inspired to live in your way.

**AMEN**

*Beth W Johnston, Nipawin, SK*

### **Reader: Annie Cox**

**Acts 2.1-21**

#### **The Coming of the Holy Spirit**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?'

Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

### Peter Addresses the Crowd

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.  
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.  
And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.  
The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.  
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **HYMN – MV144 v.4 - Like a Healing Stream**

Like a mighty sea reaching far horizons,  
Spirit water with a love both deep a wide,  
God is working in our hearts to shape a new tomorrow:  
God will always challenge and provide!

Like a mighty sea –  
like a river strong –  
like a gentle rain –  
like a healing stream.

Sermon: The Reverend Canon Andrea L. Brennan -- "Happy Birthday!"

## **Presentation of the Candidate**

On behalf of the congregation of Fernie Knox United Church,  
I present Gabriel Lawrence Prochnau  
for initiation into the body of Christ through baptism.

### **Profession of Faith**

Do you believe in God, Source of love;  
in Jesus Christ, love incarnate;  
and in the Holy Spirit, love's power.

**I do, by the grace of God.**

### **Commitment to Seek Justice and Resist Evil**

Trusting the gracious mercy of God,  
will you turn from the forces of evil,  
and renounce their power?

**I will, God being my helper.**

### **Commitment to the Mission and Ministry of the Church**

Will you join with your brothers and sisters in this community of faith  
to celebrate God's presence, live with respect in creation, and love and serve  
others?

**I will, God being my helper.**

### **Commitment of Parents**

In baptism Gabriel marks an important step in his journey of faith.  
Will you share your faith with Gabriel Lawrence, growing with him in faith, hope,  
and love?

**I will, God being my helper.**

### **Commitment of Godparents**

Will you grow in faith with Gabriel Lawrence trusting that, "you are not alone, you  
live in God's world"?

**I will, God being my helper.**

### **Congregational Commitment**

Let us pledge to Gabriel Lawrence our support and care.

**As a baptised and baptising people,  
we commit ourselves to support and uphold you within the community of faith.**

May God grant us all the grace to live out our baptism.

**AMEN**

Jesus Christ calls us all to make disciples of all nations,  
and to offer God's gift of grace in baptism.

Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament,  
promise your love, support and care to the one about to be baptised,  
as he lives and grows in Christ?

**We do, by the grace of God.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Pouring of Water

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts,

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give our thanks to God.

**It is good to give God thanks and praise.**

*The water is poured...*

Gracious and holy God, we bless you for the gift of life,  
and within it, the gift of water.

Over its unshaped promise your Spirit hovered at creation.

By water, comes the growth of the earth.

Through water, you led the children of Israel to freedom.

In the waters of Jordan your Child Jesus was baptised.

Now may your Spirit be upon us and what we do,

that this water may be a sign for all of new life in Christ,

in whose name we pray.

**AMEN**

Blessed are you, O God, Ruler of the universe,  
Maker of heaven and earth, Keeper of sky and sea.

At the beginning, your Spirit was at work,  
brooding over the water's of creation's birth.

Again and again, you have shown your grace to us through water:

cleansing the earth at the flood,

parting for the exodus of the Red Sea,

flowing from the rock in the wilderness.

**Blessed are you, O God.**

In the fullness of time, you gave us Jesus:

nurtured by the waters of Mary's womb,

baptised by John in the river Jordan, giver of living water,

wellspring of eternal life.

**Blessed are you, O God.**

Therefore, eternal and present God,  
We thank you for the water with which you bless us.  
We pray that those who are baptised, into the death and resurrection of Jesus,  
may live in your grace.

Pour out, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon this water,  
this this font may become your womb of new birth,  
our fount of blessing and source of grace.

**Blessed are you, O God.**

All glory, praise and honour be to you, now and forever.

**AMEN**

### The Act of Baptism

Gabriel Lawrence Prochnau,  
I baptise you, in the name of God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**AMEN**

### Blessing

May the blessing of the one God,  
Mother and Father of us all,  
be with you today and always.

**AMEN**

### Marking with the Sign of the Cross

Gabriel Lawrence, child of God, I mark you with the cross, the sign of Love  
Incarnate.

**AMEN**

### Laying on of Hands

Gabriel Lawrence, may the Holy Spirit, Love's power,  
guide you, inspire you, and work within you, all the days of your life.

**AMEN**

### Lighting of a Candle

Gabriel Lawrence, let your light shine before others,  
that they may see your good works,  
and give glory to God.

**AMEN**

### Presentation of a Bible

Receive this book, our Holy Scriptures,  
and hear what the Spirit is saying to you and to the Church.

**AMEN**

### Declaration and Congregational Welcome

Into the household of faith,  
We welcome you with joy and thanksgiving.  
**We are members of the Body of Christ.**  
**We are inheritors of God's promise.**  
**In the name of Christ, we welcome you.**

### Blessing

The grace of Christ attend you,  
the love of God surround you,  
the Holy Spirit keep you.

**AMEN**

### We Responding in Giving and Gratitude

#### **Our Church Tithes and Offerings**

#### **Invitation**

For what we receive, make us truly thankful, O God.  
For what we are about to give, make us thankful, too.  
Grateful for all that we are and for all that we might become,  
we commit to living thankful, thanks-filled lives, God of all!

**AMEN**

*Richard Bott, Vancouver, BC*

#### **Hymn of Thanksgiving – MV134 v.3 - Dreaming Mary**

And did she dream about a son?  
And did he speak, the angel one?  
We only know God's will was done  
in the son of Dreaming Mary.

Then she prayed, rejoicing in her saviour.  
She taught him justice for the poor.  
She taught that kings oppressed no more  
when she taught, that Dreaming Mary.

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### **Commissioning**

As you leave this place, the breath of the Spirit goes with you, enabling you to pay attention to the needs around you, calling on you to use your talents wisely, showing you the opportunities for friendship and sharing, reminding you that forgiveness is possible, and giving you the strength to face each new day with hope. The breath of the Spirit goes with you; it's inspiration will never leave you.

**AMEN**

*David Sparks, Summerland, BC*

### **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**

### **Sending Song – VU884 You Shall Go Out with Joy**

You shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace;  
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you,  
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field  
will clap, will clap their hands!

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,  
the trees of the fields will clap their hands,  
the trees of the fields will clap their hands,  
while you go out with joy!!

### **Upcoming this week...**

Monday 6 June - Administration and Worship Preparation

Tuesday 7 June - Office Hours at Knox United Church

Wednesday 24 November - 10:00 am Worship (Eucharist) at Christ Church,  
Noon - 2SLGBTQ+ Business Inclusion at Fernie Chamber of Commerce

Thursday 9 June to Sunday 12 June

### **NEXT WORSHIP – 12 June @ 11:00 am - Trinity Sunday**

Joining the PMRC AGM streaming live from Prince George, BC.

Worship Link will be sent out as usual.

### **Andrea+ will be away from Thursday 9 to 19 June.**

From 9 - 12 she will be attending the Pacific Mountain Region AGM in Prince George.

From 13 - 19 she will be on Vacation at an undisclosed location.

WORSHIP - 19 JUNE @ 10:00 am - National Indigenous Day

Broadcasting from an Undisclosed Location, please join Andrea+ online.

Please note - there will be **NO IN PERSON WORSHIP on the 12th and 19th June.**

### **Credits:**

The liturgy today has been compiled with resources from [Celebrate God's Presence](#), [Gathering: Pentecost 1, 2022](#), [Voices United](#), and [More Voices](#).

Extinguishing prayer written by Reverend Andrea L. Brennan ©2021.

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