

26 March 2023 - Lent 4 Worship Notes



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Opening Hymn – CP179, Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery v. 2, 6f

Seed that dies to rise in glory, may we see ourselves in you,
If we learn to live your story,
We may die to rise anew, we may die to rise anew.

God of all our fear and sorrow, God who lives beyond our death,
hold us close through each tomorrow,
love as near as every breath, love as hear as every breath.

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. **Amen**

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 compassion,

**you call us out of the bindings of death on this, our resurrection day:
make us ready to surrender the fear in which we hide to step into your future
alive and unashamed; through Jesus Christ, the life of the world.**

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009)

Reader: John T. Shannon

Readings: Ezekiel 37.1-4, John 11.1-45

Ezekiel 37.1-4

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church,

Thanks be to God.

CP724 - Gospel Acclamation (Picardy setting)

We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory.

May God be with You.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel, according to St. John.

Praise to you, O Jesus Christ.

John 11.1-45 – The Death of Lazarus

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be alright.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

Jesus the Resurrection and the Life

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at

home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

Jesus Weeps

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' 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?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CP724 - Gospel Response

We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory.

Sermon: The Reverend Canon Andrea L. Brennan –
“Death and Resurrection”

[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 – Norma Bayer](#)

With confidence and trust let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy”

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world, we pray to
you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to
the ends of the earth, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among
nations and peoples, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners,
and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Today we give thanks, especially for –

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,

Lord, have mercy.

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Confession

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;

God welcomes sinners and invites them to this table.

Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

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

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 our provider,

you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life.

**Bless us and these gifts, which we receive from your bounty,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

Eucharistic Prayer Sup. EP#2

May God be with you..

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal God, Source of all being, we give you thanks and praise
for your faithful love. You call us into friendship with you and one another
to be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the world.

When those we trust betray us, unfailingly you remain with us.

When we injure others, you confront us in your love and call us to the paths of
righteousness.

You stand with the weak, and those, broken and alone, whom you have always
welcomed home, making the first last, and the last first.

Therefore we raise our voices with angels and archangels,
forever praising you and singing:

Sanctus - CP722 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (Picardy Setting)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory,
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, O Holy One:
when Hagar was driven into the wilderness you followed her and gave her hope.
When Joseph was sold into bondage, you turned malice to your people's good.
When you called Israel out of slavery, you brought them through the wilderness
into the promised land.

When your people were taken into exile you wept with them by the river of
Babylon and carried them home.

Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

At the right time you sent your Anointed One to stand with the poor, the outcast,
and the oppressed. Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.
He accepted water from a woman of Samaria and offered her the water of new life.
Christ knew the desolation of the cross and opened the way for all humanity
into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave
you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat: this is my
body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he
took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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 for the
remembrance of me." Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ's death and
resurrection, we offer you these gifts, longing for the bread of tomorrow and the
wine of the age to come.

Therefore we proclaim our hope.

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts that through them you may sustain us in our
hunger for your peace. We hold before you all whose lives are marked by
suffering, our sisters and brothers.

When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love.

Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O Source of all life, now and forever. **Amen**

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 #7 - Lent and Holy Week

We break this bread,

Communion in Christ's body one broken.

Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

If we have died with him, we shall live with him;

if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.

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 – CP649 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love the way you love, and do what you would do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with yours, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life for all eternity.

Prayer after Communion

Compassionate God,

**you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage;
may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our
prayer; a song of grateful hearts; through Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord.
Amen**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

A Prayer for Renewal

O God who knows the needs of the Church in every place:
by the light of your Holy Spirit, guide us
as we seek to respond faithfully to you in this time.

May we open our hands to the future you call us to;
May we open our hearts to those you are calling us to serve;
May we open our minds to new insight and new knowledge;
May we open our doors to go out towards those you would have us meet.

Lead us into your future together;
help us to build trust and resilience in our common life;
help us to anticipate and celebrate new possibilities.
We pray these things in the name of Jesus,
the one who invites us into the newness of life. **Amen**

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 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 - Go Now in Peace

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
A-men, A-men, A-men.

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...

Sunday 26 March – Trinity Lodge

1:30 pm - Storytelling Ministry

Monday 27 March – Admin and Worship Prep

Tuesday 28 March – Office Hours

1:30 pm – Joint M&P Committee Meeting

Wednesday 29 March – Office Hours

10:00 am – Saints Day BCP Matins

Thursday 30 March – Working from Home

Noon - Kootenay Cluster

1:30 pm – Hymn Selection

Friday 31 March – 11:00 am - Celebration of Life for Tim Tebbe at

Sparwood Recreation Centre

Saturday 1 April – Catch up and Sermon Writing

NEXT WORSHIP – Cedar Sunday

Sunday 2 April @ 10:00 am – Holy Communion (United Church Liturgy)

Please bring a cedar bough or other spring plant to wave at the appropriate time.

Credits: The liturgy today has been compiled with resources from The Book of Alternative Services, Alternative Collects and Inclusive Language Psalter of the Anglican Church of Canada, and Common Praise. Communion Image courtesy of Dev Delyea © 2023. Candle lighting, and candle extinguishing prayer written by Reverend Canon Andrea Brennan. © 2023 – CCLI License #11186206