

All Saints Day
Sunday 01 November 2020



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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. May we be good and gracious guests of this corner of Creation.

Lighting the Christ Candle

We light this candle to share in the light of Christ. Both within ourselves and with each other. May this flame remind us that we are never alone when we trust in and love God with our heart, mind, soul and strength.

Andrea Brennan, Fernie, BC

Call to Worship

One: Who are God's saints?

All: The people whom God's love shines through.

One: People of all ages and genders?

All: The people whom God's love shines through.

One: People around the earth?

All: The people whom God's love shines through.

One: Ones who have died, ones who now live,
and ones who are yet to be born?

All: The people whom God's love shines through.

One: Who are the saints of God?

All: All of God's people. All around the world.
Yesterday, today, forever.

One: The people whom God's love shines through.

All: With God's love shining through us,
we, too, are saints who worship God.
Alleluia!

Richard Bott, Vancouver, BC

Opening Prayer

A prayer as I put on my mask:

Creator,

as I prepare to go into the world,

help me to see the sacrament in the wearing of this cloth -

let it be "an outward sign of an inward grace" -

a tangible and visible way of living love for my neighbours,

as I love myself.

Christ,

since my lips will be covered, uncover my heart,

that people would see my smile in the crinkles around my eyes.

Since my voice may be muffled, help me to speak clearly,

not only with my words, but with my actions.

Holy Spirit,

As the elastic touches my ears, remind me to listen carefully -

and full of care - to all those I meet.

May this simple piece of cloth be shield and banner,

and each breath that it holds, be filled with your love.

In your Name and in that love, I pray.

May it be so.

May it be so.

Right Rev. Richard Bott, Moderator of the United Church of Canada

HYMN – For All The Saints – VU 705 v.1

For all the saints, who from their labours rest,
all who by faith before the world confessed,
your name, O Jesus, be forever blessed,
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Prayer

Transforming God,
we praise you that you can take ordinary people like me
(*say your own name*), and call us into the Way of Jesus
and name us saints, even though we are not perfect.
We thank you that you are not finished with us yet.
We thank you for the example of Jesus the Christ,
whose story in the Bible shows us how to follow you.
Be with us in this time of worship,
as we give thanks for the lives of the saints
of yesterday and today.
In the name of Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.

Phyllis Fleming, Thornbury, ON

Reader: George Ferris

READING FOR THE DAY

Revelation 7.9-17

The Multitude from Every Nation

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing,

'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honour
and power and might
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Sermon: The Reverend Andrea L. Brennan – For ALL the Saints

We Responding in Giving and Gratitude **Our Church Tithes and Offerings**

Prayer of Confession

Too often we hide, O Christ,
when others ask how we're doing.

"Fine," we reply, but we're not.

There is a brokenness we experience that we
fear to reveal, for we worry it makes us less,
somehow weaker, frailer, diminished.

In the intimacy of prayer, in the Spirit's embrace,
we confess our brokenness.

(a time of silent prayer)

Words of Assurance

We have a loving God who surrounds us
with care and compassion.

We can answer God truthfully when God asks,
"How are you doing?"

God's Spirit breathes on us the assurance,
the hope, the faith, the strength we need.

Thanks be to God!

Gord Dunbar, Kincardine, ON

Hymn of Thanksgiving – VU540 Grant Us, God, the Grace

Grant us, God, the grace of giving
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.

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MINUTE FOR MISSION – Mary Elson

Communion Hymn – VU 466 Eat this Bread

Eat this bread, drink this cup;
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup;
trust in me and you will not thirst. 2x

Communion Liturgy for All Saints Day

One: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them up to God.

One: We must give thanks to God our Creator!

All: God's creation blesses us all.

One: All that is sacred, all that is holy, come from You, our living God.
When we cannot be physically together because of pandemic,
you are there.

You created order from chaos, your children from clay, and blessed us
with minds to think, hearts to love and mouths to speak.

Even when we fail you; even when we disappoint ourselves,
you are there, remind us all that we are your saints.
Loving us through the chaos, standing us up when we fall down.
Protecting us from the evil in the world; you are there.

And so, we join with the chorus of heavenly bodies as we say;

All: Holy, holy, holy God,
Holy and blessed are you.
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory
Glory to you, O God most high.

One: And so, as we gather from around this fragile earth
our island home to celebrate the night you made the ordinary,
extraordinary.

One: That fateful night, at supper with his friends,
Jesus took the ordinary bread,
bread they had shared many times before.
He took it, blessed it, broke it and said:
"This is my body, broken in love for you".

Jesus took the cup, what was left from the meal,
a meal shared many times before.
He raised it, blessed it and said
"This is my blood, shed for eternity.
When you take this bread and this cup,
remember that I am with you always.
A covenant and promise I make, to never forsake you".

One: And so, as we take this ordinary made extraordinary
this bread and cup, God's promise and love,
broken and poured, blessed and shared,
joining us together as a spiritual family.

All: Christ has died,
Christ has risen,
Christ will come again.

One: We take our bread, or that which represents Christ's body.
We take our cup, or that which represents Christ's blood.
When we consume these, we will never be the same.
We will become closer to you, dear God, and to each other.

Andrea Brennan, Fernie, BC

Distribution of Communion

Taking the Bread, Pouring the Cup

One: The bread of Christ.

All: Broken in love for us.

One: The cup of salvation.

All: Our way to eternal life.

One: These are the gifts of God, for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

For those attending via Zoom, the elements are consumed.

For those attending in person, please leave the cup at your seat. It will be collected for disposal following Worship.

Joining our prayers and praises together,

We thank you God, for the many blessings of this Earth.
We ask you to pray for those we carry on our hearts this day.
We ask you to be with those who need your strength,
and to those you call home today,
 may those they leave behind always know of your love.

Meditations on 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 Echo through the universe.
The way of your justice be followed by the 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, Amen.

Extinguishing the Christ Candle

Our time together has come to an end,
we now go about the rest of our day,
knowing in small and in large ways,
we are connected to each other, through you, O God. Amen

Andrea Brennan, Fernie, BC

SENDING HYMN – MV90 Don't Be Afraid

Don't be afraid. My love is stronger,
 my love is stronger than your fear.
Don't be afraid. My love is stronger,
and I have promised, promised to be always near.

Upcoming this week...

Monday 02 November – Administration and Service planning
6:00 pm – All Soul's Service (by Zoom)

Tuesday 03 November – Reverend Andrea at Knox United

Wednesday 04 November – 10:00 am Saints Day Worship at Christ Church
5:30 pm – Joint Church Committee Meeting (by Zoom)

Thursday 05 November – Noon – Diocesan Greater Clericus (by Zoom)

Friday 06 November – Andrea's Sabbath

Saturday 07 November – 11:00 am Baptism of Emma McKinnon
(Christ Church)

Sunday 08 November - 23rd after Pentecost
10:00 am – Worship in the Style of the Anglican Church

Credits: The liturgy today has been compiled with resources from Gathering: Pentecost 2, 2020, Voices United, and More Voices. Candle lighting, extinguishing prayer and Communion liturgy written by Reverend Andrea Brennan.