

World Communion Sunday Sunday 04 October 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: What a tremendous day! We gather to celebrate!

All: With people from around the world,
we join as partners on a journey!

One: We sing thanksgiving! We sing hope!
We are the Church, strong and resilient in Christ.

All: With one voice,
we proclaim God's inclusiveness.
With one voice,
we gather around the world today!

Laura Turnbull, Penticton, 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 – VU 664 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry, everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Prayer

God, Great Host, we come today to the table of fellowship knowing that the table extends well outside our four walls. Our communion fellowship includes Anglicans, Presbyterians, Methodists, Lutherans, Roman Catholics, the United Church of Christ, and so many other denominations. Our arms of welcome extend outside of Fernie to all of Canada, the United States, Great Britain, Africa, Argentina and every spot where Christ's sacred supper is shared.

Thank you for being with us on this

most wonderful day and connecting us across the globe. Amen

Laura Turnbull, Penticton, BC

Reader: Mary Elson

READING FOR THE DAY

Exodus 20.1-4, 7-9, 12-20

The Ten Commandments

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work.

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, 'You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.' Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.'

Sermon: The Reverend Andrea L. Brennan – Follow the Rules!

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

Call to Offering

Your world, O God, has gone out through all the world,
and now your people gather from all nations
to commune with you.

We bring this bread, this cup, and these gifts.

We gratefully lay them before you. We also bring those things
that we wish to lay down:

burdens, pains, anguish, and anger.

Because you are a God of healing and of forgiveness,
we may gratefully lay them before you.

Accept the burdens and our need to be forgiven
for the wondrous blessings we experience
because of your grace;

they come from your benevolence to us.

Assure us, O God, of your forgiveness and

bless what we do here this day, that,

in some small way through us,

all the world may come to commune with you
in a realm of justice and peace. Amen

Robin Wardlaw, Toronto, 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.

If you wish to make a donation to support our ministry
please send a cheque
or e-transfer to:

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Christ Church Anglican
Box 279, Fernie, BC V0B 1M0
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MINUTE FOR MISSION – Mary Elson

Communion Hymn – MV170 Ubi Caritas

Ubi caritas, et amor,
ubi caritas. Deus ibi est.

Where there is charity, selfless love,
where there is charity, God is truly there.

Communion Liturgy for World Communion Sunday

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 see the mountains because of smoke, you are there.
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.

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

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.

Let us pray the prayer our Saviour taught us...

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.

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.

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 come forward, wearing your mask, one at a time to receive the bread only. Remove your mask. After the bread has been consumed, replace your mask, leave the disposable cup in the basket and depart, remembering to sanitize your hands on the way out.

Upcoming this week...

Monday 05 October – Administration and Service planning

Tuesday 06 October – Reverend Andrea at Knox United

Wednesday 07 October – 10:00 am Saints Day Worship at Christ Church
7:00 pm – Pre-marriage prep with J&T (by Zoom)

Thursday 08 October – Noon – Diocesan Greater Clericus (by Zoom – ACC)

Friday/Saturday – Andrea+'s Sabbath

Sunday 11 October – Thanksgiving

10:00 am – Worship in the Style of the Anglican Church

1:00 pm – Blessing of the Animals by Zoom

2:00 pm – Blessing of the Animals

– Back lawn at City Hall (weather permitting)

if the weather is uncooperative,

we will try the in person blessing on Sunday 18 October

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.