

12 September 2021 - Creation 1



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

Lighting our Candles

We gather this day to remember that one small light can illuminate our way to safety. We light this candle to honour all those who have experienced the transformational love of God, through his son, our brother, Jesus the Christ.

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

Opening Hymn – CP505

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
might be all else to me, save that thou art --
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father; thine own may I be,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Riches I heed not, nor the world's empty praise;
thou mine inheritance now and always:
thou and thou o -- nly first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,
as we turn our hearts and minds
to worship almighty God,
let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

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.
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**

Merciful God,
grant to your faithful pardon and peace,
that we may be cleaned 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**

Collect of the Day

Wisdom of God,
from the street corners
and at the entrances to the city
you proclaim the way of life and of death.
Grant us wisdom to recognize your Messiah,
so that following in the way of the cross,
we may know the way of life and glory;
In the name of Christ we pray. **Amen**

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.

The Proclamation of the Word

Reader – Susan Schmitz

A reading from Proverbs 1.20-33 - The Call of Wisdom

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice.
At the busiest corner she cries out;
 at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:
'How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge?
Give heed to my reproof;
I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you.
Because I have called and you refused,
 have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,
and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof,
I also will laugh at your calamity;
I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm,
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you.
Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;
 they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.
Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord,
would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof,
therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices.
For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them;
but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.'

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 Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Mark 8.27-38 - Peter's Declaration about Jesus

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, O Jesus Christ.

Sermon: Reverend Andrea L. Brennan – “What’s the Buzz?”

A New 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.

Hymn of Praise – CP355 v, 1, 4, 5

All Creatures of our God and King, lift up your voices, let us sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Bright burning sun and golden beams, pale silver moon that gently gleams,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Earth ever fertile, day by day unfold your blessings on our way,
O sing now, alleluia!
All flowers and fruit that in you grow, God's glory let them also show,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
All you with mercy in your heart, forgiving others, take your part,
Alleluia, alleluia!
All you that pain and sorrow bear, sing praise and cast on God your care:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Norma Bayer

In peace we pray to you, Lord God.
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 all those who minister to the sick, the friendless,
and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.

For Neil our Regional Dean, Lynne our Archbishop, Linda our Primate;
For Kathy our Regional Minister, Blair our Regional President,
Treena our Executive Minister, Richard our Moderator.

For all who serve God in the Church.

For our own needs and those of others.

Hear us Lord, for your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

SILENCE. 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 been diagnosed with COVID-19.

We pray that they may recover fully.

And if it be that a cure September not be had,

May their death be swift and gentle as they are called home into your arms.

Hear us Lord, for your mercy is great.

We pray for all those who continue to work on the front-lines;

the medical personnel, the truckers,

the grocery clerks and cashiers;

For the local small-businesses who are

trying to remain safely open;

Hear us Lord, for your mercy is great.

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. The people 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**

Offertory Hymn – CP259

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God;
gifts bestowed on every nation, thanks be to God.
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and the despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvest of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Prayer Over the Gifts

Merciful God,

as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

Amen

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

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COVID-19 Prayer - marking the anniversary of the Pandemic

God of infinite compassion and mercy,
Our hearts are overflowing with a flood of emotions from the past year,
Fear and sorrow and grief — endurance, relief, and hope,
For the families of all who have died, who have been unable yet to mourn,
we ask your comfort
For health care workers persevering in the battle with the virus.
we ask your strength and courage,
For government and public health leaders
we ask your wisdom
For all facing the relentless uncertainties that continue
we ask your endurance and peace,

We give thanks

for the resilience discovered within us,

We give thanks

for all who continue to work to protect and care for us

We give thanks

for your unending love and compassion in our midst at all times.

As we face the year ahead

fill our hearts with that same love and compassion for our world and its needs.

For in you we find all that is needed — for whatever lies ahead. Amen.

Archbishop Linda Nicholls, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,

we are bold to pray,

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

The 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

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **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 – Masithi: AMEN

SING AMEN: **Amen we praise your name O God**

SING AMEN: **Amen, we praise your name O God**

SING AMEN: **Amen Amen, Amen Amen, Amen we praise your name O God**

MASITHI: **Amen, Siakudumisa**

MASITHI: **Amen, Siakudumisa**

MASITHI: **Amen, bawo, Amen, bawo, Amen Siakudumisa**

Upcoming This Week:

Monday 13 September – Administration and Worship Prep
11:30 am - Memorial planning

Tuesday 14 September – Office Hours @ Knox United

Wednesday 15 September – Saint’s Day Zoom Worship
10:00 am broadcast from Christ Church Anglican
12:30 pm - Joint Church Committee Meeting

Thursday 16 September – Homiletic and Worship Preparation
5:30 pm - Christ Church Church Committee Meeting

Friday 17 September - Andrea’s Sabbath

Saturday 18 September - Noon - Memorial for Anita Mitchell

Our Next Worship:

Sunday 19 September – 10:00 am – Worship from Knox United Church

Credits:

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