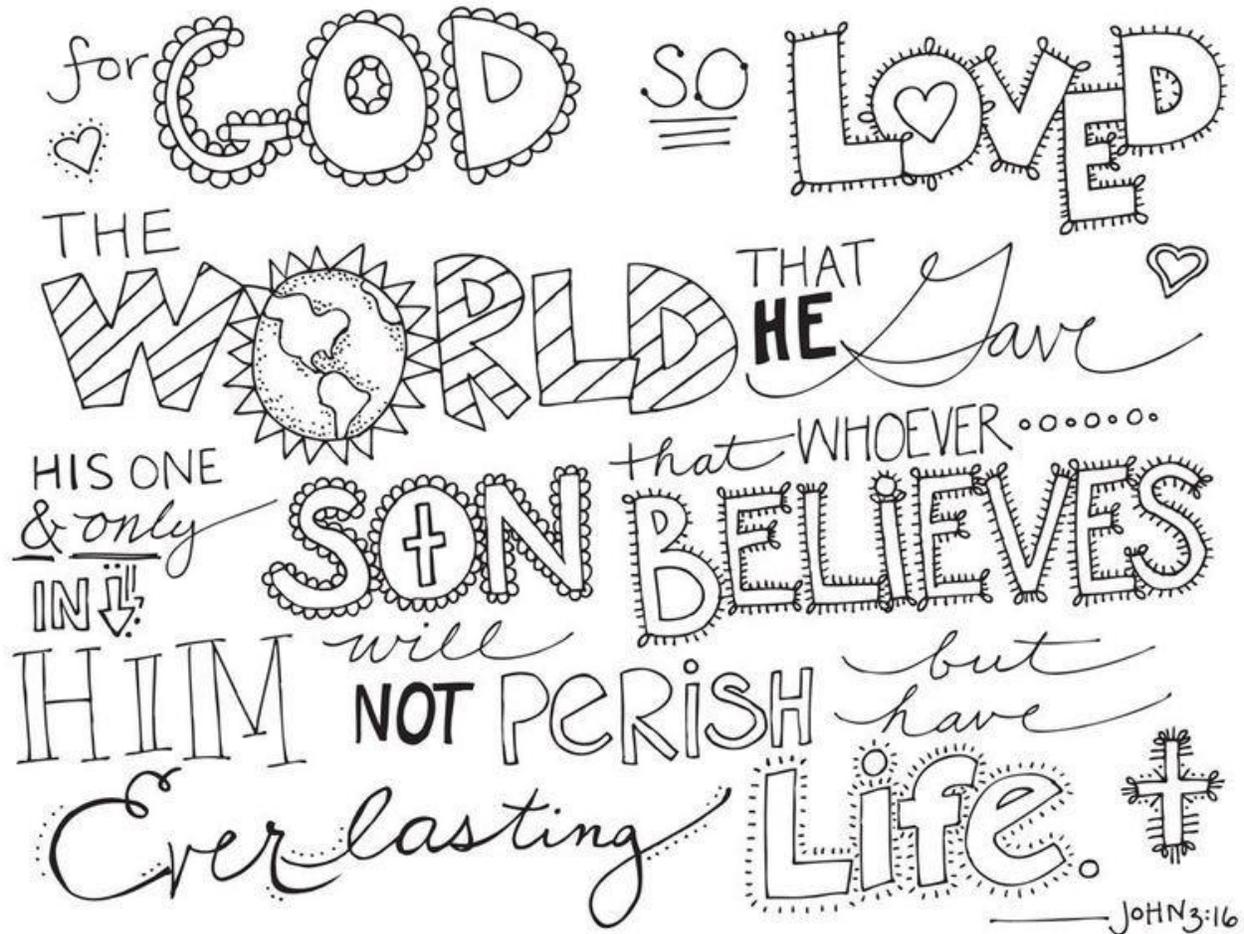


## 14 March 2021 - Lent 4



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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 our Candles

As the days slowly lengthen, 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 – CP506

### Lord of all Hopefulness

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

## 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

Holy God,  
in Jesus Christ you reveal yourself to the world,  
even when we are blind to your grace.  
Open our eyes to see your transforming love in our midst,  
so that we may see your world anew;  
through Jesus Christ, the saviour who shows compassion. **Amen**

*Propers Working Group (2016)*

### The Proclamation of the Word

#### **Reader – Suzanne Artley**

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

A reading from the Gospel according to St. John

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

John 3.14-21

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.’

This is the Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon: Reverend Andrea L. Brennan – ‘And so...’

### 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 – CP179, v.4 Tree of Life, and Awesome Mystery

Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit  
come inflame our hearts anew.

we may all your joy inherit,  
if we bear the cross with you,  
if we bear the cross with you.

### Intercessions and Thanksgivings

#### **Suzanne Artley**

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 Bishop and Metropolitan, 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 may 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 may 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 – CP371 v.1  
To God be the Glory

To God be the glory, who great things has done!  
God so loved the world, freely sending his Son,  
    who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
    and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear God's voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
    O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
    and give God the glory, who great things has done!

Prayer Over the Gifts

God of mercy and grace,  
the eyes of all wait upon you,  
and you open your hand in blessing.  
Fill us with good things at your table,  
so that we may come to the help of all in need,  
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.                   **Amen**

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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  
    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 experience the 40 days of Lent, may we hold tight to the promise of the resurrection, knowing that one day, we know not yet what day, we will be together again, not necessarily as we wish, but as we are able. **Amen**

Sending Song

MV75 – 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 15 March – Administration and Worship Prep

Tuesday 16 March – Office Hours @ Knox United

Wednesday 17 March – Saint's Day Zoom Worship  
10:00 am broadcast from Christ Church Anglican  
2:00 pm Kootenay Clericus

Thursday 18 March – Homiletic and Worship Preparation  
Noon - Kootenay Cluster  
6:30 pm - Ears for Peers

Friday 19 March – 11:30 am - 1:30 pm - Susan Beaumont workshop 3 of 4

Saturday 20 March - Regional Council by Zoom

## **Our Next Worship:**

Sunday 21 March – Lent 5

10:00 am – Broadcasting from Knox United Church

## Credits:

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