

# 14 November 2021 - Pentecost 25



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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. We strive for reconciliation with our Indigenous siblings, and pray that the Creator will guide our way.

## 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 – CP434, v.1, 2, 4

The love of Jesus calls us our joyous praise to sing  
ou deeply felt thanksgivings we now together bring,  
for all God's many blessings, unasked yet still received,  
and for the generations who faithfully believed.

The love of Jesus calls us, that we may always be  
companions on a journey, where all the world may see  
that serving Christ is freedom which time does not destroy;  
where Christ's command is duty, and every duty joy.

The love of Jesus calls us in swiftly changing days,  
to be God's co-creators in new and wondrous ways;  
that God with men and women may so transform the earth,  
that love and peace and justice may give God's kingdom birth.

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

Eternal God,  
teach us to love you not only in mind and heart  
but also in purpose and action,  
so that we may love the children of the earth  
in Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

## The Proclamation of the Word

### **Reader – Beth Ferris**

#### **A reading from 1 Samuel 2.1-10 - Hannah's Prayer**

Hannah prayed and said,  
'My heart exults in the Lord; my strength is exalted in my God.  
My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in my victory.

'There is no Holy One like the Lord, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.  
Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth;  
for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.  
The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength.  
Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,  
but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.  
The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn.  
The Lord kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up.  
The Lord makes poor and makes rich; he brings low, he also exalts.  
He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap,  
to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honour.  
For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and on them he has set the world.

'He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,  
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness; for not by might does one prevail.  
The Lord! His adversaries shall be shattered; the Most High will thunder in heaven.  
The Lord will judge the ends of the earth;  
he will give strength to his king, and exalt the power of his anointed.'

**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 13.1-8 - The Destruction of the Temple Foretold

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, O Jesus Christ.**

Sermon: Reverend Andrea L. Brennan – "Birth Pangs"

### 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 – CP383, v.1, 2, 4

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does its successive journeys run,  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song,  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.

Let every creature rise and bring  
the highest honors to our King,  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud amen.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

**George Ferris**

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 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 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 – CP565

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with your powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me til I want no more,  
feed me til I want no more.

Open now, the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow,  
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield,  
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside,  
death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side:  
songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee,<sup>3</sup>  
I will ever give to thee.

## 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**

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MASITHI: **Amen, Siakudumisa**

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

## Upcoming This Week:

Monday 15 November – Administration and Worship Prep

Tuesday 16 November – Office Hours @ Knox United  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm ASL class (online)

Wednesday 17 November – Saint's Day Zoom Worship  
10:00 am broadcast from Christ Church Anglican

Thursday 18 November – Homiletic and Worship Preparation  
12:00 - 1:30 pm - Emotional & Spiritual Recovery Seminar (online)  
5:30 pm - Christ Church Church Committee Meeting

Friday 19 November - Preparation for Community Memorial @ Cherished Memories  
4:00 pm - Clergy Study Conference Committee Meeting (by Zoom)

Saturday 20 November - Andrea's Sabbath

## **Our Next Worship:**

Sunday 21 November – 10:00 am – BAPTISM! Worship from Knox United Church

## Credits:

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