

25th October – Twenty-first after Pentecost



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

We light this candle to share 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. AMEN

Call to Worship

ONE: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: 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.

ALL: AMEN.

Opening Hymn – CP645 v.1

Come Down O Love Divine

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and
kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

Confession and Absolution

ONE: 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.

ALL: 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

ONE: 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 for ever.

ALL: AMEN

Collect of the Day

Lord of the teasing riddle,
whose questions undo our certainty
and set us on a different path:
give us a heart of passion,
a searching mind,
gentle strength of body
and unseen depths of soul,
so that we might love you wholly
ad our neighbour as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ, the law of grace.
Amen

The Proclamation of the Word

Reader – Norma Bayer

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. Matthew

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 22.36-46

'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, ' "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'

The Question about David's Son

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

"The Lord said to my Lord,

'Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet' "?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

One: The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Sermon: Reverend Andrea L. Brennan

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of Praise – CP380, v.1

O Worship the King

O Worship the King, all glorious above;
O gratefully sing, his power and his love;
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Bill Silversides

ONE: In peace we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work:

ALL: For our families, friends, and neighbours, and for all those who are
alone.

ONE: For this community, our country, and the world;
ALL: For all who work for justice, freedom and peace.

ONE: For the just and proper use of your creation;
ALL: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice and oppression.

ONE: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
ALL: For all those who minister to the sick, the friendless,
and the needy.

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

ONE: For Neil our Regional Dean, Lynne our Bishop,
Melissa our Metropolitan, Linda our Primate;
For Kathy our Regional Minister, Blair our Regional President,
Treena our Executive Minister, Richard our Moderator.

ALL: For all who serve God in the Church.

ONE: For our own needs and those of others.
ALL: Hear us Lord, for your mercy is great.

ONE: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
SILENCE. The people may add their own thanksgivings.

ONE: We will exalt you, O God our king;
ALL: And praise your name for ever and ever.

ONE: 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.

ALL: Hear us Lord, for your mercy is great.

ONE: 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;

ALL: Hear us Lord, for your mercy is great.

ONE: 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.

ONE: Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;

ALL: Who put their trust in you.

ONE: 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.

ALL: AMEN

Offertory Hymn – CP399 Now Thank We All Our God, v.1

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands, and voices,

who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;

who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

Prayer Over the Gifts

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts;

our selves, our time and our possessions.

Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love,

through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and

Lord.

AMEN

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COVID-19 Prayer

Holy and Compassionate God,
You accompany us in the wilderness.
You are present with us in this crisis time in our lives and in the world.
We pray for the people of the Diocese of Kootenay,
For clergy, leaders, parishes, and people.
Strengthen our community.
May your Holy Spirit connect us even in our distance.
May we know you abide with us:
Be our Calm as we face uncertainty and readjust plans and routines.
Be our Rock in rapid change; give us resilience.
Be our Shelter in the whirlwind;
hide us under the safety of your loving wings.
Be our Peace; free us from fear.
Be our Strength; replenish us with courage.
Be our Compassion; enliven us to serve those in need.
Into your hands we commend our spirits,
In the name of Jesus, our Healer and Redeemer. Amen

Rt. Rev. Dr. Lynne McNaughton, Bishop of Kootenay

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.

Doxology

ONE: Glory to God
ALL: whose power working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask for imagine.

ALL: Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.

ONE: 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

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

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 26 October – Worship Prep and Administration

Tuesday 27 October – Clergy Conference

Wednesday 28 October – Clergy Conference

10:00 am Worship at Christ Church led by Bill Silversides

Thursday 29 October – Clergy Conference

Friday/Saturday – Andrea's+ Sabbath

Our next worship:

Sunday 01 November – 10:00 am United-style Communion – All Saints

Credits:

The liturgy today has been compiled with resources from Service of the Word, Alternative Collects from the Anglican Church of Canada, Common Praise, and More Voices. Candle lighting, Prayers of the People and extinguishing prayers written by Reverend Andrea L. Brennan (c) 2020.