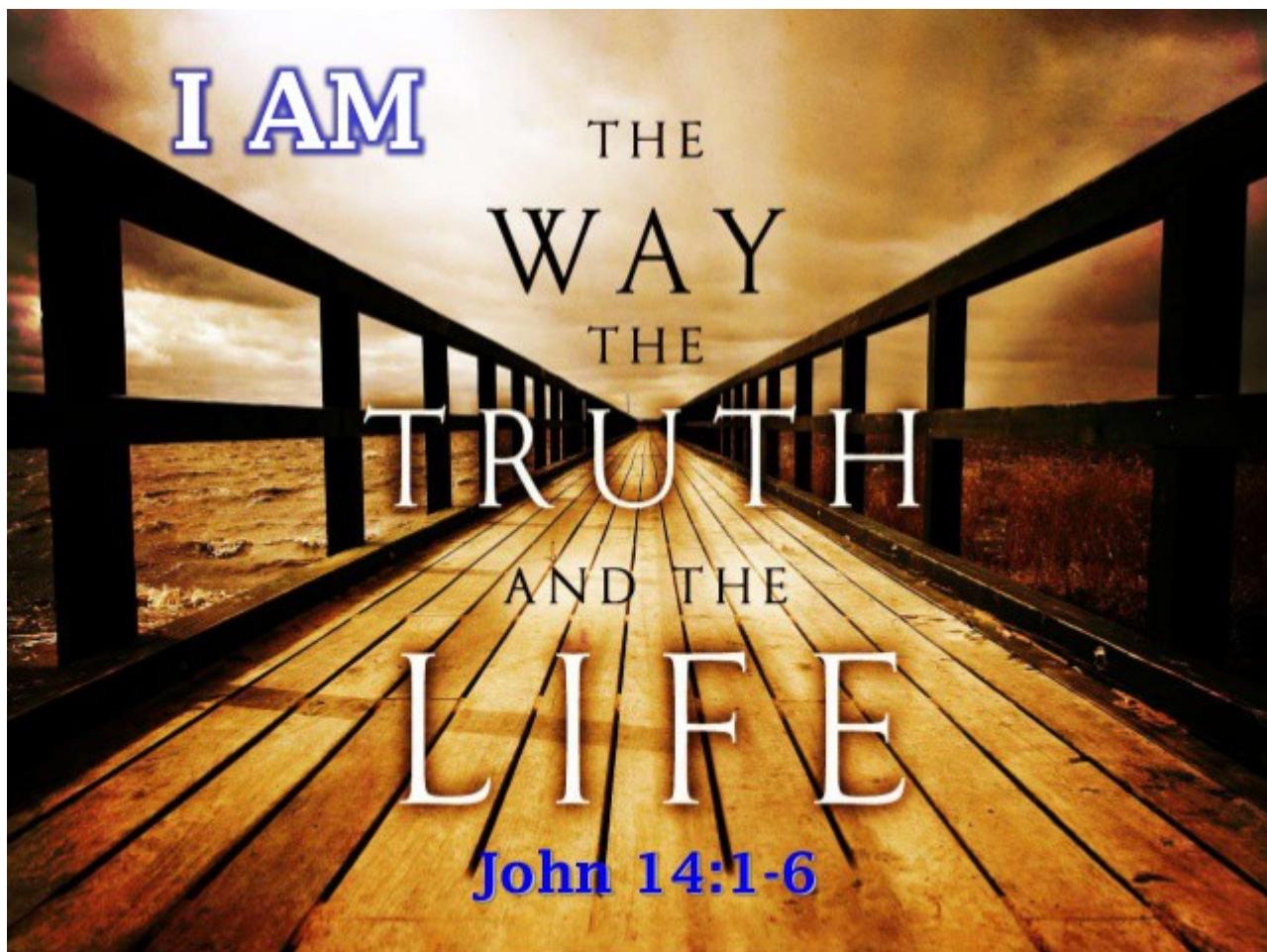


10 May 2020 – Easter 5



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 Paschal Candle

As the days lengthen and the shadows recede, may the light of this candle chase away the darkness. May this light remind us of who we are and whose we are during this season of Easter and always. 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 – What a Friend We Have in Jesus – CP532 1,3

What a friend we have in Je-sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a priv-i-ledge to car-ry ev-ery-thing to God in prayer!

O what peace of-ten for-feit, O what need-less pain we bear,
all be-cause we do not car-ry, ev-ery-thing to God in prayer!

Are we weak and hea-vy la-den, cum-bured with a load of care?

Christ the Sav-iour is our ref-uge; take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do our friends de-spise, for-sake us? Are we tempt-ed to de-spair?

Jesus' strength will shield our weak-ness, and we'll find new cour-age
there.

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

ONE: Risen Christ,
give us grace to love one another,
to search for truth
and to walk in the ways of justice and peace,
so that we may abide in the Father's love always.

ALL: AMEN

The Proclamation of the Word

Acts 7.55-60

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ‘Look,’ he said, ‘I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!’ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, ‘Lord, do not hold this sin against them.’ When he had said this, he died.

Psalm 31

Prayer and Praise for Deliverance from Enemies

To the leader. A Psalm of David.

In you, O LORD, I seek refuge;
do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.

Incline your ear to me;
rescue me speedily.

Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me.

You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name’s sake lead me and guide me,
take me out of the net that is hidden for me,
for you are my refuge.

Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

You hate those who pay regard to worthless idols,
but I trust in the LORD.

I will exult and rejoice in your steadfast love

1 Peter 1.2-10

who have been chosen and destined by God the Father and sanctified by the Spirit to be obedient to Jesus Christ and to be sprinkled with his blood:

May grace and peace be yours in abundance.

A Living Hope

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that was to be yours made careful search and inquiry,

Gradual Hymn – Nada te Turbe (CP 568, 2x, 2x)

Na-da te tur-be, na-da te es pan-te:

Quien a Dios tie-ne na-da le fal-ta.

Na-da te tur-be, na-da te es pan-te:

So-lo Dio bas-ta.

Noth-ing can trou-ble, noth-ing can frighten.

Those who seek God shall nev-er go wanting.

Noth-ing can trou-ble, noth-ing can frighten.

God a-lone fills us.

GOSPEL

John 14.1-14

Jesus the Way to the Father

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Response – Nada te Turbe (CP 568, 2x, 2x)

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God a-lone fills us.

Sermon: The Reverend Andrea L. Brennan

Title: Come Home

Statement of Faith: Trisagion

Hear, O Israel,

The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God

With all your heart,

With all your soul,

With all your mind,

And with all your strength.

This is the first and the great commandment.

Hymn of Praise – How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds (CP620, 1,5)

How sweet the name of Je-sus sounds,
in a be-liev-ers ear!
It soothes our sor-rows, heals our wounds,
and drives a-way our fear.

It makes the wound-ed spir-it whole,
and calms the trou-bled breast;
'tis manna to the hun-gry soul,
and to the wea-ry rest.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings Bill Silversides

Let us give thanks to God our Father, always and for everything saying, “We thank you, Lord.”

ONE: For these seasons of Easter and spring, for our mothers and for mothers around the world.
For the beauty and wonder of Creation,
ALL: We thank you, Lord.

ONE: For our partners in mission, churches in our community, region, province, country and around the world;
For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women and children, revealing the image of Christ,
ALL: We thank you, Lord.

ONE: We pray for those who lack food or home or family or friends,
For our daily food, homes, families and friends.
ALL: We thank you, Lord.

ONE: For friends and relatives to remember and to contact,
For minds to think and hearts to love,
ALL: We thank you, Lord.

ONE: For our social workers, care aids, nurses, doctors, medical staff,
For strength, health, and skill to work,
and for leisure to rest and play,

ALL: We thank you, Lord.

ONE: For those we know who are ill in body, mind or spirit -----
For those who are brave and courageous, patient in suffering and
faithful in adversity,

ALL: We thank you, Lord.

ONE: For the leaders of communities, provinces, states, countries,
For all who pursue peace, justice and truth.

ALL: We thank you, Lord.

ONE: Today we give thanks especially for the opportunity to worship
together in this unusual fashion and for the people who are
getting it to happen...

ALL: We thank you, Lord.

For all the saints whose lives have reflected the light of Christ,
ALL: We thank you, Lord.

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

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures high and low
Give thanks to God in love made known
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

Prayer Over the Gifts

Blessed are you, O God,
ruler of heaven and earth.
Day by day you shower us with blessings.
As you have raised us to new life in Christ,
give us glad and generous hearts,
ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.
AMEN

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 the Paschal Candle

As we prepare to continue with our day
we extinguish our candles, knowing
we will be together again, soon.

Sending Song – 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 – Administration, and Worship Preparation
5:30 – Flying Ponies for Peace Zoom

Tuesday – Andrea+ at Knox from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Wednesday – 11:00 am – Kootenay Clericus (ACC)
3:30 pm – Knox Executive Meeting by Zoom
5:30 pm – Christ Church Church Committee (Zoom)

Thursday – 11:30 am – PMRC Kootenay Cluster (UCC)

Friday/Saturday – Andrea's Sabbath

Our next worship:

Sunday 17 May @10:00 am – Easter 6

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.