

6 June 2021 - Pride Sunday - Communion Sunday

"For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands."

2 Corinthians 5:1



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

Lighting the Christ Candle

The colours of the flame as we light this candle delight the eyes.
The colours of the rainbow, the promise of God, delight the soul.
The colours of our communities, black, brown, and white are God's delight.
Regardless of colour, we celebrate the rainbow in our eyes, on our skin, in our communities as we celebrate the Pride of our people and of our God.

Andrea Brennan, Fernie, BC

Call to Worship

Imaginative and Vibrant God, creator of all things, you made this planet and all its variety. Let us celebrate the diversity of the colours of the world.

With red, yellow, and orange, we praise and give thanks

for the warmth of your love shared between all your children,

for the energy of the Holy Spirit that powers us forward in service to you,

and the joy of being accepted by you, just as we are.

With green, blue, and violet, we worship and honour you:

for the stillness of prayer when we draw close to you,

and for the peace of knowing you hold us in your loving embrace.

Imaginative and Vibrant God, creator of each of us, you made us the way we are.

Together, we are a diverse blend of all your colours.

Help us love and celebrate each other, as part of your beloved creation. **Amen.**

Gill Le Fevre, Oakville, ON

Opening Prayer

A prayer as I put on my mask:

Creator,

as I prepare to go into the world,

help me to see the sacrament in the wearing of this cloth -

let it be "an outward sign of an inward grace" -

a tangible and visible way of living love for my neighbours,

as I love myself.

Christ,

since my lips will be covered, uncover my heart,

that people would see my smile in the crinkles around my eyes.

Since my voice may be muffled, help me to speak clearly,

not only with my words, but with my actions.

Holy Spirit,

As the elastic touches my ears, remind me to listen carefully -

and full of care - to all those I meet.

May this simple piece of cloth be shield and banner,

and each breath that it holds, be filled with your love.

In your Name and in that love, I pray.

May it be so.

May it be so.

Right Rev. Richard Bott, Moderator of the United Church of Canada

HYMN – VU240 v.1, 2, 4 Praise My Soul

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven, glad of heart your carols raise;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like me should sing God's praise.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise the Maker all your days!

Praise God for the grace and favour shown our forebears in distress,
God is still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Sing our Maker's faithfulness!

Frail as summer's flower we flourish; blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise the high eternal one.

Prayer of Confession

When we think we don't measure up, our loving God speaks to us in love.
The risen Christ leads us on while equipping us to lead, feeds us so we may feed, and
welcomes us so we may welcome. The challenging Spirit whispers words of guidance
so we may teach and fills the hidden depths so we may reach into the depths and
hearts around us.

Words of Assurance

**We are prepared in love. We are filled with forgiveness. We are renewed
through divine mystery. Thanks be to God.**

Gord Dunbar, Kincaardine, ON

Reader: Sean Colaric

Reading: [2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1](#)

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—'I
believed, and so I spoke'—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that
the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with
you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to
more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

Living by Faith

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner
nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us
for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be
seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot
be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from
God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Hymn of Praise - VU595 v. 1, 4, 5 We Are Pilgrims

We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow travellers on the road,
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow, till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

Sermon: The Reverend Andrea L. Brennan -

We Responding in Giving and Gratitude
Our Church Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

Holy One, there are many different gifts, reflecting the wondrous diversity of creation,
with all of us being made in your image and likeness.

We offer ourselves: our love of worship together online and, when we can, in person;
our willingness to be in community and form relationships.

We offer the joy in our hearts for gifts of safety, sanctuary and unconditional love, and
our desire that all may be affirmed in their place in your creation.

In the name of Jesus, who lifted up the ones who did not always receive affirmations,
encouragement, and a holy anointing, we make this prayer. **Amen.**

Jeff Werner, Mississauga, ON

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Communion Hymn – VU477 v. 2, 3 I Come With Joy

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.

Communion Liturgy

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to God.

We must give thanks to God our Creator!

God's creation blesses us all.

All that is sacred, all that is holy, come from You, our living God.
When we cannot be physically together because of a pandemic, you are there.

You created order from chaos, your children from clay, and blessed us
with minds to think, hearts to love and mouths to speak.

Even when we fail you; even when we disappoint ourselves, you are there.
Loving us through the chaos, standing us up when we fall down.

Remaining with the remains of children discovered in a mass grave.
Giving protection to those who are traumatised from generations old hurts.

Protecting us from the evil in the world; you are there.
And so, we join with the chorus of heavenly bodies as we say;

Holy, holy, holy God, Holy and blessed are you.

Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Glory to you, O God most high.

And so, as we gather from around this fragile earth
our island home to celebrate the night you made the ordinary, extraordinary.

That fateful night, at supper with his friends,
Jesus took the ordinary bread,
bread they had shared many times before.

He took it, blessed it, broke it and said
This is my body, broken in love for you”.

Jesus took the cup, what was left from the meal,
a meal shared many times before.
He raised it, blessed it and said
“This is my blood, shed for eternity.
When you take this bread and this cup,
remember that I am with you always.
A covenant and promise I make, to never forsake you”.

And so, as we take this ordinary made extraordinary
this bread and cup, God's promise and love,
broken and poured, blessed and shared,
joining us together as a spiritual family.

**Christ has died,
Christ has risen,
Christ will come again.**

We take our bread, or that which represents Christ's body.
We take our cup, or that which represents Christ's blood.
When we consume these, we will never be the same.
We will become closer to you, dear God, and to each other.

We thank you God, for the many blessings of this Earth.
We ask you to pray for those we carry on our hearts this day.
We ask you to be with those who need your strength,
and to those you call home today,
may those they leave behind always know your love.

Joining our prayers and praises together,
Let us pray the prayer our Saviour taught us...

**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**

Distribution of Communion

Taking the Bread, Pouring the Cup

The bread of Christ
Broken in love for us.

The cup of salvation.
Our way to eternal life.

The elements are consumed.

Commissioning

Those whom the world scorns, God loves.
Those whom society casts away, God gathers up.
Those whom our culture ignores, God gives places of honour.
Go from here in the spirit of the risen Christ and go about God's work with
humility, joy and good humour, know that you, too, are loved, gathered in and
honoured.

By the power of the Spirit, we will go to the world God loves.

Robin Wardlaw, Toronto, ON

Extinguishing the Christ Candle

The rainbow flag may be folded up and put away, until it is needed again
yet our living rainbow will always be here.

As we move from this time of community and communion
**we hold in our hearts 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**

Andrea Brennan, Fernie, BC

SENDING HYMN – MV90 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 7 June - Worship Prep and Administration

Tuesday 8 June – Andrea+ at Knox United

Wednesday 9 June – 10:00 am – Zoom Saints Day Worship @ Christ Church

Thursday 10 June – Worship and Homiletic Prep

Friday/Saturday 11-12 June - Pacific Mountain Annual General Meeting

Sunday 13 June – **11:00 am** - Worship from the PMRC General Meeting

Credits: The liturgy today has been compiled with resources from Gathering:
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prayer and Communion Liturgy written by Reverend Andrea Brennan.

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