

Advent 1 - 28 November 2021



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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 Advent Candle

This first Sunday of Advent we mark with hope.

The prophet Isaiah wrote: “For Sheol cannot thank you, death cannot praise you; those who go down to the Pit cannot hope for your faithfulness. The living, the living, they thank you, as I do this day; fathers make known to children your faithfulness”.

Isaiah 38.18-19

Hope opens all the realm of possibilities.

(light the Hope candle)

To the Tune of “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

The first Sunday of Advent is Hope

We pray for Him to come and help us cope;

With wars and famine 'cross the world

Our dream is for a flag of hope unfurled.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, shall come to us O Israel.

Opening Hymn – CP89

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Wisdom from on high, who ordered all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times did give the law, in cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem, from every foe deliver them
that trust your mighty power to save, and give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Key of David, come and open wide our heavenly home.
Make safe the way the leads on high, and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Dayspring, from on high and cheer us by your drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of humankind;
O bid our bitter conflict cease, and be for us our Prince of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

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.

Almighty God,

to you all hearts are open,

all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden.

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

Collect of the Day

Gracious God,

Creation awaits the coming of your son in wonder.

Abide with us in our anticipation and longing. And help us to embrace your mystery.

Teach us to open our hearts to you in preparation for new life.

Help us to look for you, like the long streaks of light across an early dawn sea.

And guide us always toward the knowledge and love of you.

In Jesus' name, we pray. **Amen**

Worship Resources for Advent, ELCIC

The Proclamation of the Word

Reader – Judy Harrold

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The Righteous Branch and the Covenant with David

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

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 Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 21:25-36 - The Coming of the Son of Man

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

The Lesson of the Fig Tree

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

Exhortation to Watch

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, O Jesus Christ.**

Sermon: Reverend Andrea L. Brennan – “Get Ready...”

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 life everlasting.**

Amen

Confession

Dear friends in Christ,

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;

God welcomes sinners and invites them to the table.

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

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The peace is exchanged verbally only, with a wave if you're feeling fancy.

Hymn of Praise – CP88

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

Prayer Over the Gifts

Creator of sun, moon and stars, guide our path to the manger:
where angels sing, shepherds tremble, and the babe is born.

Good news of great joy:

Emmanuel, God is with us!

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Amen

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The Eucharist

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. In fulfillment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death,
took bread and gave you thanks, saying,
“Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you.”

In the same way he took the cup, saying,
“This is my blood which is shed for you.
When you do this, you do it in memory of me.”

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church.

Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

Prayers of the People - Marion Wiepert

Hold in your love your church and all who in faith seek to serve you. Hold in your peace your world and all who are in need.

Hold in your care all those who have called on your name or have asked our prayers
(silence is held)

Confirm us in your hope as we gather in your name, not yet as we desire but as we are able.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church,
now and forever. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray for the coming of the kingdom as Jesus 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**

Fracture Sentence

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

These are the gifts of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Invitation to Receive the Elements

Dear friends, I invite you in this moment, wherever you may be, to receive Christ, in communion with the saints, and the gathering of God's people, unseen and yet present with us now. Many are made one.

We receive you Lord Jesus Christ,

We welcome your presence in us, and together proclaim our love for you;

with all our hearts, minds, our soul and our strength,

with the saints we worship you, with the angels we adore you,

with your whole Church we proclaim your reign.

Come to us, through many, and make us one in you.

The elements are distributed.

Please come forward in your bubbles, leaving distance between you and the person ahead of you. Standing at the altar steps you will remove your mask, receive the bread, replace your mask and return to your seat.

Communion Hymn - CP486

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art.

Visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Come, Almighty, to deliver, let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; true and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

Prayer after Communion

**God of new beginnings, you draw near to us in word and sacrament
to strengthen and renew us;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit, may your light so shine through us
that all may welcome your Son at his coming.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Emmanuel. Amen.**

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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**

The Blessing

Creator of sun, moon and stars, guide our path to the manger:
where angels sing, shepherds tremble, and the babe is born.

Good news of great joy:

Emmanuel, God is with us!

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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 – MV107

Joy shall come, even to the wilderness,
and the parched land shall then know great gladness;
as the rose, as the rose shall deserts blossom,
deserts like a garden blossom.

For living springs shall give cool water,
in the desert streams shall flow;
for living springs shall give cool water,
in the desert streams shall flow;
Repeat getting faster each time...

Upcoming This Week:

Reverend Andrea will be away from Monday until Sunday.
Lynda Bird and Carole Chorostecki will be available for Pastoral Concerns.
In the event of an emergency, please call either Lynda or Carole and they will contact Father David who has agreed to be on call for said emergencies.

Our Next Worship:

Sunday 5th December 2021 - Joining with Windermere Valley Shared Ministry
Worshipping at 10:30 am - Zoom link will be sent the Wednesday before and the Saturday before.

Please Mark your Calendar - **Monday 6 December**
6:00 pm - Candlelight Christmas Service

This service will be held at Cherished Memories. A Zoom link will be available.

Credits:

The liturgy today has been compiled with resources from the Book of Alternative Services, Alternative Collects from the Anglican Church of Canada, and Common Praise. Candle lighting, Prayers of the People, Advent Litany and extinguishing prayers written by Reverend Andrea L. Brennan ©2021.

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