

Blessing of the Animals - 10 October 2021

All God's Creatures



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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 remember that one small light can illuminate our way to safety. We light this candle in remembrance and in honour those who are gone from our eyes, but not from our hearts. Those separated by death, distance or disease. May we find strength in the midst of weariness, pandemic, frustration and apathy, through the One who created us, sustains us and adores us.

Greeting

The animals of God's creation inhabit the skies, the earth, and the sea. They share in the fortunes of our existence and are an important part of human life. In the story of the great flood, the animals were saved from the waters, and afterwards were made a part of the covenant with Noah.

A giant fish saved Jonah;
ravens brought bread to Elijah.

Animals were included in the repentance of Ninevah;
and animals share in Christ's redemption of all creation.

We therefore gather to ask God's blessing on these animals.
As we do so, let us praise the Creator
and give thanks to God for the animals in all our lives. **Amen**

Collect for Francis of Assisi

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule-- peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Opening Hymn - All God's Critters

All God's critters got a place in the choir
Some sing low, some sing higher
Some sing out loud on the telephone wire
And some just clap their hands, or paws or anything they got now

Well, listen to the bass, it's the one on the bottom
Where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus
Moans and groans with a big to do
And the old cow just goes, 'Moo'

Well, the dogs and the cats they take up the middle
The honeybee hums and the crickets fiddle
The donkey brays and the pony neighs
The old coyote howls - AWOOO!

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Well, listen to the top where the little bird sings
The melody with the high voice ringing
The hoot owl hollers over everything
And the jaybird disagrees -NONONONO!

Singing in the nighttime, singing in the day
The little duck quacks and he's on his way
The 'possum don't have much to say
And the porcupine talks to herself - HARUMPH!

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The Proclamation of the Word

Reader – Lynda Bird

Psalm 148:7-14

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,
fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!
Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted; this glory is above earth and heaven.

He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him.

Praise the Lord!

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word,

Thanks be to God.

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May God be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 11.25-30 - Jesus thanks his Father

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, O Jesus Christ.

Sermon: Reverend Andrea L. Brennan - All God's Creatures

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Intercessions and Thanksgivings

God created us and all animals, sharing the spirit of life with us and all creatures; therefore let us praise God saying:

O God, how wonderful are the works of your hands.

We thank you, God, for the gift of life:

for the beauty and wonder of creation, and for our own life which comes from you.

O God, how wonderful are the works of your hands.

We thank you for the richness and variety of animal life:

for fish, birds, insects, reptiles, and mammals.

O God, how wonderful are the works of your hands.

We thank you for the animals who give us faithful companionship, joy when we are happy, and comfort when we are sad.

O God, how wonderful are the works of your hands.

We thank you for animals who are our partners in our daily life and work:

O God, how wonderful are the works of your hands.

We thank you for allowing us to care for animals and pets.

May we learn love and respect for all living things.

O God, how wonderful are the works of your hands.

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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The Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

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 blessing
**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**

SING AMEN: **Amen, we praise your name O God**

SING AMEN: **Amen Amen, Amen Amen, Amen we praise your name O God**

MASITHI: **Amen, Siakudumisa**

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Upcoming This Week:

Monday 11 October - Thanksgiving Day - Preparing Porch Drops

Tuesday 12 October - Office Hours @ Knox United

2:00- 5:00 pm - Delivering Porch Drops

7:00 - 9:00 pm - ASL Course

Wednesday 13 October - Saint's Day Zoom Worship

10:00 am broadcast from Christ Church Anglican

12:30 pm - Joint Church Committee Meeting

2:00 pm - Memorial for Frances Breland

Thursday 14 October - Homiletic and Worship Preparation

Noon - Kootenay Cluster Zoom

5:30 pm - Christ Church Church Committee Meeting

Friday 15 October - Andrea's Sabbath

Saturday 16 October - 10:00 am - Baptism rehearsal for Claire Penson

Our Next Worship:

Sunday 17 October – 10:00 am – Worship from/at Knox United Church - BAPTISM!!!

Credits:

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