

## Saturday 25 December 2021 - Christmas Day



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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

Our days are growing longer, slowly, slowly.

We light this single candle to remind us

**that even though things are not yet as we'd like them to be, we continue to wait...somewhat patiently, and join together in person and online, dreaming, hoping, wishing for that day when we will gather again,**  
not necessarily as we wish, yet as we are able.

### Call to Worship

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion 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.**

### Trisagion

Holy God,  
**holy and mighty,  
holy immortal one,  
have mercy upon us.**

### Collect for the Day

**Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, so that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

### Hymn – CP122 *In the Bleak Mid-Winter*

In the bleak midwinter frosty wind made moan,  
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone:  
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;  
heaven and earth shall flee away, when he comes to reign:  
in the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed  
the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Enough for him whom cherubim worship night and day,  
a breastful of milk and a mangerful of hay;  
enough for him whom angels fall down before,  
the ox and ass and camel which adore.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there,  
cherubim and seraphim thronged the air,  
but only his mother, in her maiden bliss,  
worshiped the Beloved with a kiss.

What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb,  
if I were a wise man I would do my part,  
yet what I can, I give him, give my heart.

## **Reader:**

Luke 2.1-20

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.**

### The Birth of Jesus

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

### The Shepherds and the Angels

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

'Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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

## Sermon: The Reverend Andrea L. Brennan - "Examining the facets"

### 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**

### Prayers of the People

Christ, for whom there was no room in the inn,  
give courage to all who are homeless; in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

Christ, who fled into Egypt,  
give comfort to all refugees; in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

Christ, who fasted in the desert,  
give relief to all who are starving; in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

Christ, who hung in agony on the cross,  
give strength to all who suffer; in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord of the Church  
**hear our prayer,**  
**and make us one in heart and mind**  
**to serve you with joy forever. Amen.**

### Confession

Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
God welcomes sinners and invites them to this table.  
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

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.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**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.**

### The Celebration of the Eucharist

#### Prayer Over the Gifts

Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor  
to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them  
be a blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we  
shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

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### Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 3 (S3)

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.**

It is indeed right to thank you and praise you, holy and gracious God, creator of all things, ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life, for you are the source of all goodness, rich in mercy and abounding in love; you are faithful to your people in every generation, and your word endures forever.

Therefore with angels and archangels, with the fellowship of saints and the company of heaven, we glorify your holy name, evermore praising you and singing,

**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.**

We praise you, merciful God, not as we ought, but as we are able, because in your tender love you gave the world your only Son, in order that the world might be saved through him. He made you known by taking the form of a servant, healing the sick, liberating the oppressed, reaching out to the lost. Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross, He confronted the power of sin and disarmed it forever. In his offering of himself, he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Redeemed by Christ, we have been adopted as your children; by your pardon you have made us worthy to praise you.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

In obedience to him and with grateful hearts we approach your holy table, remembering our Saviour's sacrifice, and rejoicing in his victory. Confident in his sovereign purpose, we declare our faith:

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

Send your Holy Spirit on us that as we receive this bread and this cup we may partake of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving. May we be renewed in his risen life, filled with love, and strengthened in our will to serve others; and make of our lives, we pray, a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you, knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever. **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 Breaking of the Bread

#### Fracture Sentence - Incarnation

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

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, unseparated 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.**

#### Prayer After Communion

Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation,  
and in this meal we have feasted on your grace.

May your Word take flesh in us, so that we may be your holy people,  
revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

**Amen**

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

### Doxology

Glory to God,

**All 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**

### 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 Hymn – CP154 Joy to the World

Joy to the world! The Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns! Let us glad songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let wrongs and sorrows grow nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow far as our sin is found,  
far as our sin is found, far as, far as, our sin is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

## **Upcoming this week...**

Sunday 26 December - NO PARISH SERVICE

[Diocesan Service available here](#) at 10:00 am MT

NEXT WORSHIP – 2 January 2022 – Epiphany! Communion Sunday  
10:00 am Worship – Broadcasting from Fernie Knox United Church  
If joining from home, please have your Communion Elements ready

Credits: The liturgy today has been compiled with resources from Service of the Word: Alternative Eucharistic Prayers, Alternative Collects of the Anglican Church of Canada, Prayers of the People from The Church of England, and Common Praise. Candle lighting litany, and candle extinguishing prayer written by Reverend Andrea Brennan © 2021

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