

Sunday 25 December 2022



Christmas Day Service

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.

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.

Apostolic Greeting

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

Reader:

John 1.1-14

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 Word Made Flesh

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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

Sermon: The Reverend Canon Andrea L. Brennan

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**

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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

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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.

PLEASE NOTE:

Reverend Andrea will be on retreat from 26 December to 5 January
Pastoral Care will be available through Lynda Bird and Carol Chorostecki
Fr. David John will be available for emergencies

Please Note: There will be NO Wednesday Worship on the 28th of December or
the 4th of January.

NEXT WORSHIP – 8 January 2023 - Epiphany!!!

As January has five Sundays and we, as a tradition, do not Worship together on the first
Sunday after Christmas, the 8th of January will be treated as our First Sunday Worship
with Communion (United Church style) at Christ Church Anglican.

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 Canon Andrea Brennan © 2021 CCLI License #11186206