

13 September 2020 – Creation 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 our Candles

We light this candle to share the light of Christ. Both within ourselves and with each other. May this flame remind us that we are never alone when we trust in and love God with our heart, mind, soul and strength. AMEN

Call to Worship

ONE: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

ALL: And also with you

ONE: Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have
again brought us together on the Lord's Day
to praise you for
your goodness and to ask your blessing.
Give us grace to see your hand
in the week that is past, and
your purpose in the week to come;
through Christ our Lord.

ALL: AMEN.

Opening Hymn – CP567 v.1
Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm restrains the restless wave,
who bids the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed bounds to keep:
we cry, O God of majesty,
for those in peril on the sea.

Confession and Absolution

ONE: Dear friends in Christ,
as we turn our hearts and minds
to worship almighty God,
let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

ALL: 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

ONE: Merciful God,
grant to your faithful pardon and peace,
that we may be cleaned from all our sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and for ever.

ALL: AMEN

Collect of the Day

God of unity and truth,
encourage the fervent,
enlighten the doubtful
and bring back the wayward.
Gather us all together in mutual love,
so that our prayer may be pleasing to you.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
AMEN

The Proclamation of the Word

Reader – Norma Bayer

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 18.21-35

Forgiveness

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

One: The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Sermon: Reverend Andrea L. Brennan
Forgiveness

Hear, O Israel

Hear, O Israel,
The Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
With all your heart,
With all your soul,
With all your mind,
And with all your strength.

This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

Hymn of Praise – CP259, v.1 For the Fruit of All Creation

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God;
gifts bestowed on ev'ry nation, thanks be to God.
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Bill Silversides

ONE: In peace we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work:

ALL: For our families, friends, and neighbours, and for all those who are alone.

ONE: For this community, our country, and the world;

ALL: For all who work for justice, freedom and peace.

ONE: For the just and proper use of your creation;

ALL: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice and oppression.

ONE: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

ALL: For all those who minister to the sick, the friendless,
and the needy.

ONE: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

ALL: For all who proclaim the gospel,
and all who seek the truth.

ONE: For Neil our Regional Dean, Lynne our Bishop,
Melissa our Metropolitan, Linda our Primate;
For Kathy our Regional Minister, Blair our Regional President,
Treena our Executive Minister, Richard our Moderator.

ALL: For all who serve God in the Church.

ONE: For our own needs and those of others.

ALL: Hear us Lord, for your mercy is great.

ONE: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

SILENCE. The people may add their own thanksgivings.

ONE: We will exalt you, O God our king;

ALL: And praise your name for ever and ever.

ONE: We pray for those who have been diagnosed
with COVID-19.

We pray that they may recover fully.

And if it be that a cure may not be had,

may their death be swift and gentle as they are called
home into your arms.

ALL: Hear us Lord, for your mercy is great.

ONE: We pray for all those who continue to work on the front-lines;
the medical personnel, the truckers,
the grocery clerks and cashiers;
For the local small-businesses who are
trying to remain safely open;

ALL: Hear us Lord, for your mercy is great.

ONE: We pray for those who have died in the peace of Christ, and for those
whose faith is known to you alone, that they may have a place in your
eternal kingdom.

SILENCE. The people may add their own petitions.

ONE: Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;

ALL: Who put their trust in you.

ONE: Gracious God,
you have heard the prayers of your faithful people;
you know our needs before we ask,
and our ignorance in asking.
Grant our requests as may be best for us.
This we ask, in the name of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
ALL: AMEN

Offertory Hymn – CP667

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures high and low
Give thanks to God in love made known
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

Prayer Over the Gifts

Yours, Lord, is the greatness,
the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.
AMEN

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COVID-19 Prayer

Holy and Compassionate God,
You accompany us in the wilderness.
You are present with us in this crisis time in our lives and in the world.
We pray for the people of the Diocese of Kootenay,
For clergy, leaders, parishes, and people.
Strengthen our community.
May your Holy Spirit connect us even in our distance.
May we know you abide with us:
Be our Calm as we face uncertainty and readjust plans and routines.
Be our Rock in rapid change; give us resilience.
Be our Shelter in the whirlwind;
hide us under the safety of your loving wings.
Be our Peace; free us from fear.
Be our Strength; replenish us with courage.
Be our Compassion; enliven us to serve those in need.
Into your hands we commend our spirits,
In the name of Jesus, our Healer and Redeemer. Amen

Rt. Rev. Dr. Lynne McNaughton, Bishop of Kootenay

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.

Doxology

One: 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.

One: 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

Our time together has come to an end,
we now go about the rest of our day,
knowing in small and in large ways,
we are connected to each other, through you, O God.
Amen

Sending Song – MV75 – 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.

Key

CP = Common Praise

VU = More Voices

MV = More Voices

Upcoming This Week:

Monday 14 September – 11:00 am – Joint M&P Mtg @ Jeanne's

Tuesday 15 September – Andrea+ at Knox

1:30 – Andrea+ and Sandra Barrett – Fernie Walk

Wednesday 16 September – 10:00 am – Said Worship at Christ Church

5:30 – B&E Pre-marriage prep by Skype

Thursday 17 September – 11:00 am – Kootenay Cluster (UCC) by Zoom

5:30 – Christ Church Committee by Zoom

Friday – Andrea+ -Kootenay road trip to deliver KFF kits (physical distance)

Saturday – Andrea+'s Sabbath

Our next worship:

Sunday 20 September – 10:00 am – United-style Worship – Creation II

Credits:

The liturgy today has been compiled with resources from Service of the Word, Alternative Collects from the Anglican Church of Canada, Common Praise, and More Voices. Candle lighting and extinguishing prayers written by Reverend Andrea L. Brennan (c) 2020.