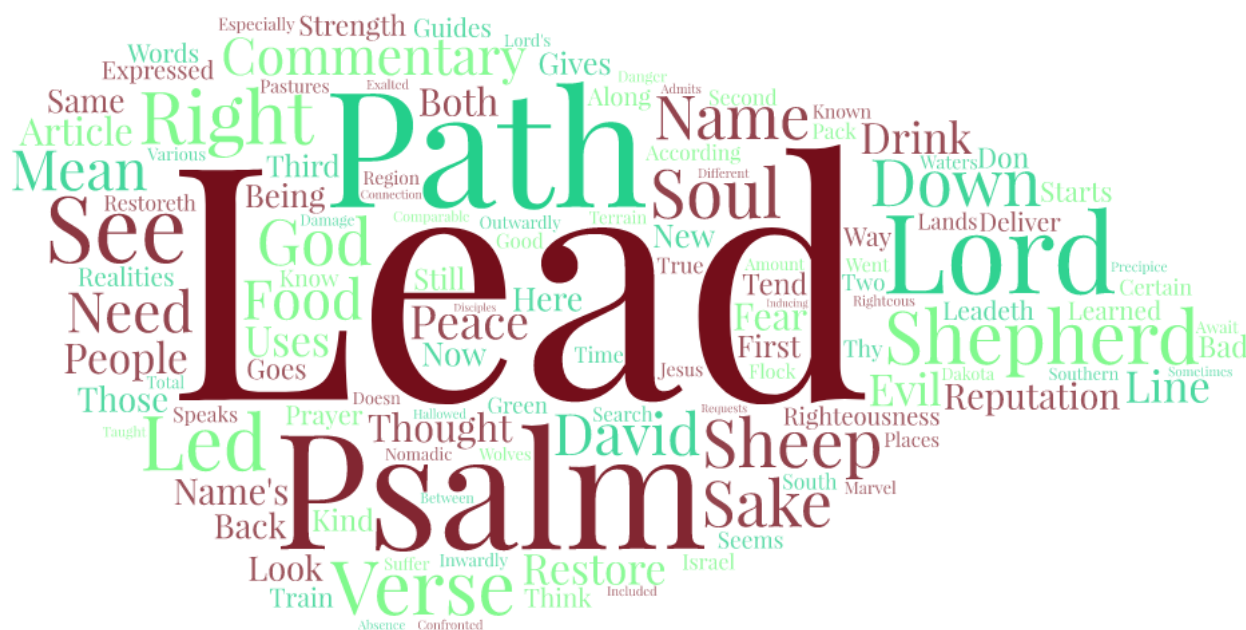


25 April 2021 - Easter 4



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Land Acknowledgement

We gather here, mindful of the many who, for millennia, have called this valley home, or depended on it's 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

As we celebrate the resurrection, 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.

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.

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. **Amen**

Opening Hymn – CP519, v.1
The Lord's My Shepherd

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want:
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

Confession and Absolution

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.

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****

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 forever. **Amen**

Collect of the Day

Lord of the sheepfold, whose love is not for hire:

We thank you that Christ laid down his life for us when we could not help ourselves.

Give us strength to work for peace in the world he came to serve;

through the same Jesus Christ, the good shepherd. Amen.

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

The Proclamation of the Word

Reader – Marion Weipert

A reading from the Twenty-Third Psalm

Psalm 23

The Divine Shepherd: A Psalm of David

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths

for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff—

they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

my whole life long.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Reverend Andrea L. Brennan – “A love letter”

Statement of Faith: 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 – CP553

Ubi Caritas

Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.

Live in charity and steadfast love,
Live in charity, God will dwell with you.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Bill Silversides

In peace we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work:

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

For this community, our country, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

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

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

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

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

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

For Neil our Regional Dean, Lynne our Archbishop,

Linda our Primate;

For Kathy our Regional Minister, Blair our Regional President,
Treena our Executive Minister, Richard our Moderator.

For all who serve God in the Church.

For our own needs and those of others.

Hear us Lord, for your mercy is great.

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

SILENCE. The people may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our king;

And praise your name for ever and ever.

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.

Hear us Lord, for your mercy is great.

Bless those who have received their first dose of the vaccine. Give patience to those who are still waiting. Bring calm to those who are uncertain whether or not to receive the vaccine.

Hear us Lord, for your mercy is great.

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;

Hear us Lord, for your mercy is great.

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.

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

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. **Amen**

Offertory Hymn – CP620 v.1
How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
And drives away our fear.

Prayer Over the Gifts

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.

Day by day you shower us with blessings.

As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts,
ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

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COVID-19 Prayer - marking the anniversary of the Pandemic

God of infinite compassion and mercy,

Our hearts are overflowing with a flood of emotions from the past year,

Fear and sorrow and grief — endurance, relief, and hope,

For the families of all who have died, who have been unable yet to mourn,
we ask your comfort

For health care workers persevering in the battle with the
we ask your strength and courage,

For government and public health leaders; we ask your wisdom

For all facing the relentless uncertainties that continue;
we ask your endurance and peace,

We give thanks for the resilience discovered within us,

We give thanks for all who continue to work to protect and care for us

We give thanks for your unending love and compassion in our midst at all times.

As we face the year ahead fill our hearts

with that same love and compassion for our world and its needs.

For in you we find all that is needed — for whatever lies ahead. **Amen**

Archbishop Linda Nicholls, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada

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 celebrate the resurrection, may we share that joy and hope,
knowing that one day, we know not yet what day,
we will be together again, not necessarily as we wish,
but as we are able. **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.

Upcoming This Week:

Monday 26 April – Administration and Worship Prep

Tuesday 27 April – Office Hours @ Knox United

Wednesday 28 April – 10:00 am Saints Day Worship by Zoom
Broadcasting from Christ Church
Noon - East/West Kootenay Clericus

Thursday 29 April – Homiletic and Worship Preparation
Noon - Kootenay Cluster

Friday/Saturday 30 April/01 May - Andrea+'s Sabbath

Our Next Worship:

Sunday 02 May – Easter 5 - Communion Sunday
10:00 am – Broadcasting from Knox United Church

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, Prayers of the People and extinguishing prayers written by Reverend Andrea L. Brennan ©2021.

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