

Epiphany 5 - 6 February 2022



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Opening Hymn - VU 509 I the Lord of Sea and Sky

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in deepest sin, my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them, they turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them, Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them, whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in 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 the Christ Candle

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

Beloved, let us love one another,

because love is from God.

God's love was revealed among us in this way,

Jesus Christ came into the world.

Since God loved us so much,

we are called to love one another.

Come, let us worship.

Opening Prayer

Arise, shine, and let the light of God be within you:

Be within us, O God, and share with us your light on our path.

Be a beacon of light and hope in a world that is immersed in shadows and despair.

Be among us, O God, and shine your light on our path.

Let the light of the star in the east remind us that we can find God's direction for our lives if we only look.

Be with us, O God, to show your light on our path as we worship today. Amen

Prayer of Confession

God of love,
in the wrong we have done and
in the good we have not done;
we have sinned in ignorance;
we have sinned in weakness;
we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry.
We repent and turn to you.
Forgive us, and renew our lives.

Time of Silent Prayer and Reflection

Words of Assurance

No matter where we are, God is there.
No matter what we have done, God forgives.
No matter our reluctance to accept God, God has accepted us.
With that assurance, receive forgiveness,
and live in fullness and in hope.

Prayers for Illumination

God, the words you speak have power:
 power to create,
 power to disturb,
 power to heal.
Help us to hear your Word for us today.

Amen

Reader: Ralph Stadnichuk

Reading: Isaiah 6.1-13

A Vision of God in the Temple

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.'

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!' And he said, 'Go and say to this people:

"Keep listening, but do not comprehend;
keep looking, but do not understand."

Make the mind of this people dull,
and stop their ears,
and shut their eyes,
so that they may not look with their eyes,
and listen with their ears,
and comprehend with their minds,
and turn and be healed.'

Then I said, 'How long, O Lord?' And he said:

'Until cities lie waste
without inhabitant,
and houses without people,
and the land is utterly desolate;
until the Lord sends everyone far away,
and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.

Even if a tenth part remains in it,
it will be burned again,
like a terebinth or an oak
whose stump remains standing
when it is felled.'

The holy seed is its stump.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Praise – VU 218 We Praise You, O God

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

We worship you; God of our mothers and fathers,
through trial and tempest, companion and guide.

When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
but faithful to your promise, you walk by our side.

With voices united our praises we offer,
and gladly our songs of true worship we raise.
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing;
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.

Sermon: The Reverend Andrea L. Brennan - "Understand???"

Prayers of the People - Norma Bayer

We Responding in Giving and Gratitude
Our Church Tithes and Offerings

Invitation to Giving

As we come to present our offerings, we remember God's generous hospitality.
Our calling is to feed those dismissed from the world's tables,
that they may no longer feel hungry or alone.

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, gracious God:
you have given us life and freedom to be your people in the world.
Blessed are you, gracious God:
you have called us into the church, and in this community of faith,
pilgrims together on the journey into new creation.
Blessed are you, gracious God:
you have touched our hearts with hope,
so that we long to see the day of your salvation.
Accept, now, these gifts we bring.
Enable us to use them for the coming of your new community
of justice and shalom.
In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen**

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Your Generosity Matters: Love the Way God Loves
Presented by: Mary Cosman

Communion Hymn – VU 567 Will you Come and Follow Me

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my Name be known?
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave your self behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoner free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen?
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'You' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Christ, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show,
thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me?

Communion Liturgy

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to God.

We must give thanks to God our Creator!

The Creator blesses us all!

All that is sacred, all that is holy, come from You, our living God.
When we cannot be physically together because of a pandemic, you are there.
When we lament our physical distance from each other, you comfort us.

You created order from chaos, your children from clay, and blessed us
with minds to think, hearts to love and mouths to speak.

Even when we fail you; even when we disappoint ourselves, you are there.
Loving us through the chaos, standing us up when we fall down.
Calming us as we live with a virus, we were certain would be over by now.

Staying with the remains of children discovered in multitudinous unmarked graves.
Giving protection to those who are traumatised from generations old hurts.
Reminding us that there are alternatives to war as the world struggles for peace.

Protecting us from the evil in the world; you are there.
And so, we join with the chorus of heavenly bodies as we say;

**Holy, holy, holy God, Holy and blessed are you.
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Glory to you, O God most high.**

And so, as we gather from around this fragile earth
our island home to celebrate the night you made the ordinary, extraordinary.

That fateful night, at supper with his friends,
Jesus took ordinary bread,
bread they had shared many times before.

He took it, blessed it, broke it and said
This is my body, broken in love for you".

Jesus took the cup, what was left from the meal,
a meal shared many times before.

He raised it, blessed it and said
"Take this cup, the cup of salvation.

When you take this bread and this cup,
remember that I am with you always.
A covenant and promise I make, to never forsake you".

And so, as we take this ordinary made extraordinary
this bread and cup, God's promise and love,
broken and poured, blessed and shared,
joining us together as a spiritual family.

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

We take our bread, or that which represents Christ's body.
We take our cup, or that which represents Christ's blood.
When we consume these, we will never be the same.
We will become closer to you, dear God, and to each other.

We thank you God, for the many blessings of this Earth.
We ask you to pray for those we carry on our hearts this day.
We ask you to be with those who need your strength,
and to those you call home today,
may those they leave behind always know your love.

Joining our prayers and praises together,
Let us pray the prayer our Saviour taught us...

**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**

Distribution of Communion
Taking the Bread, Pouring the Cup

The bread of Christ
Broken in love for us.

The cup of salvation.
Our way to eternal life.

The elements are consumed. A moment of silence follows.

Commissioning

Go into the world: dance, laugh, sing, and create.

We go with the assurance of your blessing, O God.

Go into the world: risk, explore, discover, and love.

We go with the assurance of your grace, O God.

Go into the world: believe, hope, struggle, and remember.

We go with the assurance of your love, O God.

Thanks be to God!

Extinguishing the Christ Candle

As we move from this time of community and communion

**we hold in our hearts 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 – VU646 Siyahamba (We are Marching)

Si – ya – hamb' e – ku – kha – nyen' kwen – khos

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Si – ya – hamb' e – ku – kha – nyen' kwen – khos

Si – ya – hamb' e – ku – kha – nyen' kwen – khos,

Si – ya – hamb' e – hamb' e, Si – ya – hamb' e – oo – oo

Si – ya – hamb' e – ku – kha – nyen' kwen – khos,

Si – ya – hamb' e – hamb' e, Si – ya – hamb' e – oo – oo

Si – ya – hamb' e – ku – kha – nyen' kwen – khos,

We are marching in the light of God,

We are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God,

We are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, marching we are marching, oo – oo

We are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, marching we are marching, oo – oo

We are marching in the light of God.

Upcoming this week...

Monday 7 February - Admin and Worship Prep
10:00 am - Meeting

Tuesday 8 February – Andrea+ at Fernie Knox United
9:30 am - 12:30 pm Office Hours
1:00 pm - Pastoral Call

Wednesday 9 February – Andrea+ at Christ Church
10:00 am - Saints Day Worship (by Zoom)
11:00 am - Office Hours at Christ Church

Thursday 10 February – Worship and Homiletic Prep
3:00 pm - Zoom Pre-Marriage Prep

Friday 11/Saturday 12 February - Andrea+'s Sabbath

Sunday 13 February - Morning Prayer
10:30 am - Windermere Valley Shared Ministry is joining us for Worship.
11:30 am - Christ Church Anglican AGM

Resources

The liturgy today has been compiled with resources from:

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