

Fifth Sunday - 31 July 2021



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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 the Candle

We light this candle to share the light of Christ. 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

Gather us in, the lost and the lonely, the broken and breaking, the tired and the aching who long for the nourishment found at your feast.

GATHER US IN

the done and the doubting, the wishing and wondering, the puzzled and pondering who long for the company found at your feast.

GATHER US IN

the proud and pretentious, the sure and superior, the never inferior, who long for the levelling found at your feast.

GATHER US IN

the bright and the bustling, the stirrers, the shakers, the kind laughter makers who long for the deeper joys found at your feast.

GATHER US IN

from corner or limelight, from mansion or campsite, from fears and obsession,
from tears and depression, from untold excesses, from treasured successes,
to meet, to eat, be given a seat, be joined to the vine, be offered new wine,
become like the least, be found at the feast!

GATHER US IN!

Hymn – Come Everybody (Uyai mose)

Come everybody, come and praise your Maker,
Come everybody, come and praise your Maker,
Come everybody, come and praise your Maker,
Come now and Worship your God.

U-ya i-mo-se, ti-na-ma-te Mwa-ri,
U-ya i-mo-se, ti-na-ma-te Mwa-ri,
U-ya i-mo-se, ti-na-ma-te Mwa-ri,
U-ya i-mo-se, zvi-no.

A Prayer of Welcome

Come and bring your hidden places.
Come and bring your hurting spaces.
Come and eat with hearts that break.
Come and drink, new worlds to make.
Come and feast, your vision spread.
Despair and Hope connects the fed.
Jesus says, 'Come!'

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Pray and work that God may reign.

Throughout your day
let the Word of God breathe life into work and rest.
Maintain inner silence in all things
so as to dwell in Christ.
Be filled with the spirit of the Beatitudes:
joy, simplicity, mercy.

These words are recited daily by the Sisters of the Grandchamp Community

Instead of scripture today, I'm going to preach on Our Creed.

Our Creed

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

The Reverend Canon Andrea L. Brennan – “We are Not Alone –”

Paraphrase of the Lord's Prayer

Eternal Spirit,

**Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

Prayers of the People - Prayers of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks, always and for everything, saying,

"We thank you, God."

For the beauty and wonder of creation,

"We thank you, God."

For all that is gracious in the lives of all your people, revealing the image of Christ,

"We thank you, God."

For food and shelter, for families and friends,

"We thank you, God."

For minds to think and hearts to love,

"We thank you, God."

For strength to work, for delight in play, for the energy to live, and time to seek your way,

"We thank you, God."

For those who are courageous in conflict, patient in suffering, and faithful in adversity,

"We thank you, God."

For all who pursue justice, truth, and peace,

"We thank you, God."

Today, we give thanks especially for –

for these signs of your love,

"We thank you, God."

For all the saints who have reflected the light of Christ,

"We thank you, God."

These and all your prayers, spoken and unspoken, we offer to you through Jesus,
your Gift and our Salvation. **AMEN**

We are weary, O God.

Weary of the magnitude of problems in our world. Weary of troubles that overwhelm us.
Our global community has seen too much despair and disappointment, loss and grief.

In your company, O God, we have the courage to face our realities,
and to name them in the spirit of prayer.

In between the words, we leave space for silence, for those things that can best be
expressed by sighs and sorrow.

We never expected to live with uncertainty this long.

We never expected lockdowns to keep us apart this long.

We never expected so many celebratory moments to be lost.

We long to be set free from limitations. We long for consolation, and gentle
understanding. We long for a return to "normal", but know now that will be elusive.

Even as we journey through these dark valleys we pray, because we are not alone:
God is with us, and remains with us forever. Thanks be. Amen.

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Offertory Hymn - Draw the Circle Wide

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side. Draw the circle wide.

Let our hearts touch far horizons,
so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders, faithful to God's call

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side. Draw the circle wide.

Let the dreams we dream be larger,
than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us, open every door.

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side. Draw the circle wide.

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Concluding Prayer

Let us pray. **In gratitude for this moment, and these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Word and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.**

Sending

From this place we are connected to each other..
Though your faith may differ from mine, and your language
be unfamiliar to me, we are each created in a spirit of love.

**From this place we are responsible for each other..
Though we may be worlds apart, boundaries of
land, race, economics, and religion can have no meaning and
borders fall away if you are in need.**

From this place we reach out to each other...

And together we will seek justice, respect creation, grow in faith, and build the future.

From this place we bless each other...

**We give thanks for your being, we bless your creation,
made in the image of God who delights in you and cherishes you. Amen.**

Extinguishing the Paschal Candle

As we prepare to depart this time together we extinguish our candles,
knowing we will be together again, not necessarily as we wish,
yet as we are able. **Amen.**

Sending Song – All Are Welcome

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
ALL ARE WELCOME, ALL ARE WELCOME
ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE!

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace.
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
ALL ARE WELCOME, ALL ARE WELCOME
ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE!

Andrea's Weekly Calendar

Monday 01 August — BC Day - Statutory Day Off

Tuesday 02 August — Andrea+ at Knox

Wednesday 03 August — Saints' Day Worship at Christ Church Anglican
BCP Matins outdoors (Weather permitting)

Thursday 04 August- Worship and Homiletic Prep

2:00 pm — Hymn Selection at Fernie Knox United Church

Friday 05 August — Andrea's Sabbath

Saturday 06 August — Catch-up, Worship Prep and Sermon Writing

Our next worship:

Sunday 6 August @ 10:00 am — Communion Sunday (Pentecost 9)

Blended Worship, Broadcasting from Fernie Knox United Church

Worship Resources:

The liturgy today has been compiled with resources from Common Praise, Voices United and More Voices, Candle lighting and extinguishing written by Reverend Canon Andrea L. Brennan.

From A Wee Worship Book: Call to Worship, Sending, other resources from The Church of England, The Uniting Church of Australia, and the Church of New Zealand

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