

Sunday 21 November 2021 - Holy Baptism



Claire Marie Penson, Child of God

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

The Spirit of God is stirring in you.

And also in you.

Let the lighting of this candle mark our readiness to welcome our God.

Let this candle be a beacon of love to all.

Jani Francis, Indian Head, SK

Statement of Purpose

Sisters and Brothers,

let us celebrate God's gift of grace given to us in the sacrament of baptism.

There is one body and one Spirit; we have one hope in Christ.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God, Creator of us all.

Out of the water of baptism we rise with new life,

forgiven, renewed, and one with Christ, members of Christ's body.

HYMN – VU211 v. 1, 2, 4

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;
no angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends their burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Prayer of Illumination

Open wide our hearts, open wide our minds,
open your word to us this morning, we pray;
let your holy light shine upon it and through it,
bringing us light and life. **Amen**

Fern Gibbard, Penticton, BC

Reader: Kirsten Gillespie

Revelation 1.4b-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father,
to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN – VU217 v.1, 2, 5

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing:
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Bright burning sun with golden beam,
soft shining moon with silver gleam,
sing praises, sing praises,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

O rushing winds and breezes soft;
O clouds that ride the winds aloft,
sing praises, hallelujah!

O rising morn, in praise rejoice;
O lights of evening, find a voice,
sing praises, sing praises,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness:
sing praises, hallelujah!

Praise God eternal, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in one:
sing praises, sing praises,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Sermon: The Reverend Andrea L. Brennan --
“Who Is, Who Was and Who Is Yet To Come -- Welcome!”

Presentation of the Candidate

On behalf of the congregation of Knox United Church,
I present Claire Marie Penson
for initiation into the body of Christ through baptism.

Profession of Faith

Do you believe in God, Source of love;
in Jesus Christ, love incarnate;
and in the Holy Spirit, love’s power.

I do, by the grace of God.

Commitment to Seek Justice and Resist Evil

Trusting the gracious mercy of God,
will you turn from the forces of evil,
and renounce their power?

I will, God being my helper.

Commitment to Follow the Way of Jesus Christ

Will you follow the way of Jesus Christ?

I will, God being my helper.

Commitment to the Mission and Ministry of the Church

Will you join with your brothers and sisters in this community of faith to celebrate God's presence, live with respect in creation, and love and serve others?

I will, God being my helper.

Commitment of Parents

In baptism Claire marks an important step in her journey of faith.

Will you share your faith with Claire Marie, growing with her in faith, hope, and love?

I will, God being my helper.

Commitment of Godparents

Will you grow in faith with Claire Marie trusting that, "you are not alone, you live in God's world"?

I will, God being my helper.

Congregational Commitment

Let us pledge to Claire Marie our support and care.

**As a baptised and baptising people,
we commit ourselves to support and uphold you within the community of faith.**

May God grant us all the grace to live out our baptism.

Amen

Jesus Christ calls us all to make disciples of all nations,
and to offer God's gift of grace in baptism.

Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament,
promise your love, support and care to the one about to be baptised,
as she lives and grows in Christ?

We do, by the grace of God.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Pouring of Water

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts,

We lift them to God.

Let us give our thanks to God.

It is good to give God thanks and praise.

The water is poured...

Gracious and holy God, we bless you for the gift of life,
and within it, the gift of water.

Over it's unshaped promise your Spirit hovered at creation.

By water, comes the growth of the earth.

Through water, you led the children of Israel to freedom.
In the waters of Jordan your Child Jesus was baptised.
Now may your Spirit be upon us and what we do,
that this water may be a sign for all of new life in Christ,
in whose name we pray.

Amen

Blessed are you, O God, Ruler of the universe,
Maker of heaven and earth, Keeper of sky and sea.
At the beginning, your Spirit was at work,
brooding over the water's of creation's birth.

Again and again, you have shown your grace to us through water:
cleansing the earth at the flood,
parting for the exodus of the Red Sea,
flowing from the rock in the wilderness.

Blessed are you, O God.

In the fullness of time, you gave us Jesus:
nurtured by the waters of Mary's womb,
baptised by John in the river Jordan, giver of living water,
wellspring of eternal life.

Blessed are you, O God.

Therefore, eternal and present God,
We thank you for the water with which you bless us.
We pray that those who are baptised, into the death and resurrection of Jesus,
may live in your grace.

Pour out, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon this water,
this this font may become your womb of new birth,
our fount of blessing and source of grace.

Blessed are you, O God.

All glory, praise and honour be to you, now and forever.

Amen

The Act of Baptism

Claire Marie Penson,
I baptise you, in the name of God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen

Blessing

May the blessing of the one God,
Mother and Father of us all,
be with you today and always.

Amen

Marking with the Sign of the Cross

Claire Marie, child of God, I mark you with the cross, the sign of Love Incarnate.

Amen

Laying on of Hands

Claire Marie, may the Holy Spirit, Love's power,
guide you, inspire you, and work within you, all the days of your life.

Amen

Lighting of a Candle

Claire Marie, let your light shine before others,
that they may see your good works,
and give glory to God.

Amen

Presentation of a Bible

Receive this book, our Holy Scriptures,
and hear what the Spirit is saying to you and to the Church.

Declaration and Congregational Welcome

Into the household of faith,
We welcome you with joy and thanksgiving.

We are members of the Body of Christ.

We are inheritors of God's promise.

In the name of Christ, we welcome you.

Blessing

The grace of Christ attend you,
the love of God surround you,
the Holy Spirit keep you.

Amen

Hymn of Reception - VU644, v.1, 2, 3 I was there to hear your borning cry

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptised, to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;

in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the word, I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.

We Responding in Giving and Gratitude
Our Church Tithes and Offerings

Invitation

For what we receive, make us truly thankful, O God.
For what we are about to give, make us thankful, too.
Grateful for all that we are and for all that we might become,
we commit to living thankful, thanks-filled lives,
God of all!

Amen

Richard Bott, Vancouver, BC

Hymn of Thanksgiving – VU356

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and God's righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.

Hallelu, hallelujah!

Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and you shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened unto you.

Hallelu, hallelujah!

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,
Hallelu, hallelujah!

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.

Hallelu, hallelujah!

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Your Generosity Matters

“No Way to Treat a Child: Obaida's Story” - Mary Elson

Commissioning

From this place, go out remembering the holy vision.
Go to the waiting world, go out to build God's dream.
In this hour, go out with the Spirit of Christ within you and before you.

Amen

Robin Wardlaw, Toronto, ON

Extinguishing our Candles

As we move from this time of community in 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 Song – Masithi: AMEN

SING AMEN: **Amen we praise your name O God**

SING AMEN: **Amen, we praise your name O God**

SING AMEN: **Amen Amen, Amen Amen, Amen we praise your name O God**

MASITHI: **Amen, Siakudumisa**

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MASITHI: **Amen, bawo, Amen, bawo, Amen Siakudumisa**

Upcoming this week...

This afternoon - 1:30 - Rocky Mountain Village Worship

Monday 22 November - Administration and Worship Preparation

Tuesday 23 November - Office Hours at Knox United Church

Wednesday 24 November - 10:00 am Worship (Eucharist) at Christ Church,
Office Hours

Thursday 25 November - Worship/Homiletic Preparation

2:00 pm - Knox Hymn Selection

Friday/Saturday 26 November - Andrea+'s Sabbath

Saturday 27 November - Kootenay Cluster Preparing Ourselves for Advent

2:00 - 4:00 pm by Zoom - All are Welcome!

NEXT WORSHIP – 28 November - 10:00 am

Fourth Sunday Holy Eucharist

hosted at/by Christ Church Anglican

Credits:

The liturgy today has been compiled with resources from Gathering: Pentecost 2, 2021, Voices United, Celebrate God's Presence, and Common Praise.

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