

Lent 1 - 6 March 2022



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Opening Hymn - VU 226, Tune 81

For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth,
over and around us lies,
God of all, to you we raise,
this our hymn of grateful praise.

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

Christ the Life and Light of the World,
as we travel through this Lenten journey
lead us from ignorance to enlightenment,
from denying you to self-denial,
from shadows to light,
from fasting to feasting,
from death to life eternal.

Alwin Malben, Kimberley, BC

A Prayer for the Ukraine from the Church of Scotland

The news can be difficult to listen to and to read.
When that news relates to faces we know
and to voices familiar to us,
it becomes all the harder to hear.

Lord God,
We ask you to hold the people of Ukraine deep in your heart.
Protect them, we pray;
from violence,
from political gamesmanship,
from being used and abused.

Give, we pray,
the nations of the world the courage
and the wisdom
to stand up for justice
and the courage too,
to dare to care—generously.

Lord, in your mercy,
take from us all
the tendencies in us
that seek to lord it over others:
take from us those traits
that see us pursuing our own needs and wants

before those of others.
Teach us how to live in love
and dignity
and respect—following your example.
In your name and for your sake,
Amen

*—Issued by Lord Wallace, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and
the Very Rev. Dr. Susan Brown, convener of the Faith Impact Forum, Church of Scotland*

Call to Worship

On this first Sunday in Lent, Jesus our brother and our friend invites us with him into the wilderness to be tempted and challenged.

He invites us to experience hunger. He invites us to experience powerlessness.

He invites us to know what it means to worship in spirit and truth.

Come let us worship God.

We will worship the Lord our God and serve only our Creator.

Alwin Malben, Kimberly, BC

Opening Prayer

Gentle Spirit, we have come through the growing excitement and light of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. Now we turn ourselves inward, now we shine the light of insight we've found into our hearts to discover what is there. Bless this time of reflection and guide our steps as we journey the Lenten road that leads through death to life.

Nora Vedress, Prince Albert, SK

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, we get too used to our ways that we forget we are called to growth and change. We cling to that which we know and are comfortable with instead of embracing the new thing to which you are calling us. Forgive us for the times we are closed-minded and closed-hearted, when we have refused to hear your words of life and growth. Open us to your wisdom that we may follow you where you lead us. **Amen**

Susan Girard, Atikokan, ON

Words of Assurance

On the journey of Lent, we seek a spirit of discernment and wisdom. On the journey of Lent, we move toward relationship with God. Follow Jesus and know new life. Seek the Spirit and know new insight. Move toward God and know grace. You are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

Éric Hébert-Daly, L'Église Unie du Canada

Prayers for Illumination

Gracious God, draw us in when we hold back from getting involved in your message. If we know it well, let us receive it as though never before. If we are vague about the details, make it live for us. May we become your people, alive with your message. In the name of the ever-living Christ, we pray.

Amen

Laura Turnbull, Creston, BC

Reader: Sandra Colden

Reading: Luke 4.1-13

The Temptation of Jesus

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."'

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written,

"Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."'

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."'

Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." ' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Praise – VU 375 v.1

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, Wind. Wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters,
you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons
you called to each thing;
wake from your slumbers
and rise on your wings.
Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, Wind. Wind on the sea.

Sermon: The Reverend Andrea L. Brennan
Temptation? I know a shortcut

Prayers of the People - Lynda Bird

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All that we have, all that we are,
our feasting and our fasting,
we offer to God.

Thanks be to God. **Amen**

Kate Gregory, Belwood, ON

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Presented by: Mary Elson

Communion Hymn – VU 480 v.1

Let us break bread together on our knees,
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall down on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
Oh, Lord, have mercy on 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](#)

Let us go from here to ask ourselves:
Who can we anoint with the fragrance of our faith?
Where are we called to let down our hair and be vulnerable for Christ?

Karen Boivin, Ottawa, ON

[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 – VU 121 Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery](#)

From the dawning of creation,
you have loved us as your own;
stay with us through all temptation,
make us turn to you alone, make us turn to you alone.

[Upcoming this week...](#)

Monday 7 March - Admin and Worship Prep

10:00 am - Meeting

7:00 pm - Fernie Pride Society, AGM

Tuesday 8 March – Andrea+ at Fernie Knox United

Office Hours

5:00 pm - Anglican/United Share Ministry Course Online

Wednesday 9 March – Andrea+ at Christ Church

10:00 am - Saints Day Worship

Office Hours

4:30 pm - Joint Ministry & Personnel

Thursday 10 March – Worship and Homiletic Prep

5:30 pm - Christ Church Committee Meeting (Zoom)

Friday 11 March - Andrea+'s Sabbath

Saturday 12 March - 10:00 am Regional Council - by Zoom

[Next Worship](#)

Sunday 13 March - Lent II - Morning Prayer

Hosted by Christ Church, Fernie - Blended Worship

[Resources](#)

The liturgy today has been compiled with resources from:

[Gathering: Lent - Easter 2022](#), [Voices United](#) and [More Voices](#).

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