

## 28 February 2021 - Lent 2



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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 our Candles

As we enter the season of Lent, 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 gain strength from the longer days, the brighter sun and the promise of the resurrection.

### 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 – CP431  
Take Up Your Cross, the Saviour Said

Take up your cross the saviour said,  
if you would my disciple be;  
deny yourself with world forsake,  
and humbly follow after me.

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

Faithful God, may we set our minds and wills to yours, and take up our cross,  
following Christ with confidence for the glory you reveal in him;  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. **Amen** *FW/M Proposed Prayers alt.*

## The Proclamation of the Word

### **Reader – Norma Bayer**

One: May God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: A reading from the Gospel according to St. Mark

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Mark 8.31-38

### Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon: Reverend Andrea L. Brennan –

### 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 – CP386

#### When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died:  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

### Intercessions and Thanksgivings

#### **Carole Chorostecki**

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 Bishop,

Melissa our Metropolitan, 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.**

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 – CP179  
Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery v.2

Seed that dies to rise in glory,  
may we see ourselves in you;  
if we learn to live your story  
may we die to rise anew, may we die to rise anew.

### Prayer Over the Gifts

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone,  
but with words of grace and life.  
Bless us with these gifts, which we receive from your bounty,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.                   **Amen**

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

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### COVID-19 Prayer

Holy and Compassionate God,  
You accompany us in the wilderness.  
You are present with us in this crisis time in our lives and in the world.  
We pray for the people of the Elk Valley, and of those communities  
who have become part of our Parish Family.  
For clergy, leaders, parishes, and people.  
Strengthen our community.  
May your Holy Spirit connect us even in our distance.  
May we know you abide with us:  
Be our Calm as we face uncertainty and readjust plans and routines.  
Be our Rock in rapid change; give us resilience.  
Be our Shelter in the whirlwind;  
hide us under the safety of your loving wings.  
Be our Peace; free us from fear.  
Be our Strength; replenish us with courage.  
Be our Compassion; enliven us to serve those in need.  
Into your hands we commend our spirits,  
In the name of Jesus, our Healer and Redeemer.                   **Amen**

*Rt. Rev. Dr. Lynne McNaughton, Bishop of Kootenay*

### 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 enter the 40 days of Lent, may we hold tight to the promise of the resurrection, 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:

Today! Christ Church AGM - 11:30 am following Worship

Monday 01 March – Administration and Worship Prep

Tuesday 02 March – Office Hours @ Knox United  
4:30 pm - Joint M&P Committee

Wednesday 03 March – 10:00 am Saints Day Worship by Zoom  
Broadcasting from Christ Church  
5:30 - Joint Church Committee Meeting by Zoom

Thursday 04 March – Homiletic and Worship Preparation

Friday 05 March - 11:30 - 1:30 pm - Susan Beaumont Workshop

Saturday 06 March - Andrea+'s Sabbath

## **Our Next Worship:**

Sunday 07 March – Lent 3 - Communion Sunday  
10:00 am – Broadcasting from Knox United Church

## Credits:

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