

Lent 5 - 3 April 2022



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Opening Hymn - MV115 - Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New

Behold, behold, I make all things new
beginning with you and starting from today.

Behold, behold I make all things new
my promise is true, for I am Christ the way.

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, Kimberly, 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

The news is bleak.

The power of faith is strong.

The world is bleak and scary.

The love of Christ can drive out all fear.

Let us latch on to the wisdom and power of Christ's peace.

May it transform our living in this time of worship.

Beth W Johnston, Nipawin, SK

Opening Prayer

We are here to worship.

Let me receive the word of God.

We are here to praise and pray.

Let me offer my worship.

We are here to grow in our faith.

Through this worship, make me a truer disciple.

Elaine Bidgood Sweet, Rugby & Leeds, North Dakota

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

The One without sin assures us that if we confess our sins earnestly and seek to live differently, all is forgiven. Be encouraged by your wholly divine and wholly human Saviour; temptation is surmountable, the powers of sin breakable.

You are redeemable.

You are wondrous in the eyes of God.

Thanks be to God!

Elaine Bidgood Sweet, Rugby & Leeds, North Dakota

Prayers for Illumination

Loving God, who gave fully of your own self,

Reveal to us once again your vulnerable presence.

Reveal to us once again your daring compassion.

Reveal to us once again your path of kindness.

Reveal to us once again –

in the words of scripture –

your challenge of faithfulness and sacrifice.

AMEN

Gord Dunbar, Kincardine, ON

Reader: Orlan Weber

Reading: John 12.1-8

Mary Anoints Jesus

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Praise – MV106 v.3 - I Am the Dream

You are the world and I the echo.
You are the leader and I am the led.
You are the joy and I the laughter.
You are the Rock on which I lay my head.

Sermon: The Reverend Andrea L. Brennan
Mary?? – Which Mary??

Prayers of the People - Don Artley

That Lent may bring a return to the covenant in which we love God and our neighbour as Jesus teaches, we passionately pray:

God, renew the face of the earth.

That Lent may be a time for truth, justice and peace in the decisions of provincial, state, national and world governments, we passionately pray:

God, renew the face of the earth.

That Lent may be a time for each household to strengthen bonds of love and communication, we passionately pray:

God, renew the face of the earth.

silence is kept for other petitions
God, renew the face of the earth.

Hear our prayers, O God,
we join to them our promise to live Jesus' way of love. **AMEN**

from Celebrate God's Presence

[We Responding in Giving and Gratitude](#)
Our Church Tithes and Offerings

[Offering Prayer](#)

God, you are doing a new thing!

Make a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland!

Bless what we offer this day and let it join in the work of peace and justice.

AMEN

Kate Gregory, Belwood, ON

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[Your Generosity Matters: Acting Together for Ukraine](#)
Presented by: Mary Elson

[Communion Hymn – VU642 v.2 Be Thou My Vision](#)

Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife;
I ever with thee, and thou in my life;
thou loving parent, thy child may I be,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

[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](#)

You are blessed people of God, inheritors of an everlasting promise.

**As we go out into the world, we go with hope to share the promise of God's love
with all whom we meet. AMEN**

Ryan McNally, Cannifton, 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 - Lent 5

God of all our fear and sorrow,
God who lives beyond our death;
hold us close through each tomorrow,
love as near as every breath,
love as near as every breath.

Upcoming this week...

Sunday 3 April - Pre-Marriage Prep

1:00 pm - Cherished Memories F.S.

3:00 pm - Memorial Service for Reg Kennedy (Elkford)

Monday 4 April - Admin and Worship Prep

1:00 pm - Meeting in Cranbrook

6:00 pm - Presentation in Elkford on behalf of FPS

Tuesday 5 April – Andrea+ at Fernie Knox United

Office Hours

2:00 pm - Worship Committee Meeting

Wednesday 6 April – Andrea+ at Christ Church

10:00 am - Stations of the Cross Presentation

with Karen Brodie - Blended experience

Thursday 7 April – Worship and Homiletic Prep

2:00 pm - Hymn Selection at FKUC

Friday 8 April - Andrea+'s Sabbath

Saturday 9 April - 1:00 pm Burial Service for Gerry Botrakoff

St. Margaret's Cemetery

Next Worship

Sunday 10 April - Cedar Sunday - Morning Prayer

Hosted by Christ Church, Fernie - Blended Worship

If attending in person, please bring cedar from home to be blessed.

Resources

The liturgy today has been compiled with resources from:

Gathering: Lent - Easter 2022, Celebrate God's Presence, Voices United and More Voices.

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