

Lent III - 20 March 2022



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Opening Hymn - VU612 v.1

There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole
There is a balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole
There is a balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick soul.

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

Our days are growing longer, slowly, slowly.

We light this single candle to remind us

that even though things are not yet as we'd like them to be, we continue to wait...somewhat patiently, and join together in person and online, dreaming, hoping, wishing for that day when we will gather again,

not necessarily as we wish, yet as we are able.

Call to Worship

God calls us each and every moment of the day.

God calls us through the tears of sadness.

God calls us through the tears of joy.

God calls.

How we acknowledge is up to us.

Our choice to gather to worship is one way we accept God's call.

Jim McKean, Severn, ON

Prayer of Illumination

God of the ages, **as we encounter the scriptures this day and seek answers to our questions from these verses, help us to ask the right questions and be open to the guidance we find here.**

Inspire and challenge us to greater faithfulness.

AMEN

Beth W. Johnston, Nepawin, SK

Reader: Annie Cox

Reading: Jeremiah 1.4-10

Jeremiah's Call and Commission

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,

'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,

and before you were born I consecrated you;

I appointed you a prophet to the nations.'

Then I said, 'Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.'

But the Lord said to me,

'Do not say, "I am only a boy";

for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.
Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.'
Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me,
'Now I have put my words in your mouth.
See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.'

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word!

Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Praise - VU 337 v.1 Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of the Spirit, washed in Christ's blood!

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song.
praising my Saviour all the day long.

Sermon: The Reverend Andrea L. Brennan - "God knew you - "

[We Responding in Giving and Gratitude](#)

Our Church Tithes and Offerings

[Invitation to Offering](#)

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**

Karen Boivin, Ottawa, ON

Hymn of Thanksgiving VU651 v.3 - Guide me O, thou great Jehovah

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.

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A New 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.

Your Generosity Matters - Love the Way God Loves

Read by: Mary Elson

Prayers of the People

Led by: Judy Harrold

*We thank you, O God, for the day you have given to us,
for the snow which falls, the sun that shines,
for the wildlife with whom we share this majestic place,
for the goodness and joy of your Creation.*

Creator God, **let your kingdom come.**

*We praise you, O God, for those who lead us in small and large ways;
for our Fernie Knox United Church Board, our Christ Church Anglican Church
Committee and our Joint Church Committee who seek to hear you and lead us in
our Shared Ministry;*

for Blair, our President; Treena, our Executive Minister, Kathy our Regional Minister,
for Lynne, our Archbishop; for Neil, our Regional Dean
for Richard, our Moderator, the United Church of Canada, Pacific Mountain Region
for Linda, our Primate; the Anglican Church of Canada, the Diocese of Kootenay
Creator God, **let your kingdom come.**

We ask you, O God, to bless all who work in service
for the frontline workers, in medical care, and education
for the frontline workers, in hospitality, grocery and food services
for all who are tired, weary and exhausted,
Creator God, **let your kingdom come.**

We ask you, O God, to be with those who are on our hearts this day,
give peace to those who struggle,
give relief to all who are starving,
give hope to those who are despairing;
silence is kept for additional petitions
Creator God, **let your kingdom come.**

We ask you, O God, to be with all who will die today,
that they may be welcomed home into your arms,
that their families and friends may find the deep peace which passess all
understanding
may they always remember the one whom they loved and who loved them,
Creator God, **let your kingdom come.**

We ask you, O God, to be with us –
in sharing our grief
in celebrating our joy
in leading us along the paths you would have us follow,
Creator God, **let your kingdom come.**

[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**

Commissioning

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

**As we go 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 our Candles

As we move from this time of community and 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 – VU121 v. 3rd Sunday,
Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

Living Water of salvation, be the fountain of each soul;
springing up in new creation, flow in us and make us whole,
flow in us and make us whole.

Upcoming this week...

Monday 21 March - Admin and Worship Prep

Holy Week Service reconfiguration

1:00 pm - Pastoral Call, Sparwood

Tuesday 22 March - Office Hours at Fernie Knox United

Wednesday 23 March - 10:00 am Saints Day Worship by Zoom

broadcasting from Christ Church Anglican

1:00 pm - Joint Church Committee blended meeting

Thursday 20 January - Homiletic and Service Prep

Noon - Greater Clericus - Diocese of Kootenay

Friday 21/Saturday 22 January - Andrea+'s Sabbath

NEXT WORSHIP – 27 March 2022 – Lent IV – Holy Eucharist Sunday

10:00 am Worship – Broadcasting from Christ Church Anglican

If joining from home, please have your Communion Elements ready

1:00 pm - Trinity Lodge Worship Gathering in the Common Room

Credits: The liturgy today has been compiled with resources from Gathering: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany 2021-22, Voices United, and More Voices.
Candle lighting litany, candle extinguishing prayer and Prayers of the People, written by Reverend Andrea Brennan.

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