

Lent IV – Sunday 27 March 2022



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Opening Hymn – CP434 The Love of Jesus Calls Us

The love of Jesus calls us our joyous praise to sing;
our deeply felt thanksgivings we now together bring,
for all God's many blessings, unasked yet still received,
and for the generations who faithfully believed.

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 our Candles

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

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Almighty God,

**To you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.**

**Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Trisagion

Holy God,

holy and mighty,

holy immortal one,

have mercy upon us.

Collect for the Day

Eternal Lover of our wayward race,

you open your arms to accept us

even before we turn to meet your welcome;

you invite us to forgiveness

even before our hearts are softened to repentance.

Hold before us the image of our humanity made new,

so that we may live in Jesus Christ, your new creation. Amen.

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002), alt.

Hymn of Praise - CP1 Holy, Holy, Holy v.1

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Reader: Bill Silversides

Reading: Luke 15.1-3, 11b-32

May God be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

So he told them this parable:

The Parable of the Prodigal and His Brother

Then Jesus said, 'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.' " So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me

even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found." '

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, O Jesus Christ.**

Sermon: The Reverend Andrea L. Brennan - "Trust Me!"

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, **the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of the People

Read by: Sandra Barrett

*We thank you, O God, for the day you have given to us,
for the rain 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 fleeing their homes,
for peace in Russia and around the world.
for an end to the occupation of Ukraine
for a peaceable end to oligarchical megalomaniacs
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.***

Confession

Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
God welcomes sinners and invites them to this table.
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

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.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
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**

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

**The peace is exchanged verbally only,
with a wave if you're feeling fancy.**

Offertory Hymn - CP615 Just As I Am, v.1

Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou biddest me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer Over the Gifts

God our provider,

**you have not fed us with bread alone,
but with words of grace and life.**

**Bless us and these your gifts,
which we receive from your bounty,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 3 (S3)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right to thank you and praise you, holy and gracious God, creator of all things, ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life, for you are the source of all goodness, rich in mercy and abounding in love; you are faithful to your people in every generation, and your word endures forever.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
with the fellowship of saints and the company of heaven,
we glorify your holy name, evermore praising you and saying,
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise you, merciful God, not as we ought, but as we are able,
because in your tender love you gave the world your only Son,
in order that the world might be saved through him.
He made you known by taking the form of a servant, healing the sick,
liberating the oppressed, reaching out to the lost.
Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross,
He confronted the power of sin and disarmed it forever.
In his offering of himself, he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.
Redeemed by Christ, we have been adopted as your children;
by your pardon you have made us worthy to praise you.

On the night he was betrayed,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave you thanks,
broke the bread, gave it to them, and said,
"Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine,
and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them,
and said, "Drink this all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

In obedience to him and with grateful hearts we approach your holy table, remembering our Saviour's sacrifice, and rejoicing in his victory. Confident in his sovereign purpose, we declare our faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Send your Holy Spirit on us that as we receive this bread and this cup we may partake of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving. May we be renewed in his risen life, filled with love, and strengthened in our will to serve others; and make of our lives, we pray, a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you, knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever. **Amen**

[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

[Invitation to Receive the Elements](#)

Dear friends, I invite you in this moment, wherever you may be, to receive Christ, in communion with the saints, and the gathering of God's people, unseparated and yet present with us now. Many are made one.

**We receive you Lord Jesus Christ,
We welcome your presence in us, and together proclaim our love for you;
with all our hearts, minds, our soul and our strength,
with the saints we worship you, with the angels we adore you,
with your whole Church we proclaim your reign.
Come to us, through many, and make us one in you.**

[The elements are consumed...](#)

Prayer After Communion

Compassionate God,
you have fed us with the bread of heaven.
Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage;
may our fasting be hunger for justice;
our alms, a making of peace;
and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts;
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

Doxology

Glory to God,
All 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

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 – Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery - Lent IV

Give us eyes to see you clearly,
make us children of your light;
give us hearts to live more nearly
as your gospel burning bright,
as your gospel burning bright.

Upcoming this week...

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

Monday 28 March - Administration and Worship Prep

6:00 pm - Fernie Pride Society Board Meeting

Tuesday 1 April - Office Hours at Fernie Knox United

Wednesday 2 April - 10:00 am Wednesday Worship - Blendeds
broadcasting from Christ Church Anglican

1:30 pm - Pastoral Call in Sparwood

Thursday 3 March - Worship and Sermon Prep

Noon - Kootenay Cluster Gathering by Zoom

Friday 4/Saturday 5 March - Andrea+'s Sabbath

NEXT WORSHIP – 3 April 2022 – Lent V - Communion Sunday

10:00 am Worship – Broadcasting from Fernie Knox United Church

If joining us for Communion from home, please have your elements ready.

Credits: The liturgy today has been compiled with resources from The Book of Alternative Services, Service of the Word: Alternative Eucharistic Prayers, Alternative Collects of the Anglican Church of Canada, and Common Praise. Prayers of the People, Candle lighting, and candle extinguishing prayer written by Reverend Andrea Brennan © 2022

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