

23 May 2021 - Pentecost



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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 celebrate the resurrection, 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 find strength in the midst of weariness, pandemic, frustration and apathy, through the One who created us, sustains us and adores us.

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 – CP647, v.1 & 2 Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:
humble, caring, selfless, sharing --
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
break me, melt me, mould me, fill me --
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on 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

Holy Spirit, sent by Almighty God,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Church of England

The Proclamation of the Word

Reader – Norma Bayer

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 2.1-21

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not

all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’ All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’ But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’

Peter Addresses the Crowd

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

“In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Reverend Andrea L. Brennan – “Happy Birth-Day”

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 – CP637 Come Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire

Come Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, and lighten with perpetual fire;
thou the anointing Spirit art, who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessed unction from above is comfort, life and fire of love;
enable with perpetual light the dullness of our blinded sight

Anoint and cherish our soiled face with the abundance of thy grace;
keep far our foes give peace at home, where thou art guide no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son, and thee, of both, to be as one:
that through the ages all along, this may be our endless song:

praise to thy eternal merit, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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 Archbishop,

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.

Bless those who have received their first dose of the vaccine. Give patience to those
who are still waiting. Bring calm to those who are uncertain whether or not to receive
the vaccine.
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 – CP649, v1-2
Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Breathe on me, breath of God: fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God: until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with thine to do and to endure.

Prayer Over the Gifts

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.

Day by day you shower us with blessings.

As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts,
ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

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COVID-19 Prayer - marking the anniversary of the Pandemic

God of infinite compassion and mercy,

Our hearts are overflowing with a flood of emotions from the past year,

Fear and sorrow and grief — endurance, relief, and hope,

For the families of all who have died, who have been unable yet to mourn,
we ask your comfort

For health care workers persevering in the battle with the virus
we ask your strength and courage,

For government and public health leaders; we ask your wisdom

For all facing the relentless uncertainties that continue;
we ask your endurance and peace,

We give thanks for the resilience discovered within us,

We give thanks for all who continue to work to protect and care for us

We give thanks for your unending love and compassion in our midst at all times.

As we face the year ahead fill our hearts

with that same love and compassion for our world and its needs.

For in you we find all that is needed — for whatever lies ahead. **Amen**

Archbishop Linda Nicholls, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada

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 celebrate the resurrection, may we share that joy and hope,
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:

Monday 24 May – Victoria Day Sabbath

Tuesday 25 May – Office Hours @ Knox United

Wednesday 26 May – 10:00 am Saints Day Worship by Zoom
Broadcasting from Christ Church
5:30 pm Christ Church Parish Council

Thursday 27 May – Homiletic and Worship Preparation
Noon - Greater Clericus

Friday/Saturday 28/29 May - Andrea+'s Sabbath

Our Next Worship:

Sunday 30 May - Trinity Sunday - Outdoor Service (weather permitting)
10:00 am – Broadcasting from the back lawn of City Hall
COVID PROTOCOLS - Contact tracing, hand sanitizing, mask wearing
Maintaining appropriate distance, no Congregational singing.

Credits:

The liturgy today has been compiled with resources from Service of the Word, Alternative Collects from the Anglican Church of Canada, Common Praise, and More Voices. Candle lighting, Prayers of the People and extinguishing prayers written by Reverend Andrea L. Brennan ©2021.

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