

31 May 2020 – Pentecost



Call to Worship

ONE: Gather us in, the lost and the lonely, the broken and breaking, the tired and the aching who long for the nourishment found at your feast.

ALL: GATHER US IN

ONE: the done and the doubting, the wishing and wondering, the puzzled and pondering who long for the company found at your feast.

ALL: GATHER US IN

ONE: the proud and pretentious, the sure and superior, the never inferior, who long for the levelling found at your feast.

ALL: GATHER US IN

ONE: the bright and the bustling, the stirrers, the shakers, the kind laughter makers who long for the deeper joys found at your feast.

ALL: GATHER US IN

ONE: from corner or limelight, from mansion or campsite, from fears and obsession, from tears and depression, from untold excesses, from treasured successes, to meet, to eat, be given a seat, be joined to the vine, be offered new wine, become like the least, be found at the feast!

ALL: GATHER US IN!

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 the Christ Candle

ONE: Our Christian tradition teaches that there is mystery and wonder in our relationship with God; a mystery and wonder that opens in our worship and in our active discipleship.

ALL: Equally, the mystery is expressed as we relate to God as Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

ONE: Mystery, yes, at the same time revelation; one God whose fullness is lived in relationship.

ALL: We light this Christ candle naming Jesus as a life-giving, gracious presence within our relationship with the Creator and the Spirit.

Bill Perry, Havelock, ON

Opening Hymn – Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,
 Wind, Wind on the Sea

You moved on the water, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep,
and over the eons you called to each thing:

- wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,
 Wind, Wind on the Sea

You swept thro' the desert, you stung on the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,
then you spoke thro' your prophets to open their eyes.

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,
 Wind, Wind on the Sea

Collect of the Day

God of wind and flame,
send your life-giving Spirit upon your people:
give fire to our words,
strength to our witness
and boldness to our proclamation
of your wondrous work in Christ;
who with you and the Spirit, lives and reigns
now and for ever. AMEN

The Proclamation of the Word

Reader – Beverlee Miller

Numbers 11.24-30

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, 'My lord Moses, stop them!' But Moses said to him, 'Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!' And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Acts 2.1-21

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

2When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. 7Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?

9Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' 12All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' 13But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

Peter Addresses the Crowd

14 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. 15Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. 16No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

17 "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.

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

19 And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
20 The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

[Notes: Verses 1-4 and 5-8 will be read in German by Hilda Silversides
Verses 9-13 will be read in French by Ron Ulrich
Verses 14-18 will be read in Spanish by Kirsten Gillespie
Verses 19-21 will be read in Cantonese by Jael Wong-Fehringer

Jael will read Verse 21 in Cantonese
Then Kirsten will read it in Spanish
Then Ron will read it in French
Then Andrea+ will read it in English.]

Invocation – Come Holy Ghost – Jael Feringer-Wong

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, and lighten with celestial fire;
thou the anointing Spirit art, who dost thy seven-fold 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 cheer 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 but one,
that through the ages all along, this may be our endless song:

Praise to thine eternal merit, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Gospel Reader – Beverlee Miller

John 7.37-39

Rivers of Living Water

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water." ' Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Sermon: The Reverend Andrea L. Brennan
Title: Birth of the Church

Hymn of Praise – 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.

Breathe on me breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me breath of God, so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

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.

Prayers of the People

Petition and **Response:**

God, as we fear – **Open our hearts to love**

God of love and mercy, be with us as we gather in these uncertain times.
Calm our minds, give us the deep peace we seek as we yearn to know you.
God, as we fear – **Open our hearts to love.**

Bless all those front line workers; hospital, health unit, police, ambulance
and EMT's; grocery clerks, pharmacists and their assistants who are testing
their own health that they may keep us safe, fed and supported.
God, as we fear – **Open our hearts to love.**

Bless all those in the Elk Valley who care for our corner of creation.
For our Mayor, Ange; our Premier, John; and our Prime Minister, Justin.
For Adrian Dix and Dr. Bonnie Henry.
God, as we fear – **Open our hearts to love.**

Bless all those who lead us in small and large ways.
For our Conference Minister Kathy, our Regional Minister Treena, our
Regional President Jay, and for our Moderator, Richard.
For our Bishop Lynne, our Regional Dean Yme, and for our Primate, Linda.
For the Pacific Mountain Region, for the United Church of Canada.
For the Diocese of Kootenay, for the Anglican Church of Canada
God, as we fear – **Open our hearts to love.**

Be with those who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and are separated
from their families. We give thanks for those who have recovered from the
virus. We pray that for those whom cure is not possible, that their death
may be merciful, swift and gentle.
God, as we fear – **Open our hearts to love.**

God of Mercy be with those who will die this day. Draw them into your
arms and let them know they have found a home with you.
God, as we fear – **Open our hearts to love.**

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises together
we 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.

Offertory Hymn

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures high and low
Give thanks to God in love made known
Creator, Word and Spirit, One

Prayer Over the Gifts

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
Through your goodness
you have blessed us with these gifts:
our selves, our time and our possessions.
Use us, and what we have gathered,
in feeding the world with your love,
through the one who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. AMEN

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 Diocese of Kootenay,
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*

Blessing

ONE: From this place we are connected to each other...
Though your faith may differ from mine, and your language be unfamiliar to me, we are each created in a spirit of love.

ALL: From this place we are responsible for each other...
Though we may be worlds apart, boundaries of land, race, economics, and religion can have no meaning and borders fall away if you are in need.

ONE: From this place we reach out to each other...
And together we will seek justice, respect creation, grow in faith, and build the future.

ALL: From this place we bless each other...
We give thanks for your being, we bless your creation, made in the image of God who delights in you and cherishes you.

Extinguishing the Paschal Candle

As we prepare to continue with our day
we extinguish our candles, knowing
we will be together again, soon.

Sending Song – 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. (2x)

Upcoming this week:

Monday 1 June @10:00 am – Joint M&P Meeting

Tuesday 2 June @10:00 am – Worship Committee

Wednesday 13 June 1:30 – JCCM by Zoom

Guests: Kathy Davies, Regional Minister

Lynne McNaughton, Bishop of Kootenay

3:30 pm – Knox Board Meeting

Thursday – Admin, Worship Prep, Sermon Prep

Friday/Saturday – Andrea+'s Sabbath

Our next worship:

Sunday 7 June – Trinity Sunday @ 10:00 am – United-style worship

Credits:

The liturgy today has been compiled with resources from Service of the Word, Alternative Collects from the Anglican Church of Canada, Common Praise, Gathering – Pentecost 1, Year A, Voices United, More Voices and Worship Feast: Services from Iona.