

7 June 2020 – Trinity/Pride Sunday



Land Acknowledgement

We gather here, mindful of the many who, for millennia, have called this valley home, or depended on it's 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

Call to Worship

ONE: Here we come to experience
the presence of God.
Here we seek to be inspired by
the Way of Jesus for the week ahead.
Here we enter to look for ways to be
transformed by the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Here we gather:
to feel the winds of God,
to sense the power of the Spirit,
to find the truth of Christ for our lives.
May it be so in this time of worship.

Bill Steadman, Goulais River, ON

Opening Prayer

In this time of COVID-19, we pray:
When we aren't sure, God, help us be calm;
when information comes from all sides, correct and not,
help us to discern;
when fear makes it hard to breathe,
and anxiety seems to be the order of the day,
slow us down, God;
help us to reach out with our hearts,
when we can't touch with our hands;
help us to be socially connected,
when we have to be socially distant;
help us to love as perfectly as we can,
knowing that "perfect love casts out all fear."
For the doctors, we pray,
for the nurses, we pray,
for the technicians and the janitors and the aides and the caregivers,
we pray,
for the researchers and theorists, the epidemiologists and investigators,
for those who are sick, and those who are grieving, we pray,
for all who are affected, all around the world...
we pray for safety, for health, for wholeness.
May we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty,
clothe the naked and house those without homes;
may we walk with those who feel they are alone,
and may we do all that we can to heal
the sick—
in spite of the epidemic, in spite of the fear.
Help us, O God, that we might help each other.
In the love of the Creator,
in the name of the Healer,
in the life of the Holy Spirit that is in all and with all, we pray.
May it be so.

Rt. Rev. Richard Bott, Moderator of the United Church of Canada

Opening Hymn – Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness VU375, v.3,4

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 sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still,
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew thro' your people on the rush of the wind.

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 call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams,
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,
with bold new decisions your people arise.

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

Prayer of Illumination

ONE: What word has come to us

ALL: as if we had been waiting?

ONE: Waiting...

ALL: waiting as we do in our youth for a wave to propel us ashore, fingers dripping wet and our delight saturated with sun and anticipation.

ONE: Waiting...

ALL: waiting as the wind waits to fill the sail and take us home, restless and lonely until we finally invite it to move us.

ONE: The word has raised us,

ALL: as if we, ourselves, were Christ.

ONE: And the Holy Spirit is beckoning us
to greet life with trust,

ALL: as if God has been waiting eons for this moment to ripen.

ONE: God has come at us with a word.

ALL: Blessed is the Holy Breath's gift that has found us.

ONE: Come, Holy God, Creator, Christ, and Spirit;

come in this moment to raise your word within us! Amen.

Daryl Webber, Oakville, ON

Reader –

The Proclamation of the Word

Isaiah 40.25-31

To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high and see:

Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength,
mighty in power,
not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,

'My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God'?

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;

but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

Philippians 4.4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Gospel According to John

The Word Became Flesh

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me." ') From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Hymn of Praise – VU380 (v.1,2) She Comes Sailing on the Wind

She comes sailing on the wind,
her wings flashing in the sun,
on a journey just begun, she flies on.
And in the passage of her flight,
her song rings on through the night,
full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.

Silent water rocking on the morning of her birth,
like an empty cradle waiting to be filled.
And from the heart of God the Spirit moved upon the earth,
like a mother breathing life into her child.

Many were the dreamers whose eyes were given sight
when the Spirit filled their dreams with life and form.
Deserts turned to gardens, broken hearts find new delight,
and then down the ages still she flew on.

She comes sailing on the wind,
her wings flashing in the sun,
on a journey just begun, she flies on.
And in the passage of her flight,
her song rings on through the night,
full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.

Sermon: The Reverend Andrea L. Brennan
Pride & Trinity...

WE RESPOND IN GIVING AND GRATITUDE

Our Church Tithes and Offerings

Call to Offering

from Gathering

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
We are blessed with the Trinity!
We ask that you bless these gifts we have offered.
Use them to share your love,
O blessed Three-in-One. Amen

Fraser Williamson, Port Loring/Golden Valley, ON

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.

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A Statement of Faith

You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose over-arches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.

You have revealed and provided
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.

You are our God. We worship you.

From A New Zealand Prayer Book

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, 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.**

We lift up to you the family of Mr. George Floyd who was killed while under
arrest. Dear God, please calm the hearts of those who are devastated.
Be with those who are rioting that their voices may be heard. May they
see you reflected in everyone they encounter. Remind us all that black
lives matter, Queer lives matter. Remind us that we are all your beloved
and precious children. Be the balm and comfort to world. Show us, once
again, that love is the way.
God, as we fear – **Open our hearts to love.**

Bless and protect those who are on our hearts today.
Who's names we offer to you silently or aloud --
PAUSE
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.**

Paraphrase of the Lord's Prayer

Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever. Amen.

MV161 (v.1,4) – I Have Called You by Your Name

I have called you by your name, you are mine:
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called and chosen; you are mine.

I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children whole:
go and tell my precious people they are mine.

**MINUTE FOR MISSION – Mary Elson
Remembering Alvin Dixon**

Commissioning

May we go out from here to live in the joy
Of the wondrous love of the threefold God,
In the shaping of the Creator,
In the energy of our friendship with Christ,
And in the kindness of the Spirit of Life
Who calls us to live,
Who calls us to love,
Who calls us to serve,
This day, this night, and forevermore.

Bob Root, Peterborough ,ON

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 – Please sing twice

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 – Administration

Tuesday @ 10:00 am – Andrea+ at Knox until 1:00 pm
FaithFest meeting by Zoom @10:00 am

Wednesday – Kootenay Clericus by Zoom @Noon
Church Committee by Zoom @5:30 pm

Thursday – Kootenay Cluster by Zoom @11:30 pm

Friday/Saturday – Andrea+'s Sabbath

Our next worship:

Sunday 14 June @10:00 am MDT
Second after Pentecost – Anglican-style worship

Credits:

The liturgy today has been compiled with resources from The New Zealand Prayer Book, Voices United, More Voices and Gathering: Year A, Pentecost 1