

## Remembrance Sunday - 7 November 2021



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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 and Métis Nation. We strive for reconciliation with our Indigenous siblings, and pray that the Creator will guide our way.

### Lighting the Christ Candle

Jesus said (Matthew 18:20): "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." We light this candle as a reminder that we are not alone. May its flame warm our hearts and inspire us to live the message of the gospel.

### Call to Worship

- One: From east and west, north and south, we gather on this day of remembrance to give thanks and praise.
- All: We come to be inspired by the Word of God and honour the sacrifices of those who have committed themselves to service before self.
- One: In times of peace, in times of conflict, and in times of uncertainty,
- All: We remember that we are not alone.
- One: We are the people of God, connected across time and space, from generation to generation.
- All: We are united by the love of the One who said: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."
- One: As we gather to remember, let us sing and pray.
- All: Let us worship God together!

### Opening Prayer

Let us pray... God of our past, present, and future, we have come to this place as a people of hope. We hope for a future without war and a world that lives together in peace. In years past, and in the present day, members of our armed forces have put their lives at risk for this hope, with some paying the ultimate cost. May what we do here today strengthen our resolve to work together so that this hope may be fulfilled. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

### **Opening Hymn - MV221, I Am Walking a Path**

I am walking a path of peace, I am walking a path of peace,  
I am walking a path of peace,  
Lead me home, Lead me home.

I am walking a path of love, I am walking a path of love,  
I am walking a path of love,  
Lead me home, Lead me home.

I am walking a path of hope, I am walking a path of hope,  
I am walking a path of hope,  
Lead me home, Lead me home.

### Prayer of Confession

Holy One, when our lives are comfortable and we live in relative safety, it can be all too easy to forget that what we enjoy today has come at a great cost. For some, the price was their last breath. For others, it was wounds to body, mind, or spirit. Our inability to resolve conflicts through peaceable means has caused harm beyond measure.

Forgive us for using violence as a way to resolve our differences.

On days like this, we remember those who defend our freedoms and we say "Lest we forget." Yet, too often we forget that the wounds to mind and spirit can last a lifetime.

Forgive us for not remembering once the poppies have been put away.

Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers," but we have often focused on what divides us rather than on what can bring us together.

Forgive us for our reluctance to do the hard work of peacemaking.

For all these things, and for those which we name before you now in the silence of our hearts, forgive us...

### Time of Silent Prayer and Reflection

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## Words of Assurance

Jesus said (John 3:17): “God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.” Receive the Good News: in Christ, you are forgiven! Our loving God desires that all people, indeed the whole world, be restored to right relationship with God and one another, so that we might live together in peace.

**Reader: Don Artley**

**Reading: Micah 4.1-5**

**Peace and Security through Obedience**

In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised up above the hills.

Peoples shall stream to it,  
and many nations shall come and say:  
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between many peoples,  
and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away;  
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
and their spears into pruning-hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more;  
but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees,  
and no one shall make them afraid;  
for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

For all the peoples walk,  
each in the name of its god,  
but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God  
for ever and ever.

**Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.**

**Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn of Praise – MV209 Go Make a Diff'rence

Go make a diff'rence we can make a diff'rence  
Go make a diff'rence in the world

We are the salt in the earth, called to let the people see  
The love of God in you and me

We are the light of the world, not to be hidden, but be seen  
Go make a diff'rence in the world

We are the hands of Christ, reaching out to those in need  
The face of God for all to see

We are the spirit of hope, we are the voice of peace

Reflection: “The Uncle I Never Knew” - Carole Chorostecki

### Words of Remembrance

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.

**Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.**

At the going down of the sun and in the morning.

**We will remember them.**

### Action of Remembrance

As we hear In Flanders Fields, sung by the Aaron Mitchell Children's Choir, the congregation is invited to come forward and pin their poppy on the white cross.

### We Responding in Giving and Gratitude

Our Church Tithes and Offerings

### Invitation to Giving

Each day of our lives we are presented with opportunities to respond to God's love and give of ourselves in faithful service. There are many ways to give, each according to our own abilities, with all gifts working together for the sake of the mission and ministry entrusted to us by God. You are now invited to give, as you are able, to support the work of this community of faith.

### Offering Prayer

God of abundance, we thank you for the gifts that we present to you now. We ask that you receive them and bless them. May they enable us to serve the world in ways that inspire hope and make your love known. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Please support our ministry by cheque or e-transfer to:

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Box 1808, Fernie, BC V0B 1M0  
knoxferniefinance@gmail.com

Christ Church Anglican  
Box 279, Fernie, BC V0B 1M0  
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**Your Generosity Matters: A Step Towards Peace**  
**Presented by Mary Elson**

**Communion Hymn – VU154 Deep in Our Hearts**

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,  
telling Creation that we are one.

Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common goal;  
Deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,  
justice and peace in harmony.

Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common theme;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common current,  
flowing to freedom like a stream.

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,  
telling Creation that we are one.

Communion Liturgy

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to God.**

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We must give thanks to God our Creator!

**God's creation blesses us all.**

All that is sacred, all that is holy, come from You, our living God.  
When we cannot be physically together because of a pandemic, you are there.

You created order from chaos, your children from clay, and blessed us  
with minds to think, hearts to love and mouths to speak.

Even when we fail you; even when we disappoint ourselves, you are there.  
Loving us through the chaos, standing us up when we fall down.

Staying with the remains of children discovered in multitudinous unmarked graves.  
Giving protection to those who are traumatised from generations old hurts.  
Reminding us that there are alternatives to war as the world struggles for peace.

Protecting us from the evil in the world; you are there.  
And so, we join with the chorus of heavenly bodies as we say;

**Holy, holy, holy God, Holy and blessed are you.**

**Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Glory to you, O God most high.**

And so, as we gather from around this fragile earth  
our island home to celebrate the night you made the ordinary, extraordinary.

That fateful night, at supper with his friends,  
Jesus took the ordinary bread,  
bread they had shared many times before.

He took it, blessed it, broke it and said  
"This is my body, broken in love for you".

Jesus took the cup, what was left from the meal,  
a meal shared many times before.  
He raised it, blessed it and said  
"This is my blood, shed for eternity.  
When you take this bread and this cup,  
remember that I am with you always.  
A covenant and promise I make, to never forsake you".

And so, as we take this ordinary made extraordinary  
this bread and cup, God's promise and love,  
broken and poured, blessed and shared,  
joining us together as a spiritual family.

**Christ has died,**

**Christ has risen,**

**Christ will come again.**

We take our bread, or that which represents Christ's body.  
We take our cup, or that which represents Christ's blood.  
When we consume these, we will never be the same.  
We will become closer to you, dear God, and to each other.

We thank you God, for the many blessings of this Earth.  
We ask you to pray for those we carry on our hearts this day.  
We ask you to be with those who need your strength,  
and to those you call home today,  
may those they leave behind always know your love.

Joining our prayers and praises together,  
Let us 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**

#### Distribution of Communion

##### Taking the Bread, Pouring the Cup

The bread of Christ  
**Broken in love for us.**

The cup of salvation.  
**Our way to eternal life.**

*The elements are consumed.*

Those in the Worship Space are invited to come up, one at a time or in your household bubble and receive the sacrament of Communion, in "bread" only.

#### Commissioning

Remember the sacrifices of those who have gone before us.  
Take up the whole armour of God and remain steadfast.  
Fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness.  
Put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.  
May the grace of God, the love of Christ, and the hope of the Spirit be with you now  
and always. Amen.

Extinguishing the Christ Candle

As we move from this time of community and communion  
**we hold in our hearts 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**

*Andrea Brennan, Fernie, BC*

**Sending Song – Masithi: AMEN**

SING AMEN: **Amen we praise your name O God**

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MASITHI: **Amen, Siakudumisa**

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MASITHI: **Amen, bawo, Amen, bawo, Amen Siakudumisa**

Upcoming this week...

Monday 8 November - Admin and Worship Prep  
12:30 pm - Pastoral Visit

Tuesday 9 November – Andrea+ at Knox United  
9:30 am - 12:30 pm Office Hours and Preparation for Advent Event  
1:00 pm - Remembrance Day walk through at Cemetery  
7:00 pm - ASL Course - Zoom

Wednesday 10 November - Andrea+ at Christ Church  
10:00 am - Saints Day Worship (by Zoom and In Person at Christ Church)  
11:00 am - Office Hours at Christ Church  
8:00 pm - Diocesan Ecumenical Shared Ministry Zoom meeting

Thursday 11 November - Remembrance Day  
11:00 am at St. Margaret's Cemetery  
Noon - Deanery Clericus  
1:00 pm - Worship Preparation

Friday 12 November - Andrea+ Sabbath

Saturday 13 November - East Kootenay Regional Council

Sunday 14 November - 10:00 am Worship, Broadcasting from Christ Church

Credits: The liturgy today has been compiled by Capt (Rev.) Nathan Wright—Chaplain, The Royal New Brunswick Regiment (Fredericton, NB) with resources from Voices United and More Voices. Candle lighting, extinguishing and Communion liturgy written by Reverend Andrea Brennan.

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