

11 October 2020 – Thanksgiving



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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

We light this candle to share the light of Christ. Both within ourselves and with each other. May this flame remind us that we are never alone when we trust in and love God with our heart, mind, soul and strength. AMEN

Call to Worship

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

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: 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.

ALL: AMEN.

Opening Hymn – CP379 v.1

Rejoice the Lord is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing and triumph ever more.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

Confession and Absolution

ONE: 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.

ALL: 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

ONE: 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 for ever.

ALL: AMEN

Collect of the Day

Giving and forgiving God,
you created the good earth and blessed it.
Give us glad and generous hearts,
so that we may rejoice and give thanks
for the abundance of your creation,
the depths of your mercy and your care for all;
blessed are you, O God, Source of all being,
eternal Word and Holy Spirit,
for ever and ever.

AMEN

The Proclamation of the Word

Reader – Bill Silversides

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. Matthew

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 17.11-19

Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.'

And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

One: The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Sermon: Reverend Andrea L. Brennan
Giving Thanks

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 – CP381

Praise, my Soul

Praise my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Norma Bayer

ONE: In peace we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work:

ALL: For our families, friends, and neighbours, and for all those who are alone.

ONE: For this community, our country, and the world;

ALL: For all who work for justice, freedom and peace.

ONE: For the just and proper use of your creation;

ALL: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice and oppression.

ONE: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

ALL: For all those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

ONE: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

ALL: For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.

ONE: For Neil our Regional Dean, Lynne our Bishop,

Melissa our Metropolitan, Linda our Primate;

For Kathy our Regional Minister, Blair our Regional President,

Treena our Executive Minister, Richard our Moderator.

ALL: For all who serve God in the Church.

ONE: For our own needs and those of others.

ALL: Hear us Lord, for your mercy is great.

ONE: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

SILENCE. The people may add their own thanksgivings.

ONE: We will exalt you, O God our king;

ALL: And praise your name for ever and ever.

ONE: 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.

ALL: Hear us Lord, for your mercy is great.

ONE: 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;

ALL: Hear us Lord, for your mercy is great.

ONE: 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.

ONE: Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;

ALL: Who put their trust in you.

ONE: 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.

ALL: AMEN

Offertory Hymn – CP405 Alleluia No.1, v.1
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth;
he is the king of creation.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to his name.

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

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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

Prayer of St. John Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests. Fulfill now our desires and petitions as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father, are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. 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.

Extinguishing our Candles

Our time together has come to an end,
we now go about the rest of our day,
knowing in small and in large ways,
we are connected to each other, through you, O God.
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 12 October – Thanksgiving Day (Andrea+ off)

Tuesday 13 October – Andrea+ at Knox

Wednesday 14 October – 10:00 am – Said Worship at Christ Church

2:00 pm – PMRC Townhall (UCC) by Zoom

Thursday 15 October – 11:00 am – Clergy Conference (ACC) by Zoom

12:00 pm – Kootenay Cluster (UCC) by Zoom

5:30 pm – Christ Church Committee by Zoom

Friday/Saturday – PMRC (UCC) AGM by Zoom

Our next worship:

Sunday 18 October – 10:00 am United-style worship - 20th after Pentecost

1:00 pm – Blessing of the Animals by Zoom

2:00 pm – Blessing of the Animals in person – back lawn at City Hall

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 and extinguishing prayers written by Reverend Andrea L. Brennan (c) 2020.