

14 February 2021 - Transfiguration



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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 the days slowly lengthen, one small light can illuminate our way to safety. We light this candle to honour all those who have experienced the transfiguring love of God, through his son, our brother, Jesus the Christ.

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 – CP167
'Tis Good Lord, to be Here

'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Thy glory fills the night;
thy face and garments like the sun,
shine with unborrowed light.

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

Lord of the mountain peak,
whose light reveals the earth
to be a dwelling place for love;
Lord of the overshadowing,
whose darkness confounds
the lie that we can possess you:
transform our hearts and minds,
so that we may listen to him
who bears the weight of glory
in the lightness of our flesh,
Jesus Christ, your Chosen One. Amen.

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

The Proclamation of the Word

Reader – Bill Silversides

One: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: A reading from the Gospel according to St. Mark

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Mark 9.2-9

The Transfiguration

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

The Coming of Elijah

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: Reverend Andrea L. Brennan – “To be Transfigured...”

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.

Hymn of Praise – CP393

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,

in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;

most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,

almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Norma Bayer

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 Bishop,
Melissa our Metropolitan, 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.

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 – CP385

Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
bow down before him his glory proclaim;
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,
bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name!

Prayer Over the Gifts

God of mercy and grace,
the eyes of all wait upon you,
and you open your hand in blessing.
Fill us with good things at your table,
so that we may come to the help of all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

Amen

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

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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

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 the days continue to slowly lengthen, we extinguish these candles, knowing that one day soon, 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 15 February – Administration and Worship Prep

Tuesday 16 February – Office Hours @ Knox United

Wednesday 17 February – Ash Wednesday

10:00 am Zoom Worship from Christ Church Anglican

11:15 - 11:45 Imposition of Ashes from your car @ Christ Church

6:00 pm Zoom Worship from Knox United Church

7:15- 7:45 Imposition of Ashes from your car @ Knox United

Thursday 18 February – Homiletic and Worship Preparation

Friday/Saturday 19/20 February – Andrea+'s Sabbath

Our Next Worship:

Sunday 21 February – Lent 1

10:00 am – Broadcasting from Knox United Church

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.