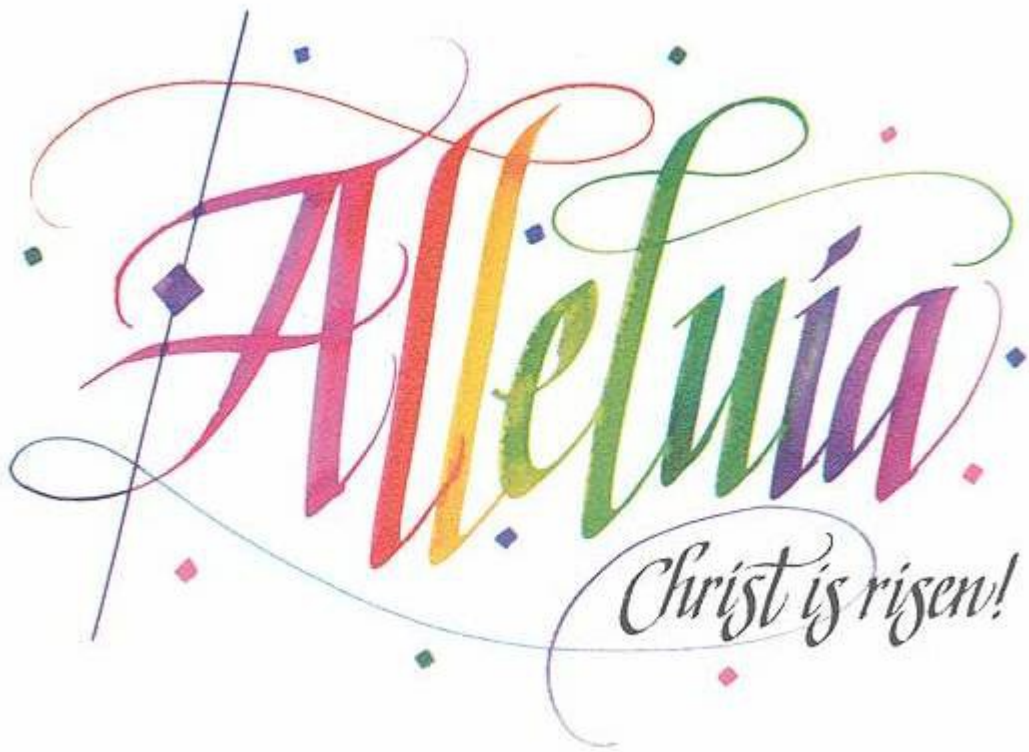


12 April 2020 – Easter Sunday



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!

Opening Hymn – Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Je-sus Christ is risen to-day, a---le--lu-ia!
our tri-um-phant ho-ly day, a---le--lu-ia!
who did one, up-on the cross, a---le--lu-ia!
suf-fer to re-deem our loss. A---le--lu-ia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, a---le--lu-ia!
un-to Christ our heaven-ly King, a---le--lu-ia!
who en-dured the cross and grave, a---le--lu-ia!
suffer to re-deem our loss. a---le--lu-ia!

But the pains which he en-dured, a---le--lu-ia!
our sal-va-tion have pro-cured, a---le--lu-ia!
now a-bove the sky he's king, a---le--lu-ia!
where the angels ev-er sing. A---le--lu-ia!

Collect of the Day

Love divine, in raising Christ to new life you open the path of salvation to all people. Send us out with the joy of Mary Magdalene to proclaim that we have seen the Lord, so that all the world may celebrate with you the banquet of your peace. Amen

The Proclamation of the Word

Jeremiah 31.1-6

The Joyful Return of the Exiles

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the Lord:

The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the Lord appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;

therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel!

Again you shall take your tambourines,

and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.

Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria;

the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit.

For there shall be a day when sentinels will call

in the hill country of Ephraim:

'Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God.'

Psalm 118

A Song of Victory

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever!

Let Israel say,

'His steadfast love endures for ever.'

The Lord is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

'The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;
the right hand of the Lord is exalted;
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.'

I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me severely,
but he did not give me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvellous in our eyes.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Acts 10.34-43

Gentiles Hear the Good News

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Gradual Hymn – Halle Halle Halle

Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le, lu-u-jah
Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le, lu-u-jah
Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le, lu-u-jah
Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah!

Repeat twice

John 20.1-18

The Resurrection of Jesus

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.

He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Response to the Gospel – Halle Halle Halle

Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le, lu-u-jah
Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le, lu-u-jah
Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le, lu-u-jah
Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah!

Repeat twice

Sermon: The Reverend Andrea L. Brennan

Title: And He shall know you by name...

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.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

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 Lynne our Bishop, for Kathy our Regional Minister and for all bishops and other ministers;

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 – Christ the Lord is Risen Today (CP206)

Christ the Lord is risen to-day, al – le – lu – jah!
earth and haven in cho-rus say, al – le – lu – jah!
Raise your joys and tri-umphs high: al – le – lu – jah!
sing, ye heavens, and earth re-ply: al – le – lu – jah!

Love's re-deem-ing work is done, al – le – lu – jah!
fought the fight, the bat-tle won, al – le – lu – jah!
Death in vain for-bids him rise, al – le – lu – jah!
Christ has o-pened par-a-dise, al – le – lu – jah!

Offertory Response

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,
ruler of heaven and earth.
Day by day you shower us with blessings.
As you have raised us to new life in Christ,
give us glad and generous hearts,
ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,
through 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

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.

Doxology

ONE: Glory to God

**ALL: whose power working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask for imagine.**

**Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

ONE: May the God of hope
fill us with all joy and peace in believing
through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

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.

Upcoming This Week:

Reverend Andrea is taking this week off for retreat and rest.
There will be no office hours on Tuesday at Knox and no mid-week Saint or email.

Our next worship:

Sunday 19 April @10:00 am – Easter 2 – Holy Humour Sunday
Feel free to wear your pajamas to 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, Voices United, More Voices and Worship Feast: Services from Iona.