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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 our Candles

As we celebrate the resurrection, we remember that one small light can illuminate our way to safety. We light this candle in remembrance and in honour those who are gone from our eyes, but not from our hearts. Those separated by death, distance or disease. May we find strength in the midst of weariness, pandemic, frustration and apathy, through the One who created us, sustains us and adores us.

Opening Hymn – CP508

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest.
Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."

I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad.
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live."

I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream.
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light.
Look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun,
and in that light of life I'll walk till travelling days are done.

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.

Almighty God,

to you all hearts are open,

all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden.

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

Collect of the Day

Lord of the teasing riddle, whose questions undo our certainty
and set us on a different path:

give us a heart of passion, a searching mind,

gentle strength of body and unseen depths of soul,

so that we might love you wholly and our neighbour as ourselves;

through Jesus Christ, the law of grace.

Amen

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

The Proclamation of the Word

Reader – Norma Bayer

A reading from Job 42.1-6, 10-17

Job is Humbled and Satisfied

Then Job answered the Lord:

'I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

"Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?"

Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. "Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me."

I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you;

therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes.'

Job's Fortunes Are Restored Twofold

And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word,

Thanks be to God.

May God be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Mark 10.46-52

The Healing of Blind Bartimaeus

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, O Jesus Christ.

Sermon: Reverend Andrea L. Brennan – Mercy & Grace

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.**

Amen

Confession

Dear friends in Christ,

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;

God welcomes sinners and invites them to the table.

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

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The peace is exchanged verbally only, with a wave if you're feeling fancy.

Hymn of Praise – CP306 v.1, 4, 5

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

Hear him, ye deaf, ye voiceless ones, your loosened tongues employ,
ye blind, behold your Saviour come, and leap, ye lame, for joy!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honours of thy 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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The Eucharist

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. In fulfillment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death,
took bread and gave you thanks, saying,
“Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you.”

In the same way he took the cup, saying,
“This is my blood which is shed for you.
When you do this, you do it in memory of me.”

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church.

Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

Prayers of the People

Hold in your love your church and all who in faith seek to serve you. Hold in your peace your world and all who are in need.

Hold in your care all those who have called on your name or have asked our prayers
(silence is held)

Confirm us in your hope as we gather in your name, not yet as we desire but as we are able.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church,
now and forever. **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****

Fracture Sentence

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

These are the gifts of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

The elements are distributed.

Please come forward in your bubbles, leaving distance between you and the person ahead of you. Standing at the altar steps you will remove your mask, receive the bread, replace your mask and return to your seat.

Communion Hymn - CP60

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven loved and free,
the love of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's community.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends.

The spirit of the risen Christ, unseen but ever near,
is in such friendship better known, alive among us here.

Together met, together bound, by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one.

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God,

**in this meal you have drawn us to your heart,
and nourished us at your table with food and drink,
the body and blood of Christ.**

**Now send us forth to be your people in the world,
and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006)

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**

The Blessing

May the peace of Christ, which surpasses all understanding
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of God's son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

And the blessing of God Almighty, sustain you and those for whom
you love and serve this day and always. **Amen**

Extinguishing our Candles

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

Sending Song – Masithi: AMEN

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

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

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

MASITHI: **Amen, Siakudumisa**

MASITHI: **Amen, Siakudumisa**

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

Upcoming This Week:

Monday to Friday 29 October

Clergy Study Conference at the Sorrento Centre

Saturday 30 October - Worship Preparation

If all goes well, each reader should have received their reading for next week with a sketched outline. Once everything is properly in place, I'll send out the final version, likely on Saturday the 30th.

Our Next Worship:

Sunday 31st October – 10:00 am – Saints Day Worship
Worship from Knox United Church

Please Mark your Calendar - **Tuesday 2nd November**

6:00 pm - All Soul's Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

This service will be held at Christ Church Anglican

and is open to anyone who has family or friends who have died, especially in the past twelve months.

Feel free to share this information with your friends and family.

This will be a blended worship service.

Credits:

The liturgy today has been compiled with resources from the Book of Alternative Services, Alternative Collects from the Anglican Church of Canada, and Common Praise. Candle lighting, Prayers of the People and extinguishing prayers written by Reverend Andrea L. Brennan ©2021.

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