



Mary's Song

Blue homespun and the bend of my
breast
keep warm this small hot naked star
fallen to my arms. (Rest ...
you who have had so far
to come.) Now nearness satisfies
the body of God sweetly. Quiet he lies
whose vigor hurled
a universe. He sleeps
whose eyelids have not closed before.
His breath (so slight it seems
no breath at all) once ruffled the dark
deeps
to sprout a world.
Charmed by doves' voices, the whisper of
straw,
he dreams,

hearing no music from his other spheres.
Breath, mouth, ears, eyes
he is curtailed
who overflowed all skies,
all years.
Older than eternity, now he
is new. Now native to earth as I am,
nailed
to my poor planet, caught that I might
be free,
blind in my womb to know my darkness
ended,
brought to this birth
for me to be new-born,
and for him to see me mended
I must see him torn.

Luci Shaw

Prayer Requests

- Please pray for the family of The Rev. Eva Barrett who passed away on December 9, 2018. Her funeral service will be held at St. John's, Fruitvale on Friday, December 21 at 12:00 noon.
- Please keep the Episcopal Election Committee and the Episcopal Candidates in your prayers.

New News

- The Diocesan Centre will be closed from **Monday, December 24 through Tuesday, January 1**, and will reopen on Wednesday, January 2.
- Every parish and worshipping community is invited to join in a local **EVERY PARISH PRAYS** vigil in your church or parish, to be held during the Synod on January 19, 2019. Click [here](#) for resources.
- The Prayer Cycle has now been extended through March 31, 2019. Click [here](#)
- **Position Available:** Part-time incumbent at St. Mary's, Sorrento (Shared Ministry). For details, click [here](#) Application deadline is **February 15, 2019**.
- The next Kootenay Contact will be distributed on **January 2**. Submission deadline is **January 1, 2019**.

Episcopal Election Update Saturday, January 19, 2019

- **Thirteen delegates** (4 clergy and 9 lay) have not yet registered for Synod! Click [here](#) to register – it takes three minutes, if you have your address memorized.
- Information about the four candidates has been posted to the [Diocese of Kootenay](#) website. On the homepage, click on the Electoral Synod block, and then click on *Meet the Candidates*.
- **Diocesan Day of Prayer and Fasting Saturday, January 12** in advance of our Episcopal Election. Click [here](#) to see the resources on our website.



Together in Mission News

Amount raised to date in pledges: \$1,690,382.

See the [TiM webpages](#) on the Diocesan website.

Fake News Department

Unlike his pneumatic tires, Harvey Firestone's chunky toothpaste never quite caught on.

Older News

- The next teleconference of the Administration Committee will be on **Wed., January 23, 2019.**
- The next teleconference of the Diocesan Council will be **Saturday, February 9, 2019** from 9-12 noon.
- **World Leprosy Day** is **Sunday, January 27, 2019.** For over 60 years, people have been remembering and praying for those suffering from this terrible disease. Click [here](#) for more information and to receive resource materials from **effect:hope** Leprosy Mission Canada.
- Deadlines for [Anglican Foundation](#) Grant/Loan applications are **April 1** and **September 1** each year. Application packages must be submitted to the next regular Diocesan Council meeting which is scheduled at least one month prior to the Anglican Foundation deadline.



Handy Websites

- **Book of Alternative Services** online. Click [here](#)
- **Common Praise** online. Click [here](#)
- **Employee Assistance Program** (LifeWorks) Click [here](#) to see the monthly newsletter.
- **Manulife** Online Claims To register, click [here](#) To make an online claim, click [here](#)
- **Nitro Reader** free software allows you to turn pdf forms into online "fillable" forms. Click [here](#)
- **Oremus Hymnal** – hymn suggestions for the lectionary year C. Click [here](#)
- **Prayer Cycle** Nov. 25 – Mar. 31, 2018 click [here](#)