

Welcome to  
**St. Luke Cedar Hill**  
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 23, 2020



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Piano Prelude

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Welcome, Absolution and Confession  
(The Rev. Daniel Fournier)

Priest: Welcome in the name of Christ.  
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Priest: Loving God, we have come to worship you.  
Help us to pray to you in faith,  
to voice your praise with gratitude in our hearts,  
and to listen to your word with eagerness;  
through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

*Invitation to Confession*

Priest : The gospel calls us to turn away from sin  
and be faithful to Christ.  
As we offer ourselves to him  
in penitence and faith,  
we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

*Prayer Of Confession*

**All: God of mercy,  
we have sinned against you  
and against others.  
We have sinned in what we have done,  
and in what we have failed to do.  
We are truly sorry.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for our sins,  
forgive us all that is past  
and raise us to newness of life.  
Amen.**

*Absolution:*

Priest: Almighty God,  
who pardons all who truly repent,  
forgive your sins,  
strengthen you by the Holy Spirit,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer  
**All: Amen.**

### **Collect of the Day**

Priest : The Lord be with you.  
**All: And also with you.**

Priest: Living God, you accept our stumbling faith,  
our misplaced answers, our false horizons,  
and through them you build a way of peace.  
Empower and enable us  
to bind the wounds of the world  
and loose the bonds of oppression,  
so that all may confess the grace  
that is your work alone;  
through Jesus Christ,  
your anointed one.  
**All: Amen.**

### **The Liturgy of the Word**

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 51:1-6  
Reader: Gillian Bloom

Reader: A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Click here for the reading:  
[https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=156#hebrew\\_oth\\_reading](https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=156#hebrew_oth_reading)

*At the end of the reading:*

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 138**

Response:

**Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
You have heard the words of my mouth.  
In the presence of the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple. (*Response*)

I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
Which excel all we ever know of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
You increase the strength of my soul. (*Response*)

The Lord is high yet looks on the lowly  
And the haughty God knows from afar.  
Though I walk in the midst of affliction  
You give me life and frustrate my foes. (*Response*)

You stretch out your hand and save me,  
Your hand will do all things for me.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
Discard not the work of your hands. (*Response*)

**THE GOSPEL:** Matthew 16: 13-20

Reader: Gillian Bloom

Reader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Reader: The gospel of Christ according to Matthew.

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Click here for the gospel reading:  
[https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=156#gospel\\_reading](https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=156#gospel_reading)

*At the end of the gospel:*

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Reflection: The Rev. Daniel Fournier

Piano Solo: *Hymn of Promise* by N. Sleeth

Priest: Let us confess our faith as we find it written  
in the New Zealand Prayer Book.

We say together:

**All: You, O God, are supreme and holy.  
You create our world and give us life.  
Your purpose overarches everything we do.  
You have always been with us.  
You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,  
good beyond all measure.  
You came to us before we came to you.  
You have revealed and proved  
your love for us in Jesus Christ,  
who lived and died and rose again.  
You are with us now.  
You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.  
You empower us  
to be your gospel in the world.  
You reconcile and heal;  
you overcome death.  
You are our God.  
We worship you.  
Amen.**

The Prayers:

*In response to the words, Christ, Son of the living God, the community prays **hear us and help us.***

*The Lord's Prayer*

Priest: In the words that our Saviour taught us,  
let us pray:

**All: Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done,  
On earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
And forgive us our sins  
As we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
And deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
And the glory are yours,  
Now and forever.  
Amen.**

Priest: Glory to God

**All: 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.**

Benediction:

Priest: As you leave this place, remember:  
God always keeps his promises.  
He is unfailingly gracious toward us.  
When we stumble, he is there to catch us;

when we are weighed down by grief or trouble,  
he is there to strengthen and encourage us.  
So go from here in the knowledge  
that the love and mercy of God  
goes with you.  
And may God bless you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

*Dismissal*

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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Organ Postlude

**Thank you to the Worship Team Members for this Sunday**

**Service:** Presider: Daniel Fournier; Intercessions: Ray Lett;  
Reader: Gillian Bloom; Musician: Susanne Reul-Zastre;  
Videographer: Sharon McMillan; Service Planning: Daniel  
Fournier; Online Video Production and Posting at Facebook:  
Daniel Fournier; Service Outline: Daniel Fournier, Sharon  
McMillan, and Barb Prescott; Posting at the Website: Barb  
Prescott; Beginning and Ending Slides: Sharon McMillan.

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**THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS – August 23 – August 30**  
**(\*\*New Items, \*Revised Items)**

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**\*\*Next Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>**, will be a Service of the Word starting at 9:30 am. Visit the **News page of St. Luke's website** for the link to register at EventBrite. 40 spaces will be available. Registration will open at noon on Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> and will end at noon on Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. You can also register by calling (250-477-6741) or e-mailing ([admin@stlukecedarhill.ca](mailto:admin@stlukecedarhill.ca)) the office. The service will be recorded and posted later that day as well.

**\*Welcome Back** to Bonnie, who is now back in the office. We were able to reopen the office starting on Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 12 noon. We are pleased to have Bonnie back with us in the office.

**\*\*A Big Thank You to Susanne** for checking on messages and e-mail and doing all sorts of other tasks in the office while the office was closed due to COVID. Thanks as well to Susanne for all her work as part of the Worship Service Planning Committee helping to prepare the online services.

**\*\*Old Cemeteries Society Tour at St. Luke's Next Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm** – This tour is part of the Old Cemeteries Society Sunday Tour program. The Old Cemeteries Society will be encouraging social distancing and other recommended precautions. The tour starts at 2 pm. Tour fee is \$5.00 per person. Please bring exact change. The tour as advertised at the Old Cemeteries Society website: "St. Luke's picturesque churchyard is the final resting place for many pioneer families in the Cedar Hill and Gordon Head areas."

**This Sunday's service will be posted online on Sunday afternoon.** Please join us on your electronic device (computer, phone, iPad, etc.) to watch the service. The service will be posted at the St Luke's website ([www.stlukesvictoria.ca](http://www.stlukesvictoria.ca)) and Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/StLukeCedarHill](http://www.facebook.com/StLukeCedarHill)) around



3 pm on Sunday afternoon. You don't have to be a Facebook member to access this link.

**Thank You for your Support for the Ongoing Ministry of St. Luke's Church** by writing a cheque, making a donation online through Canada Helps, and by signing up for ECP. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Please refer to the **DONATE page** at the website for more information.

**Even if you are not able to attend church at this time, your support is greatly appreciated.** Your donations by cheque can be sent in the mail, dropped off at the parish office, or picked up from your home. To mail a donation to St. Luke's, please send it to: St. Luke's Church, 3821 Cedar Hill Cross Rd., Victoria, BC V8P 2M6. **If you would like your donation picked up, please call St. Luke's Office (250-477-6741)** to arrange for someone to pick up your donation.

**Gardening Help Needed** – Gordon Dawson is retiring from his work on the Memorial Garden. Thank you, Gordon, for your three years of work on this garden! Your work is greatly appreciated. Is there someone else could take on looking after this area? If so, please contact Barb Prescott through the Church Office or by e-mail ([communications@stlukecedarhill.ca](mailto:communications@stlukecedarhill.ca)). Gordon would be happy to meet with the new gardener to "show you the ropes."

**Thrifty Foods Smile Cards** – Thank you to everyone who has been using their Smile Cards. **This year's Thrifty's Smile Card Fundraiser Program has now started and we have received our first payment of \$107.50.** This year the money will go towards repairing some of our rock walls. If you don't yet have a Smile Card, please call the office and we will arrange to get one to you.

**\*\*Our Place – Giving Back to the Community:** Our Place is hosting a mac and cheese contest in a campaign to support our local restaurants. 15 participating kitchens (see list at the **News page of St. Luke's website**) will have a mac and cheese dish on their menu from August 8 to September 8.

Please visit those restaurants and then go to the Our Place website ([www.ourplacesociety.com](http://www.ourplacesociety.com)) to vote for the top three dishes. This is a way for Our Place to give back to a local industry that has been so supportive and now are facing incredible challenges due to the COVID pandemic. The winning restaurants will be announced at the Hungry Hearts livestreamed virtual gala on Saturday, September 12 at 5 pm. More information at [www.ourplacesociety.com](http://www.ourplacesociety.com).

**Put Compassion into Action** – This summer, Canadian Blood Services invites faith-based organizations to put compassion into action and support Canada's *Lifeline*. The month of August is dedicated to all members of faith and Canadian Blood Services hopes that you can help your community by donating blood in August. Visit the **News page of St. Luke's website** for more information.

**IN THE WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN PRAYER CYCLE, we pray for** the Church of the Province of South East Asia and The Most Rev. Melter Tais - Archbishop of South East Asia and Bishop of Sabah. **In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray for** the Very Rev. Ansley Tucker, the Diocesan Administrator; and for the Parish of St. Barnabas, Victoria, and their priest, Travis O'Brian. **We also pray for** Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyle and Pastor Lyndon; and for the Diocese of Kootenay and Bishop Lynne McNaughton.

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We hope you will visit again!

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### READINGS FOR SUNDAY August 30, 2020

Jeremiah 15: 15-21

Psalm 26: 1-8

Romans 12: 9-21

Matthew 16: 21-28

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