Welcome to St. Luke Cedar Hill

2nd Sunday after Pentecost (Ordinary 10) June 6, 2021 - 10:00 am



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Welcome and Introduction (The Rev. Daniel Fournier)

Priest: The arc to redemption is not without conflict, suffering, division or challenge.
Its meaning is premised on mercy overcoming what is incomplete or fractured.
This has been borne out throughout history, including in Jesus' own life.
When we encounter darkness or failure, we know this is not the last word.
By God's grace, unending love and mercy, we each are forgiven and more than this – restored, and we are called to extend this to others.

Opening Hymn: CP 576 For the Healing of the Nations (tune: Westminster Abbey)

For the healing of the nations, God, we pray with one accord; for a just and equal sharing, of the things that earth affords.

To a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us, Father, into freedom; from despair your world release, that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.

Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned: pride of status, race or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan. In our common quest for justice, may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind; for our growing in your likeness, bring the life of Christ to mind; that by our response and service earth its destiny may find.

Priest: Grace, mercy and peace

from God our creator

and our Lord Jesus Christ

be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: This is the day that God has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Confession and Absolution

Priest: Let us confess our sins

against God and our neighbour.

All: God of all mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us,

the evil we have done,

and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Saviour Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love

and serve only your will.

Amen.

Priest: May Almighty and compassionate God

have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins

through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness,

and by the power of the Holy Spirit

keep you in eternal life.

All: Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: God of the unexpected,

you take what is old and make it new, and what is dead and bring it to life; you take our false expectations and transform them into your truth.

Help us to accept the challenge of your call,

so that, trusting in your promise, we journey by faith in Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 8: 4-20, (11: 14-15)

Reader: Kathleen Patterson

Reader: A reading from the First Book of Samuel.

The reading can be found here:

https://lectionary.anglican.ca/nrsv/?date=2021-06-06

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 138

Response:

Your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever.

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods will I sing praise to you. (Response)

I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name, because of your love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things. In the day that I called to you, you answered me; you put new strength in my soul. (Response)

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord. (Response)

Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly; as for the proud, he regards them from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you will preserve me; you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand will save me. (Response)

The Lord shall make good his purpose for me; your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands. (Response)

THE GOSPEL: Mark 3: 20-35
Reader: Kathleen Patterson

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Mark.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The gospel can be found here: https://lectionary.anglican.ca/nrsv/?date=2021-06-06

At the end of the gospel:

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection: The Rev. Daniel Fournier

A Liturgical Affirmation (A New Zealand Prayer Book)

Priest: Let us now together affirm our faith as we say,

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.

Prayers of Intercession: Led by Kathleen Patterson In response to the words, "God of life", the community prays, "Hear our prayer".

Let us pray.
God of community,
we give you thanks for our life together in Christ,
and for the works of the Spirit that draws us
closer to you and to each other.
Speak through your Spirit to open minds
and hearts to your leading,

that we may ever more deeply trust your creative process in our lives and in the life of our church at this time. (Hold a brief silence.)

God of life,

All: Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are called to provide leadership in our country, during these times. Grant them wisdom, stamina, and courage, so their choices and decisions consider all, especially those who are vulnerable. (Hold a brief silence.)

God of life,

All: Hear our prayer.

We pray for our earth and all its fullness. In this season of planting and growing, of nesting and nurturing, we pray for the environment and all life that it supports. Protect species and habitats at risk by opening in us ways to better stewardship that honour what you have created in love. (Hold a brief silence)

God of life,

All: Hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for those you have given us to love. Hear us as we place their needs and hopes before you. (Hold a brief silence.)

God of life,

All: Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died.
Today we pray for the 215 children
whose remains were found in an unmarked grave on
the site of the former residential school in Kamloops.
We thank you that you know their names
and that you welcomed them into your heart of love,
where you hold them precious forever.
We pray for their parents, families and loved ones
who lived and died without answers.
Give us the will and the courage
to press for change in systems that exploit
and destroy your beloved children,
and your will for the good of all your creation.
(Hold a brief silence.)

God of life,

All: Hear our prayer.

God of life, receive our prayers, those spoken and those for which there are no words, which we offer in the name of Jesus.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Priest: Now we pray in the words

that our Saviour taught us:

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.
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.

The Conclusion and Blessing

Priest Go into the world with assurance, hope and promise: the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ rest upon you – and even unsettle you; the love of God, creator and giver of life, embrace you – and even confront you; and the presence of the Holy Spirit encourage you – and surprise you, this day and all your days.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn: WOV 797 O God Beyond All Praising (tune: Thaxted)

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay: for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end:

we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your Word, we honour and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Saviour, accept the love we bring, that we who know your favour may serve you as our king; and whether our tomorrows be fill'd with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still: to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

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Dismissal

Priest: We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

Thank you to all who helped with this service: Presider: Rev. Joan Scandrett; Reader and Intercessions: Kathleen Patterson; Musicians: Daniel Fournier, Sharon McMillan, Susanne Reul-Zastre, Maria Ross, and Joan Scandrett; Videographers: Emma Robertson and Sam Ferraby; Service Planning and Service Outline: Daniel Fournier; Proofreading, Posting Bulletin and Livestream Link at the Website: Barb Prescott; Posting the Link at Facebook: Sharon McMillan; Printing Readings and Bulletins: Bonnie Watkins.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS – June 6th – 13th (**New Items, *Revised Items)

*The service today (June 6th) and the Sundays going forward will be livestreamed from the church – Join the livestream link (<u>www.stlukesvictoria.ca/live</u>) to listen to the prelude starting at 10:00 am. The services will also be recorded to watch later.

Coffee Time via Zoom will start at 11:15 am after the livestreamed service. Watch for the link, which will be sent out by e-mail and join us in your home via Zoom. Hope to see you there.

**A Word from the Bishop regarding the Mass Grave
Discovered in Kamloops, the Bishop's Charge to Synod,
and Living Our Vision during Pandemic Video – Please view
and read these news items at the News page of St. Luke's
website.

- *Sound System Upgrade Appeal Please read a letter from Daniel at the News page of St. Luke's website regarding an appeal for donations towards a very necessary upgrade to our sound system as livestreaming continues to be an important aspect of our ministry. Thank you to those who have already made donations through your envelopes or through Canada Helps. Donations as of June 2nd total \$1,210, 30% of the way to our goal of \$3,900.
- **Thank You to Everyone who Helped with the Plant Sale on Saturday, May 29th The sale raised \$1,272.99 with an additional \$20.00 donated via Canada Helps for a total of \$1,292.99. Leftover plants were donated to the Plant Stand Fundraiser for the Shelbourne Community Kitchen. See pictures at the News page of St. Luke's website.
- *2021 Plant Stand Fundraiser for the Shelbourne
 Community Kitchen An informal Plant Stand is set up at the
 end of the driveway at 3597 Thistle St. through to July 1st.
 Visit the plant stand to buy some plants for this year or to drop
 off some extras. To date, \$3,200 has been raised for the
 Shelbourne Community Kitchen. See more information at the
 Events page of St. Luke's website.
- **Heads Up re a Cemetery Cleanup Morning June 19th from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. Please drop by any time that morning. The buildings are closed so please bring your own drinking water, gloves, and tools. Jobs to be done include weeding and pulling out the speargrass which is mixed in with the California poppies. Come to spend some time outside physically distancing and help clean up the cemetery. Hope to see you then.
- **Prescription Deadline June 18th is the deadline for submissions for the Summer issue of St. Luke's Prescription. Please send along your articles, photos, poems, and other creative endeavours, either to St. Luke's Church Office at admin@stlukecedarhill.ca or to prescription@stlukecedarhill.ca.

*Country Grocer Save A Tape Program Update – Please continue to collect your Country Grocer receipts and turn them in to Bonnie at the Church Office, mail them to the Church Office, or put them in an envelope in the mail slot. As of June 2nd, we now have \$2,952.45, which is almost two thirds of the way towards our goal of collecting \$5,000 in receipts to receive a \$50.00 gift certificate. Well done, everyone! Please keep dropping off your receipts. See more information at the News page of St. Luke's website.

*Registration is Now Open for This Year's Amazing
Journey Day Camp, which will be held this year August 9th to
August 13th. This small group program will be held from 9 am to
noon outdoors at St. George's, Cadboro Bay. The program is
for children who have completed Grades 1 to 5. Register by
June 30th to receive Early Bird registration discount on the
fees. The registration form is available at the News page of St.
Luke's website.

Thrifty Foods Smile Card Program Extended to June 15th – Usually each year's Smile Card Program finishes at the end of April. To date we have received \$1,860.66, which is two-thirds of our fundraising goal of \$2,800. Please continue to "load up" your Smile Card before June 15th, so that we can reach our fundraising goal before the program ends. This year our project is the repair of the rock walls on the grounds. For more information about using your Smile Card, visit the Thrifty Foods Smile Card Fundraising page at St. Luke's website.

St. Luke's Anniversary T-shirts are now available to purchase at the church office. The t-shirts, with the wonderful, colourful design chosen through the T-Shirt Design Contest, are available in sizes S-3XL at a cost of \$20 each. As well as celebrating St. Luke's Anniversary, these t-shirts are a fundraiser for St. Luke's. See more information at the News page of St. Luke's website.

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.

IN THE WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN PRAYER CYCLE, we pray for the Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma) - The Most Revd Stephen Than Myint Oo - Primate. In the Canadian ACC/ELCIC Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the theological colleges and training programs within the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario: Canterbury College, Huron College, Renison College, the Anglican Studies Program at Saint Paul University, Thorneloe University, Trinity College, Wycliffe College (ACC), and Luther College at the University of Regina and Luther College – High School (ELCIC). In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray for Anna, our Bishop, and for the parish of St. Michael and All Angels, Royal Oak, and their priest Dawna Wall. We also pray for Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyle and Pastor Lyndon, and the Diocese of Kootenay and Archbishop Lynne McNaughton.



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We hope you will visit again!

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY June 13, 2021

1 Samuel 15: 34-16: 13
Psalm 20
2 Corinthians 5: 6-10, (11-13), 14-17
Mark 4: 26-34

FLOWERS

Flowers today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of parents, Les and Win Horton, and in thanksgiving for the recent birth of our granddaughter from Barb Prescott

Flowers at St. Luke's are coordinated by Ann Séguin.