Welcome to

St. Luke Cedar Hill

10th Sunday after Pentecost (Ordinary 18) August 1, 2021 - 10:00 am



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We acknowledge that we gather with respect on the traditional territories of the Esquimalt, Songhees and WSÁNEĆ people, the traditional custodians of these lands.

Prelude (please be seated)

Welcome and Introduction (Worship Leader: Sean Tiernay)
Please stand as you are able.

Leader: As we put much effort into obtaining material comforts, our souls thirst for what cannot be seen and our hearts ache for what cannot be proven.

Jesus' words today, "I am the bread of life," are God's manna, "proven" by the fact that something deep within us leaps for joy at these words.

Jesus points to himself as the source of a hunger-free, thirst-free, everlasting life.

Jesus' powerful, self-giving love is patient with his listeners.

At great risk to his own life he does not mince words about what kind of spiritual bread has the power to really sustain us.

Leader: Grace, mercy and peace from God our creator and our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: This is the day that God has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Confession and Absolution

Leader: My sisters and brothers,

as we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ

in the proclaimation of the Word,

let us call to mind and confess our sins. Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

All: God our Father,
long-suffering, full of grace and truth,
you create us from nothing and give us life.
You give your faithful people

new life in the water of baptism.
You do not turn your face from us,
nor cast us aside.
We confess that we have sinned
against you and our neighbour.
We have wounded your love
and marred your image in us.
Restore us for the sake of your Son,
and bring us to heavenly joy,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Leader: May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins, and restore us in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

CP 435 Take My Life and Let It Be

(tune: Mozart)

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet, and let them be swift and purposeful for thee.

Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee; take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine; take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love: my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

The Collect of the Day

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: God of Moses,

who rained down bread on Israel's wandering people: lead us to the food that never leaves us craving, but fills our whole humanity with life enough for all; through Jesus Christ, the true bread of heaven.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 11: 26 - 12: 13a Reader: Harry Felsing

Reader: A reading from the Second Book of Samuel.

The reading can be found here: https://lectionary.anglican.ca/nrsv/?date=2021-08-01

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51: 1-13

Response: Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness; according to the abundance of your compassion blot out my offences.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults and my sin is ever before me. (Response)

Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, So that you are justified in your sentence and righteous in your judgement. I have been wicked even from my birth, a sinner when my mother conceived me. (Response)

Behold, you desire truth deep within me and shall make me understand wisdom in the depths of my heart.

Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the bones you have broken may rejoice. (Response)

Turn your face from my sins and blot out all my misdeeds.
Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy spirit from me.
Give me again the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your gracious spirit. (Response)

Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn: WOV 702 I Am the Bread of Life (tune: I Am the Bread)

"I am the Bread of life,
You who come to me shall not hunger,
and who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me
Unless the Father beckons."

Refrain: And I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up on the last day.

"The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world, and if you eat of this bread, you shall live forever, you shall live forever." Refrain

"Unless you eat
of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood,
and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you." Refrain

"I am the resurrection,
I am the life.
If you believe in me
even though you die,
you shall live forever." Refrain

Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God who has come into the world. Refrain

THE GOSPEL: John 6: 24-35

Reader: Harry Felsing

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to John.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The gospel can be found here:

https://lectionary.anglican.ca/nrsv/?date=2021-08-01

At the end of the gospel:

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please be seated.

Reflection: Sean Tiernay

Please stand as you are able.

A Liturgical Affirmation

Leader: We profess our belief together

as we share in the words

of the New Zealand Prayer Book

in this statement of faith.

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.

Please be seated.

Prayers of Intercession: Led by Harry Felsing In response to the words, "God, in your love," the community prays, "Hear our prayer."

God in whom we live and move and have our being: As we gather in your presence today, we are aware of many challenges in our own lives, in the lives of those we care about and in the world around us. Thank you for your faithfulness to each of us and to your whole creation, given all that we share and all the different situations we face. Show us how our care and concern for the world and for each other can respond to the needs we name before you today. (Silence is held.)

God, in your love, **Hear our prayer.**

AII:

In faithful silence, we lay before you the concerns on our hearts this day: We pray for those who have been in the headlines lately, for those situations in the world and in our country that concern us deeply, and for all whose lives cry out to you and to us for help... (Silence is held.)

God, in your love,

All: Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are suffering in our community and for those struggling to overcome the effects of the pandemic: those who are ill and those who are bereaved; those struggling to make ends meet or find the right job; those who are lonely and those who are moving and in need of new friends... (Silence is held.)

God, in your love,

All: Hear our prayer.

We pray for those looking forward to a new beginning this fall: those hoping for a school year with fewer pandemic interruptions; those starting at a new school or in a new college or university program; those beginning new jobs or new activities; those welcoming new members into the family through birth or marriage... (Silence is held.)

God, in your love,

All: Hear our prayer.

We pray for our congregation in a time of reorganizing after months of pandemic restrictions.

Gather us into new and renewed friendships.

Help us see where you call us to reach out with your love and generosity.

Equip us to meet every challenge we face with hearts full of faith and commitment... (Silence is held.)

God, in your love,

All: Hear our prayer.

Almighty God, you have promised to hear the prayers of those who ask in your Son's name; we pray that what we have asked faithfully we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (Please stand as you are able.)

Leader: 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.

Leader: 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

Leader May God bless us with all humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another in love, in the unity of the Spirit, the bond of peace, and the name of Jesus, who is the Bread of Life.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn: WOV 795 Oh, Sing to the Lord (tune: Cantad al Señor)

Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.

oh, sing God a new song. Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.

Refrain: Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders. For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders. For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders. *Refrain*

So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.
So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.
So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets. Refrain

Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.
Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.
Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit. Refrain

For Jesus is Lord!
Amen! Alleluia!
For Jesus is Lord!
Amen! Alleluia!
For Jesus is Lord!
Amen! Alleluia! Refrain

Leader: Go in peace. We are the body of Christ!

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

Thank you to all who helped with this service: Worship Leader: Sean Tiernay; Reader and Intercessions: Harry Felsing; Musicians: Barbara Reul, Susanne Reul-Zastre, Genevieve Richards, Matthew Robertson, Maria Ross, and Sean Tiernay; Sidespersons: Heather Simpson and Bruce Hallsor; Creation of Prayers of Intercession: Joan Scandrett; Videographers: Sharon McMillan and Ray Lett; 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 – August 1st to 8th (**New Items, *Revised Items)

**Thank you to Sean Tiernay for filling in as Worship Leader this Sunday, August 1st and next Sunday, August 8th while Daniel takes two weeks of well deserved holiday time. Pastor Lyndon Sayers from Church of the Cross will be available for any emergency pastoral care situations. He can be reached through St. Luke's Parish Office.

**Mark Your Calendars for a Special Meeting on Sunday, August 29th in church after the service — This will be an information meeting about possible plans to redevelop the hall and rectory. More information to come.

**The Church Office will be closed Monday, August 2nd for BC Day and will reopen on Tuesday morning at 9 am.

*In-person services will be offered over the summer starting at 10 am. Most services will be Services of the Word. Anyone wishing to attend will need to register by phoning (250-477-6741) or e-mailing the office (admin@stlukecedar hill.ca) before noon on the Friday, prior to the Sunday service you wish to attend. (This will help us manage our capacity limits at this time.) You will need to wear a mask, be distanced in the church except within family groups or established bubbles, and use hand sanitizer when entering the church.

*The service today (August 1st) and the Sundays going forward will continue to be livestreamed from the church – Join the livestream link (www.stlukesvictoria.ca/live) to listen to the prelude starting at 10:00 am. The services will also be recorded to watch later at your convenience.

Coffee Time via Zoom will start at 11:30 am after the inperson and 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.

**Level Ground Fundraiser – Do you drink coffee or tea or know someone who does? You are invited to take part in a new fundraising program when you buy coffee, tea, and dried fruit through Level Ground Trading. When you order online at Level Ground Trading, St. Luke's will receive 15%. ONLINE ORDERING IS EASY! Visit Shop at Level Ground (https://level ground.com/collections). At checkout, use the code StLuke to ensure the 15% comes to St. Luke's. The minimum order is \$40 for the 15% return to St. Luke's and this includes free shipping. See more information at the News page of St. Luke's website.

*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 July 27th, we now have \$4,983.32 in grocery receipts, which is 99% 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. Once we reach \$5,000 we will start again to receive a second \$50.00 gift certificate. See more information 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 made donations through your envelopes or through Canada Helps. Donations to date total \$2,385, 61% of the way to our goal of \$3,900.

Change to One of the Entrance Driveways at St. Luke's – For safety reasons, we have decided to close the parking lot entrance closest to the church. As the first step, the driveway is now closed with barriers. The eventual plan is to continue the stone wall and grassed boulevard area to form a small garden space towards the front of the church. For more information, please see the letter from Daniel posted at the News page of St. Luke's website.

St. Luke's Library is Now Open and Ready for You – The Library, located in the Lounge in the Hall, has been reorganized and updated. It presently has 804 interesting books ready for you to browse and borrow. The Library is open when the Parish Office is open 9 to noon, Monday to Friday. Please check with the Parish Office to make sure that there are no meetings booked in the Lounge. The Library includes authors referenced by Bishop Anna such as Phyllis Tickle, Parker Palmer, and Brian McLaren as well as many books in the local history section. More information and lists are available at the News page of the website.

*Dignity – In this video series, Bishop Anna, along with other reflectors from around the diocese, will give voice to the challenges and the joys this call brings to our lives. The sixth and final episode, featuring Catherine Pate, is available to watch at the News page of St. Luke's website.

*Fairway Market Community Shopping Cards – You are invited to take part in a new fundraising program using these reloadable cards, similar to the Smile Cards but for use at any of the ten Fairway Market stores on Vancouver Island. St. Luke's automatically receives 5% from Fairway Market for every dollar loaded on the card. To join in this program, please pick up your reloadable card from St. Luke's Office. Please contact St. Luke's office for more information or see more information at the News page of St. Luke's website. If you would like to participate in this fundraiser, Brenda Morgan will have some cards available following the service on Sunday.

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 South East Asia - The Most Revd Melter Jiki Tais, Primate. In the Canadian ACC/ELCIC Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Rt. Rev's Lydia Mamakwa, Larry Beardy, and Morris Fidler; Bishops, and the clergy and people of the Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh (ACC) and the dean, council, and congregations of the Southern Area of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories (ELCIC). In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray for Anna, our Bishop, and for the Parish of Pender and Saturna Islands and their priest, Ellen Willingham. We also pray for Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyle and Pastor Lyndon, and for the Territory of the People.



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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY August 8, 2021

2 Samuel 18: 5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130 Ephesians 4: 25-5: 2 John 6: 35, 41-51

FLOWERS

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