

Welcome to St. Luke Cedar Hill

13th Sunday after Pentecost (*Ordinary 19*)
August 22, 2021 - 10:00 am



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

Prelude (please be seated)

Welcome and Introduction (*The Rev. Daniel Fournier*)

Please stand as you are able.

Priest: Faith is a gift, but it is also a choice.
How do we know if faith is something that we choose?
Perhaps it helps to ask these questions of ourselves.
Do we make God the center of our lives,
or are we distracted by the material things
that have become “other gods”?
Do we live in such a way that our daily decisions and
choices bear witness to our relationship with the Lord?
Do we live in mutual faithfulness
and service to spouses and family?
Do we accept and follow the wisdom of the Spirit
whom Jesus promised would serve
as our guide on this earth?
In other words, does faith permeate all that we do?
In our worship and in our lives, we live and follow
the one who has the words of everlasting life.

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: My sisters and brothers,
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:

All: Merciful God,
you have loved us with an everlasting love,
but we have gone our own way,
and rejected your will for our lives.
We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them.
For the sake of your Son who died for us,
forgive us, cleanse us, and change us.
By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you,
and to please you in every way;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Priest: May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Opening Hymn: CP 405 Alleluia, Alleluia

(tune: Alleluia No. 1)

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth;
he is the king of creation. *Refrain*

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and is risen. *Refrain*

We have been crucified with Christ:
now we shall live for ever. *Refrain*

Come, let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Saviour. *Refrain*

The Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is
afraid and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: 1 KINGS 8:(1, 6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43

Reader: *Martin White*

Reader: A reading from the First Book of Kings.

The reading can be found here:

<https://lectionary.anglican.ca/nrsv/?date=2021-08-22>

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84

Response: Blessed are they who dwell in your house.

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
My soul has a desire and longing
to enter the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:
at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
(*Response*)

Blessed are they who dwell in your house:
they will always be praising you.
Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion,
who going through the barren valley find there a spring,
and the early rains will clothe it with blessing. *(Response)*

They will go from strength to strength
and appear before God in Zion.
O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;
listen, O God of Jacob.
Behold our defender, O God,
and look upon the face of your anointed. *(Response)*

For one day in your courts
is better than a thousand.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of ungodliness. *(Response)*

For the Lord God is both sun and shield;
he will give grace and glory;
no good thing shall the Lord withhold
from those who walk with integrity.
O Lord God of hosts,
blessed are those who put their trust in you. *(Response)*

Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn:
CP 585 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service
(tune: Beach Spring)

**Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
every gift which you impart.**

**Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power
to our world to make it whole.**

**As we worship, grant us vision
till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service,
your abundant life to share.**

THE GOSPEL: John 6: 56-69

Reader: *Martin White*

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=2021-08-22>

At the end of the gospel:

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection: The Rev. Joan Scandrett

A Liturgical Affirmation (The Iona Community)

Please stand as you are able.

Priest: Let us declare our faith in God
in the following statement of faith.

**All: We believe that God is present
in the darkness before dawn;
in the waiting and uncertainty
where fear and courage join hands,
conflict and caring link arms,
and the sun rises over barbed wire.**

**We believe in a with-us God
who sits down in our midst
to share our humanity.**

**We affirm a faith
that takes us beyond a safe place:
into action, into vulnerability
and onto the streets.**

**We commit ourselves to work for change
and put ourselves on the line;
to bear responsibility, take risks,
live powerfully and face humiliation;
to stand with those on the edge;
to choose life and be used by the Spirit
for God's new community of hope.
Amen.**

Please be seated.

Prayers of Intercession: *Led by Martin White*
In response to the words, "Faithful God,"
the community prays, "Hear our prayer."

Everlasting God, we come before you
in this time of prayer to give you thanks
for all you have done for us.

We thank you for the cool of the morning,
for gardens that are producing abundant crops,
for the beauty of this area where we live.

Help us to be aware of your presence
and hear your voice and make us always ready
to obey and do your will. *(Pause)*

Faithful God,
All: Hear our prayer.

Creator God, the Psalmist cries out to you
to "cut off the memory of those who do evil".

May the focus of world aid and support be on
the victims and their needs,
and may we constantly pray for peace
in all of those parts of the world
torn apart by war and terrorism.

As we see the news reports
coming out of Afghanistan at this time,
we pray for the safety of all
who are attempting to flee the country.
Give to world leaders and governments
the wisdom and desire to make decisions
that focus on people and their needs.

May nations work together for the good of all. *(Pause)*

Faithful God,
All: Hear our prayer.

Mighty God, be close to all who are suffering
because of the effects of natural disasters.

We pray for the people of Haiti
in the aftermath of the recent earthquake.
We pray for those who are providing aid,
support and comfort under difficult circumstances.
We pray for all those
who are in the path of Hurricane Grace.

In our own country we pray for the areas
where forest fires burn out of control,
for people who have lost their homes and belongings,
and for all who have been displaced
and face an uncertain future.
We give thanks for the courage
and dedication of the firefighters.
And we think of those who wait and watch with anxiety.
(Pause)

All: Faithful God,
Hear our prayer.

Gracious God, we pray for our country
as it enters into a time of preparation
for the federal election.
Guide us as we make choices for candidates
who will make decisions on our behalf.
Give wisdom to those
who are running for an elected position. (Pause)

All: Faithful God,
Hear our prayer.

Caring God, we pray for those who are facing illness,
and those undergoing diagnostic tests
and awaiting results.
Grant them the assurance of your abiding love
as they go through difficult times.
In a time of silence, we pause,
and give to you our heart-felt concerns
for people we know and love.
(Silence is held.)

Faithful God,

All: Hear our prayer.

Holy God, thank you for helping us to pray;
deepen our loving so that,
as daily we pray through this coming week,
we may do it with love and sincerity, in sure
and certain knowledge of your abiding presence.

Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

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

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 now sure footed in faith
with eyes wide open
and waiting for God's glory
to surprise you in unexpected ways.
And the blessing of God
Father, Son and Spirit
Mystery, Sign and Hope
be with you and those whose lives you touch
now and always

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn: CP 344 From All That Dwell Below the Skies

(tune: Lasst uns erfreuen)

**From all that dwell below the skies
let the Creator's praise arise:
alleluia, alleluia!**

**Let the Redeemer's name be sung
through every land, in every tongue:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!**

**Eternal are thy mercies, Lord:
eternal truth attends thy Word:
alleluia, alleluia!**
**Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore
till suns shall rise and set no more:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!**

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. Daniel Fournier; Preacher: Rev. Joan Scandrett; Reader and Intercessions: Martin White; Musicians: Daniel Fournier, Barbara Reul, Susanne Reul-Zastre, Genevieve Richards, Matthew Robertson, Maria Ross, and Joan Scandrett; Sidespersons: Harry and Barbara Felsing, and Barb Prescott; 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 22th to 29th
(New Items, *Revised Items)**

***Mark Your Calendars for a Special Meeting NEXT SUNDAY, August 29th in church after the service** – This will be an information meeting about possible plans to redevelop the hall and rectory. See more information at the **Events page of St. Luke's website** and in the Summer 2021 Prescription. **Please register for the meeting by phoning (250-477-6741) or e-mailing the office (admin@stlukecedarhill.ca) before noon on the Friday.**

***In-person services will be offered over the summer starting at 10 am. Next Sunday's service will be a Eucharist.** Anyone wishing to attend will need to register by phoning (250-477-6741) or e-mailing the office (admin@stlukecedarhill.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 Parish Office will be closed on Monday, August 23rd and will reopen at 9:00 am on Tuesday, August 24th.**

***The service today (August 22nd) 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 in-person 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. **There will be no Coffee Time next Sunday, August 29th.**

****Thank You to Everyone who helped with this year's Amazing Journey Day Camp which was held from August 9th to August 13th outdoors at St. George's.** The campers and volunteers had a great time! Some pictures from the camp are included on the **News page of St. Luke's website.**

Organ Recital: Wednesday, August 25th, at 7 pm at Broad View United, 3703 St. Aidan's Street – In 1970, Victoria organ builder Hugo Spilker built the pipe organ at Broad View United. Now, after 50 years of service to the congregation, the pipe organ is destined for a new home. As a swan song, an organ recital by PJ Janson is planned. The programme includes J.S. Bach's *Prelude & Fugue in G Major* (BWV 541), Ralph Vaughan Williams' beautiful prelude on *Rhosymedre*, and compositions by the famous Vancouver composer Denis Bédard. PJ Janson will be joined by oboist Anna Betuzzi to perform some rarely-heard pieces for organ and oboe by J.L. Krebs, as well as the unpublished *Meditation on Hymn Tune 'Michael'* by the Edinburgh composer Steve Richer. Admission is free.

Heads Up re St. Luke's Yard Sale in the Parking Lot – Saturday, September 11th, 9:30 am to 1:30 pm – Everyone is invited to help in any way they can. Please let Brenda Morgan or Heather Simpson know if you are able to help. We will need help with setting up, sorting, selling, cleaning up, and things not thought of yet! To volunteer or for more information, please contact Heather or Brenda.

***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. We have now collected \$5,000.23 in grocery receipts and have reached our first goal of \$5,000 in receipts to receive a \$50.00 gift certificate. Well done, everyone! As of August 19th, **we have \$1,465.87 towards our next goal of \$5,000 to receive a second \$50.00 gift certificate.** So please keep dropping off your receipts. See more information 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.**

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://levelground.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.**

***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 as of August 16th total \$2,555, 66% of the way to our goal of \$3,900.

****The Orchard Waitlist is Open** – The Orchard is an independent seniors' leasehold residence open to those 65+ who are or have been members of the Greater Victoria Anglican parish community or residents of the Cadboro Bay community. The St. George's Housing Society is opening the wait list for the Orchard Residence to seniors of the parish and community. The opening is for those interested in immediate purchase of a leasehold should one become available. For information, please contact St. George's Anglican Church office (Cadboro Bay) at 250-472-2090.

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 Anglican Church of The Anglican Church of South America - The Rt Revd Nicholas James Quested Drayson, Primate. In the Canadian ACC/ELCIC Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Rt. Rev. Michael Hawkins, Bishop; The Rt. Rev Adam Halkett, Suffragan Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Saskatchewan (ACC) and the dean, council, and congregations of the South West 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 St. George the Martyr, Cadboro Bay, and their priests, Jeannine Friesen and Don Walls. We also pray for Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyle and Pastor Lyndon, and for the Diocese of New Westminster and Bishop John Stephens.



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We hope you will visit again!

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY August 29, 2021

Song of Solomon 2: 8-13

Psalm 45: 1-2

James 1: 17-27

Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

FLOWERS

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