Welcome to

St. Luke Cedar Hill

16th Sunday after Pentecost September 12, 2021 - Holy Eucharist



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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 (The Rev. Daniel Fournier)

Please stand as you are able.

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

and the love of God,

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,

be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Invitation to Confession

Priest: The Spirit of the Lord fills the world

and knows our every word and deed. Let us then open ourselves to the Lord and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Confession

Priest: Most merciful God,

All: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.

We are truly sorry

and repent of all our sins.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

who died for us,

forgive us all that is past

and grant that we may serve you in newness of life

to the glory of your name. Amen.

Absolution:

Priest: The Lord enrich you with his grace,

and nourish you with his blessing; the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil; the Lord accept your prayers, and absolve you from your offences, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

All: Amen.

Opening Hymn: CP 517 O God, Your Constant Care and Love

(tune: Morning Hymn)

O God, your constant care and love are shed upon us from above throughout our lives, in every stage, from infancy to later age.

We thank you, Lord, for dreams of youth, for wisdom leading on to truth, for memories gathered through the years, and faith that grows from joys to tears.

All time is yours, O Lord, to give; may we, in all the years we live, find every day of life is new, a celebration, Lord, with you.

Let not the passing of the years rob us of joy, nor cause us fears; and give us faith, O Lord, that we may live with you eternally.

Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: Unite us, O God,

in acknowledging Jesus as the Christ. Give us strength to take up his cross and courage to lose our lives for his sake; for we ask this in his name, who lives and reigns with you

God for ever and ever.

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: Proverbs 1: 20-33

Reader: Stephen Ruttan

Reader: A reading from the Book of Proverbs.

The reading can be found here: https://lectionary.anglican.ca/nrsy/?date=2021-09-12

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19

Response: The commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes.

The heavens are telling the glory of God and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

One day pours out its song to another and one night unfolds knowledge to another.

They have neither speech nor language and their voices are not heard,

Yet their sound has gone out into all lands and their words to the ends of the world. (Response)

In them has he set a tabernacle for the sun, that comes forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber and rejoices as a champion to run his course. It goes forth from the end of the heavens and runs to the very end again, and there is nothing hidden from its heat. (Response)

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes. (Response)

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter also than honey, dripping from the honeycomb.

By them also is your servant taught and in keeping them there is great reward. (Response)

Who can tell how often they offend?
O cleanse me from my secret faults!
Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get dominion over me; so shall I be undefiled, and innocent of great offence. (Response)

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. (Response)

Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn: CP 431 Take Up Your Cross, the Saviour Said

(tune: Breslau)

Take up your cross, the Saviour said, if you would my disciple be; deny yourself, the world forsake, and humbly follow after me.

Take up your cross; let not its weight fill your weak soul with vain alarm; his strength shall bear your spirit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross, nor heed the shame, and let your foolish pride be still; your Lord for you endured to die upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and calmly every danger brave: 'twill guide you to a better home and lead to victory o'er the grave.

Take up your cross and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down; for only those who bear the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown.

THE GOSPEL: Mark 8: 27-38
Reader: Stephen Ruttan

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=2021-09-12

At the end of the gospel:

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: The Rev. Daniel Fournier

Priest: Let us stand and profess the faith of our baptisms

as we say:

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power
of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated.

Prayers of Intercession: Led by Stephen Ruttan In response to the words, "Holy and Merciful God," the community prays, "Hear our prayer."

Let us pray for the needs of Christ's church, our community, our world and all who are in need.

Gracious God, today's scripture reminds us that words matter and that the way we choose our words holds within it the capacity to either harm or heal, to wound or welcome. In this time when words are tossed around so casually,

may our words be used to build up the Body of Christ and share love and compassion in a broken and battered world.

Short reflective silence....

Holy and Merciful God,

All: Hear our prayer.

Healing God,
we pray for those who have been hurt by words of late:
for refugees and immigrants
with or without documentation,
for women and girls
who have endured words of sexism,
for people of colour who hear words of racism,
for people with disabilities
who are told they are "less than",
for elderly people who are told they are useless,
for young adults who are told
they are entitled, selfish, and irresponsible.
God of the Living Word, help us speak the truth in love
and to care for one another
with the words we choose to speak.

Short reflective silence....

Holy and Merciful God,

All: Hear our prayer.

We place before you, healing God, the situations and people in the news this week, and name them before you either silently or out loud ...

Short reflective silence....

Holy and Merciful God,

All: Hear our prayer.

God of Healing and Wholeness, we lift up to you our words of prayer for the people near and dear to our hearts as we lift them up silently before you...

Short reflective silence....

Holy and Merciful God,

All: Hear our prayer.

Accept all our prayers, in the name of Christ Jesus.

All: Amen.

The Peace: (Please stand as you are able.) For the peace, please acknowledge your greeting of peace by a simple bow – with no physical contact.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: CP 48 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (tune: Picardy)

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly minded for, with blessing in his hand, Christ our God to us approacheth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood, Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood, he will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way, as the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day, that the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim with sleepless eye veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry, "Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord most high!"

The Preparation of the Table

Prayer over the Gifts:

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:

through your goodness

we have this bread to set before you,

which earth has given and human hands have made.

It will become for us the bread of life.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:

through your goodness

we have this wine to set before you,

fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Eucharistic Prayer:

[Source: "Eucharistic Prayers, The Book of Alternative Services (ACC 1985)" Eucharist Prayer #5]

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Priest: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,

for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest: You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we say,

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Congregation may sit or kneel at this time.

Priest: We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us.

He cares for the poor and the hungry.

He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back, but overcame hatred with love.

On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest: On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven.

Do this in memory of me."

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest: Gracious God,
with this bread and wine
we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus,
and we offer ourselves to you in him.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest: Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

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

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

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 for ever.
Amen.

Breaking of the Bread:

AII:

Priest: Lamb of God,

All: you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

The Giving of Communion

Priest: God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

All: Thanks be to God.

For the communion procession, please follow the directions of the sidespeople as each section is invited to come forward. Allow at least 2 metres (6 feet) between you and the person in front of you. As you come up to the communion station, stand behind the marked line and reach your hand forward to receive the host. Please exit to the chapel side and return to your seat.

Prayer after Communion (Please stand as you are able.)

Priest: Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;

and, because without you

our human frailty cannot but fail,

keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: 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: The love of God be the passion

in your heart.

The joy of God your strength

when times are hard.

The presence of God a peace

that overflows.

The Word of God the seed

that you might sow.

And the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn: CP 467 Forth in Thy Name

(tune: Song 34)

Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, my daily labour to pursue, thee, only thee, resolved to know, in all I think or speak or do.

The task thy wisdom hath assigned O let me cheerfully fulfil, in all my works thy presence find, and prove thy good and perfect will.

Thee may I set at my right hand, whose eyes my inmost substance see, and labour on at thy command and offer all my works to thee.

Give me to bear thy easy yoke, and every moment watch and pray, and still to things eternal look, and hasten to thy glorious day;

for thee delightfully employ whate'er thy bounteous grace hath given, and run my course with even joy, and closely walk with thee to heaven.

Dismissal

Priest: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

Thank you to all who helped with this service: Presider: Rev. Daniel Fournier; Reader and Intercessions: Stephen Ruttan; Musicians: Patricia Bates, Daniel Fournier, Barbara Reul, Susanne Reul-Zastre, and Genevieve Richards; Sidespersons: Harry and Barbara Felsing; Creation of Prayers of Intercession: Joan Scandrett; Videographer: 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 – September 12th – 19th (**New Items, *Revised Items)

Retirement of Bonnie Watkins – It is with sadness that I share with you that Bonnie Watkins, our Parish Administrator, has announced that she will be retiring at the end of September. For this reason, I have accepted her resignation. I am grateful for the many years that Bonnie has often been the first contact for anyone who comes into the office. Her experience and knowledge of so many parish-related things will be sorely missed. We wish her all the best, and God's blessings as she enters into retirement. Daniel +

**A Letter from Bishop Anna to all parishioners is available at the back of the church and is posted at the News page of the website. In her letter, Bishop Anna notes that at this time unvaccinated individuals over the age of 12 are asked to participate virtually over the next few months as vaccination rates continue to improve. The action to implement this change is based on our collective responsibility to care and protect the most vulnerable, particularly at this time, our unvaccinated children.

*In-person Eucharist services starting at 10 am are being offered through the fall. 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.

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.

- **Thursday morning services will resume this week on September 16th, at 10:30 am. Everyone is welcome at this mid-week Eucharist service.
- **Thanks to all who helped with St. Luke's Yard Sale in the Parking Lot yesterday Further information and final totals will be available next week.
- *Thank You for Your Support for the Ongoing Ministry of St. Luke's Church through your offerings by writing a cheque, making a donation online through Canada Helps, and by signing up for ECP. We greatly appreciate your offerings each week, whether by putting an offering into the plate in the church, dropping off or mailing your donation, making a donation online through Canada Helps, or by signing up for ECP. Note that the offerings will now be taken forward to the altar each Sunday during the service, but we can't pass around the collection plate at this time. If you miss putting in your donation as you enter the church, donations left in the collection plates after the service will also be collected.
- **It's Time to Order Your 2022 Canadian Church Calendars We will be placing our order for the Canadian Church calendars soon. In order to know how many calendars to order, please

phone (250-477-6741) or email the parish office (admin@stlukecedarhill.ca) to reserve your copy (or copies) of the calendar. Please reserve your copy by Monday, September 20th. These calendars will be \$7.00 each. Bonnie will call you when the calendars arrive and you will pay when you pick up your calendar.

**The 2022 Anglican Church Calendar will be ordered later in the fall. This calendar has the watercolours of Anglican churches, and includes the Sundays, Holy Days, Saints' Days and seasons of the Church Year, in accordance with the calendar from the BCP. This calendar will cost \$9.00, as it is more expensive to purchase. When you phone or e-mail the office, please let Bonnie know which calendar you are ordering.

A Video of Redevelopment Meeting is posted at the News page of St. Luke's website. A copy of the brochure handed out at the meeting is posted there as well. Copies are also available from the office.

- *Livestreaming Help Needed A big thank you to Sharon McMillan who has been the main person organizing the livestreaming since we started livestreaming in March. Thank you to Ray Lett as well who is learning the ropes in this area. We are hoping to create a roster of people who can help with the livestreaming each Sunday. If we aren't able to find enough volunteers, we'll need to hire someone to cover off on some Sundays. If you are interested in learning new skills in this area, please talk to Sharon or Ray after the service, or to Daniel, or leave your name with Bonnie in the office. An orientation session and training will be provided.
- *Prescription Deadline THIS FRIDAY, September 17th, is the deadline for submissions for the Fall issue of St. Luke's Prescription. Please send along your articles, photos, poems, and other creative endeavours to Sharon McMillan or Barb Prescott. Or send them to St. Luke's Church Office at admin@stlukecedarhill.ca or to prescription@stlukecedarhill.ca.

*The September issue of the Diocesan Post is now available online at the News page of St. Luke's website. Print copies are also available in the church or from the parish office. Or please call the office (250-477-6741) to ask to have a copy delivered.

**Research Assistant Needed – St. Luke's is looking for a student who can help us with our research into family stories of people buried in St. Luke's Cemetery, compiling information on our stained glass windows, and continue to work on our archives and organizing our historical materials. We were fortunate to receive a Canada Summer Works Grant this year to hire two students. Justine Soles has just finished her work placement with us and has done a lot of work on our archival materials, but we also have funding for a second student. If you know of a student who would be interested in this type of work experience, the job description and application information are at the News page of St. Luke's website. Deadline for submission of applications is Friday, September 17th.

Double the Need, Double the Donation - The Shelbourne Community Kitchen's latest fundraising effort has been given a huge boost by a generous anonymous donor who has offered to match any donations up to \$20,000. This generous offer could not have come at a better time as the need for programs has more than doubled due to COVID, and The Kitchen has moved to a new location in order to meet the growing community need for food security. Donations can be made through the website www.shelbournecommunitykitchen.ca or directly through www.canadahelps.org and search for the Shelbourne Community Kitchen. See more information at the News page of St. Luke's website.

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! Lots of pictures from the camp are now posted on the News pages of St. Luke's website.

*Root – In this five-week series, five reflectors, including Bishop Anna, consider our origins in creation and our call to reconnect with our rootedness in it, towards finding our way through the ecological crisis at hand. In the second episode of "Root", the Rev. Matthew W. Humphrey seeks to restore the practice of patience and the art of paying attention to God's good world, confident that the good news beckons us to more just and loving ways for the flourishing of all. Watch this episode 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 31st total \$2,755, 71% of the way to our goal of \$3,900.

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 31st, we have \$1,762.93 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 **Fundraising 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.

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.

IN THE WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN PRAYER CYCLE, we pray for The Anglican Church of Tanzania - The Most Revd. Dr. Maimbo Mndolwa - Primate. In the Canadian ACC/ELCIC Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Most Rev. Lynne McNaughton, Metropolitan, and the clergy and people of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon (ACC) and Rev. Kathy Martin, Assistant to the Bishop, and the staff of the British Columbia Synod (ELCIC). In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray for Anna, our Bishop, and for the Congregation of St. Philip, Oak Bay and their priest, Christopher Page. We also pray for Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyle and Pastor Lyndon, and for the Diocese of Caledonia and Bishop David Lehmann.

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY September 19, 2021

Proverbs 31: 10-31

Psalm 1

James 3: 13-4: 3, 7-8A

Mark 9: 30-37

FLOWERS

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