

Welcome to  
**St. Luke Cedar Hill**  
Blessing of the Animals Service  
October 3, 2021



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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.*

## Order of Service

*Please use this leaflet to follow the order of the service. You are invited to join in the psalm and the prayers, in the parts shown in **bold**.*

*You are welcome to have your pet with you during the service or you can go out and get him/her prior to the blessing.*

### Gathering of the Community

#### *Greeting*

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

#### *Collect of the Day*

Most high, omnipotent good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy. O God, you have made us and all living things. We thank you for giving us these pets who bring us joy. As you take care of us, so also we ask your help that we might take care of those who trust us to look after them. By doing this, we share in your own love for all creation. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

#### *Psalm 148*

Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; \*

**praise him in the heights.**

Praise him, all you angels of his; \*

**praise him, all his host.**

Praise him, sun and moon; \*

**praise him, all you shining stars.**

Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*

**and you waters above the heavens.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord; \*

**for he commanded, and they were created.**

He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*  
**he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**  
Praise the Lord from the earth, \*  
**you sea-monsters and all deeps;**  
Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
**tempestuous wind, doing his will;**  
Mountains and all hills, \*  
**fruit trees and all cedars;**  
Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
**creeping things and winged birds;**  
Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
**princes and all rulers of the world;**  
Young men and maidens, \*  
**old and young together.**  
Let them praise the name of the Lord, \*  
**for his name only is exalted,**  
**his splendour is over earth and heaven.**  
He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his  
loyal servants, \*  
**the children of Israel, a people who are near  
him. Hallelujah!**

*Reading: Isaiah 11: 6-9*

The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.  
The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.  
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and  
the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.  
They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

*Reflection*

*Prayers:*

Creator God, Your word resonates throughout creation.

**All: Even the stones proclaim the wonder of your works.**

The whales and all that moves in the waters, the birds of the air, the beasts of the wild, call us to Sacred Community.

**All: Give us a heart that can embrace the Holy connectedness we find in You.**

Help us to overcome indifference, greed and carelessness.

**All: Our blindness to the pain of the earth and the threat to all creatures.**

Open the well-springs of your love and fill all things with your life-giving Spirit.

**All: Come, Divine Spirit and renew the face of the earth.**

Let us pray for all animals who serve and protect, for the Canine units of the RCMP and Municipal Police Services, for our mounted patrols, for animals who guide and serve the infirm, the isolated and the aged. For all animals who reflect the joy of your creation.

**All: Blessed Source of Life, hear our prayer.**

For all creatures, their habitats and environment, for their health and well being.

**All: Blessed Source of Life, hear our prayer.**

For the care and respect of all animals, for those working to protect endangered species, who support and care for birds and animal sanctuaries.

**All: Blessed Source of Life, hear our prayer.**

For veterinarians, those involved in animal husbandry, and for all who care for domestic animals and pets.

**All: Lord of all worlds, grant us a growing awareness of our own responsibility for the care and nurture of all Life on this planet.**

*A Prayer: Remembrance of our beloved pets that have died:*  
We remember our animal companions who are no longer with us physically. We give thanks for the gifts they gave us

and the variety of ways they enriched and blessed our lives. We are confident that our Creator continues to care for them.  
**Amen.**

## **Blessing of the Animals**

*(Please bring your pet forward for a blessing. Please be aware that all safety protocols concerning COVID-19 are observed. As your pet is presented for a blessing, please maintain a 2 metre distance from the presider while your pet is receiving this blessing.)*

*Prayer after the Blessing:*

O Blessed Lord of all creation, sustainer of all worlds, in whom all things are brought together in one; unite us in faith, hope and love that in you and by you, all life may be valued as sacred, the earth be healed, and your reign of justice, freedom and peace be made real through us, in all we do, for the love of Him who is the Prince of Peace Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

*Lord's Prayer:*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The Prayer of St. Francis:*

**Lord, make us instruments of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;**

**Where there is darkness, light;  
Where there is sadness, joy.  
O Divine Master, Grant that we may  
Not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
To be understood as to understand;  
To be loved as to love.**

**For it is in giving that we receive;  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.  
Amen.**

*Blessing:*

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Dismissal*



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**THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS October 3<sup>rd</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**(\*\*New Items, \*Revised Items)**

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**Donations for Thanksgiving** – The Altar Guild requests donations of fruit, vegetables, and preserves to decorate the church for Thanksgiving. Items can be be dropped off 9:30 - 10 am on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. The edible items will go to Shelbourne Community Kitchen after the Thanksgiving service. Also if you wish to have flowers in memory of a loved one at Thanksgiving, please phone Ann Seguin (or leave a message for her at St. Luke's office).

**\*Next Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, we will hold a Thanksgiving Eucharist Service at 10 am.** Anyone wishing to attend will need to register by phoning (250-477-6741) or e-mailing the office ([admin@stlukecedarhill.ca](mailto:admin@stlukecedarhill.ca)) before 11 am 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 will be livestreamed and recorded as well as being in-person. The Bishop encourages those who are unvaccinated to watch the online services.

**Thursday morning services are now being held at 10:30 am in the chapel.** Everyone is welcome at this mid-week Eucharist service.

**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. 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.

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We hope you will visit again!

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### **FLOWERS**

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Dennis Bell,  
son and grandson of past members of St. Luke's  
from Susan Bell and family.

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

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