

Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill
18th Sunday after Pentecost
September 26, 2021
Holy Eucharist



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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.*

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 : St Paul says,
‘Be imitators of God;
love as Christ loved;
do not grieve the Holy Spirit;
put away all anger and bitterness,
all slander and malice.’
So let us confess our sins to God,
who forgives us in Christ.

Confession

Priest : Father eternal,

**All: giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
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 lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

Absolution:

Priest: Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Opening Hymn: CP 502 You Are Salt for the Earth
(tune: Bring Forth)

**You are salt for the earth, O people:
salt for the kingdom of God!
Share the flavour of life, O people:
life in the kingdom of God!**

***Refrain:* Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,
bring forth the kingdom of peace;
bring forth the kingdom of justice,
bring forth the city of God!**

**You are a light on the hill, O people:
light for the city of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
shine for the kingdom of God! *Refrain***

**You are a seed of the Word, O people:
bring forth the kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
grow in the kingdom of God! *Refrain***

**We are a blest and a pilgrim people
bound for the kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland:
love is the kingdom of God! *Refrain***

Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: O God,
pour out your Spirit over all the world
and inspire every heart with knowledge
and love of you.

May we who confess Jesus as Lord
set aside whatever obscures this faith,
so that our witness to your love
may shine clearly in all our days,
for with him you live and reign
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: Esther 7: 1-6

Reader: *Genevieve Richards*

Reader: A reading from the Book of Esther.

The reading can be found here:

<https://lectionary.anglican.ca/nrsv/?date=2021-09-26>

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 124

*Response: **Our help is in the name of the Lord.***

If the Lord himself had not been on our side,
now may Israel say;
If the Lord had not been on our side,
when enemies rose up against us;
Then would they have swallowed us alive
when their anger burned against us; *(Response)*

Then would the waters have overwhelmed us
and the torrent gone over our soul;
over our soul would have swept the raging waters. *(Response)*

But blessed be the Lord
who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
Our soul has escaped
as a bird from the snare of the fowler;
the snare is broken and we are delivered. *(Response)*

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who has made heaven and earth. *(Response)*

Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn: CP 613 We Lay Our Broken World
(tune: Garelochside)

**We lay our broken world
in sorrow at your feet,
haunted by hunger, war, and fear,
oppressed by power and hate.**

**Where human life seems less
than profit, might and pride:
though to unite us all in you,
you lived and loved and died.**

**We bring our broken hopes
for lives of dignity;
workless and overworked you love,
and call us to be free.**

**We bring our broken loves,
friends parted, families torn;
then in your life and death we see
that love must be reborn.**

**We bring our broken selves,
confused and closed and tired;
then through your gift of healing grace
new purpose is inspired.**

**Come fill us, Fire of God,
our life and strength renew;
find in us love and hope and trust,
and lift us up to you.**

THE GOSPEL: Mark 9: 38-50

Reader: *Genevieve Richards*

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=2021-09-26>

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 our faith as in the words from
the New Zealand Prayer Book: "A Liturgical
Affirmation".

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 Genevieve Richards*
In response to the words, "Lord, in your mercy,"
the community prays, "Hear our prayer."

Let us bring the needs of the church, the world,
and all in need, to God's loving care;

Gracious God,
you have called many people together
to become the church that bears Jesus' name.
Thank you for joining us in fellowship
in so many different places, and giving us opportunities
to make a difference for Christ's sake.
Bless our congregation and our denomination,
so that we are united in mission and purpose,
wherever and however we serve.

Lord, in Your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Creator God, you made all things
and called them good.

May the earth be held in reverence by all people.

May its resources be used wisely,
and the fragile balance
between all its species respected.

Be with those whose lives
have been disrupted by wildfire, storm and drought,
and bring healing to creatures
and communities struggling for life.

Lord, in Your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Comforting God,
your Son became a refugee
with no place to call his own.

Look with mercy on all those
who are fleeing from danger,
and find themselves homeless and hungry.

Bless and protect those who work to bring relief;
and inspire generosity and compassion
in hearts that have resources to share.

Guide the nations to work together
to bring an end to conflict
so that little children may grow up safe
and happy in their own homes.

Lord, in Your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Eternal Ruler,
all nations rise and fall in your sight.

Hear our prayers for those
who rule in countries around the world,
that they may act with integrity,
establish justice for all citizens,
and seek the ways of peace.

Give guidance to the new government
elected in Canada this week,
to address the needs of the people
who are most vulnerable,
and to lead recovery from the pandemic
in prudent and generous ways.
Lord, in Your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

God of hope,
we bring before you the names of people
and places on our hearts this day,
seeking the right gift only you can give them:

(A time of silence is held.)

Lord, in Your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Ever faithful God,
you have knit together your people
from all times and places into the body of Christ
through his resurrecting love.
Keep us in communion with all your saints,
those we have known and loved,
as well as those known best to you.
Inspire us to learn from the examples
of their faith in action,
and bring us together in the joy
we will know in your presence.
Lord, in Your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Merciful God,
accept our prayers, spoken and unspoken,
and strengthen us to do your will
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 70 Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts

(tune: Maryton)

Jesus, the joy of loving hearts,
true source of life, our lives sustain:
from the best bliss that earth imparts,
we turn unfilled to you again.

Your truth unchanged has ever stood;
you rescue those who on you call:
to those yet seeking, you are good;
to those who find you, all in all.

We taste of you, the living bread,
and long to feast upon you still.
We drink from you, the fountainhead;
our thirsty souls from you we fill.

Our restless spirits long for you,
however may our lot be cast,
glad when your gracious smile we view,
blessed when our faith can hold you fast.

Jesus, forever with us stay:
make all our moments calm and bright;
chase the dark night of sin away;
spread through the world your holy light.

The Preparation of the Table

Prayer over the Gifts:

Priest: As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now united on this table in bread and wine,

so, Lord, may your whole Church
soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Eucharistic Prayer:

*[Source: "Eucharistic Prayers, The Book of Alternative Services
(ACC 1985)" Eucharist Prayer #1]*

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,
It is indeed right that we should praise you,
gracious God,
for you created all things.
You formed us in your own image:
male and female you created us.
When we turned away from you in sin,
you did not cease to care for us,
but opened a path of salvation for all people.
You made a covenant with Israel,
and through your servants Abraham and Sarah
gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.
Through Moses you led your people
from bondage into freedom;
through the prophets
you renewed your promise of salvation.
Therefore, with them, and with all your saints
who have served you in every age,
we give thanks and raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**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: Holy God, source of life and goodness,
all creation rightly gives you praise.
In the fullness of time,
you sent your Son Jesus Christ,
to share our human nature,
to live and die as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.
He healed the sick
and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners;
he opened the eyes of the blind
and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom
to the poor and to those in need.
In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, "Take, eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many

for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

All: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Priest: Recalling his death,
proclaiming his resurrection,
and looking for his coming again in glory,
we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts,
that all who eat and drink at this table
may be one body and one holy people,
a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

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

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

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 for ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread:

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: Gracious God,

We thank you for feeding us with this bread of life.

We pray that your grace

may always precede and follow us,

and make us continually to be given to all good works;
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: May the Father from whom every family
in earth and heaven receives its name
strengthen you with his Spirit in your inner being,
so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith;
and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn: CP 330 O Praise Ye the Lord

(tune: Laudate Dominum)

O praise ye the Lord! Give praise in the height;
rejoice in God's Word, ye angels of light;
ye heavens, adore him by whom ye were made,
and worship before him in brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord! Give praise upon earth;
in tuneful accord, give thanks for new birth;
praise God who hath brought you all grace from above,
praise God who hath taught you the pathways of love.

O praise ye the Lord, all things that give sound;
each jubilant chord re-echo around;
loud organs, God's glory proclaim in deep tone,
and sweet harp, the story of what God hath done.

**O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
be ever outpoured all ages along;
for love in creation, for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!**

Dismissal

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Thank you to all who helped with this service: Presider: Rev. Daniel Fournier; Liturgical Assistant: Sean Tiernay; Reader and Intercessions: Genevieve Richards; Musicians: Patricia Bates, Olivia Craster, Daniel Fournier, Barbara Reul, Susanne Reul-Zastre, Genevieve Richards, Matthew Robertson, and Maria Ross; Sidespersons: Heather Simpson and Kathleen Patterson; 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

September 26th – October 3rd

(New Items, *Revised Items)**

****Donations for Thanksgiving** – The Altar Guild requests donations of fruit, vegetables, and preserves to decorate the church for Thanksgiving. Items can be dropped off 9:30 - 10 am on Saturday, October 9th. 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).

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 11:45 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.

****Blessing of the Animals Service – NEXT Sunday, October 3rd at 2:30 pm.** This will be a short service (about 30 minutes long) with a blessing of the animals at the end. You are invited to bring your pet to the service to be blessed. People may also bring a picture of a pet (living or deceased) so that the pet can be blessed or remembered. Please invite your friends and their pets to come to this service as well. Please register to attend by phoning (250-477-6741) or e-mailing the office (admin@stlukecedarhill.ca) before noon on Friday, October 1st.

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. **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.

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 and is available from the office. Thank you for all your questions at the meeting and those sent in afterwards. They are presently being reviewed and the responses will be circulated soon.

***Livestreaming Help Needed** – 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.

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.

****An Invitation from Lutheran Church of the Cross** – Please join us for an in-person event at Church of the Cross on Tuesday, October 5th from 7:00 - 8:30 pm with guest speaker Julius Maslovat. Masks are required. Mr. Maslovat resides in Victoria and is one of the youngest children on record to have survived the Nazi concentration camps. A viewing of his 45 minute documentary will be followed by a Q&A period. Both of Mr. Maslovat's parents were killed in the Holocaust. The documentary follows his journey as he researches his past to learn more about the people who helped to keep him alive during his time in concentration camps. The film encourages viewers to learn about injustices in our current world and to ask themselves the question, "Why am I here?" Maslovat says; "I survived because of other people, people who were concerned enough, despite their own condition, to help someone else." See more information at the **Events page of St. Luke's website**.

***Root** – In this fourth episode of "Root", Richard Kool offers a Jewish perspective on what it means to be a "steward." 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 September 20th total \$3,378.05, 87% of the way to our goal of \$3,900.**

IN THE WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN PRAYER CYCLE, we pray for the Episcopal Church of the USA, the Most Revd Michael Curry - Presiding Bishop. In the Canadian ACC/ELCIC Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the clergy and people of the Territory of the People (ACC) and the dean, council, and congregations of the North Region of the British Columbia Synod (ELCIC). In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray for Anna, our Bishop, and for the Congregation of St. Mary Magdalene, Mayne Island and their priest, Blair Haggart, and for St. Margaret, Galiano Island, and their priest, Sarah Tweedale. 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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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY October 3, 2021

Isaiah 55: 1-2,6-7

Psalm 145: 14-21

2 Corinthians 9: 6-9

Matthew 15: 29, 32-38

FLOWERS

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Mabel, Alfred, and Walter Slocomb
from Jane Grant and family.

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