### Welcome to

## St. Luke Cedar Hill

The Reign of Christ Sunday (Ordinary 34)
November 21, 2021 - 10:00 am
Service of the Word



"You say I am a king.
For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth."

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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.

We are grateful for their hospitality.

Prelude (please be seated)

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

Leader: We are now reaching the end of the Church's year.

Next week, with the beginning of Advent,
we begin again the cycle of the birth of Jesus,
his ministry, his death, passion and resurrection.
The ending of a year is a good time to assess
where we have been, what has been achieved,
and perhaps most importantly,
where we are going with our journey of faith.
Today as we worship – we are invited to search within,
calling upon the grace of Christ our King
to illumine our way forward
as he leads us today and for all days.

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 God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive us our sins

and make us holy to serve him in the world,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

# Opening Hymn: CP 379 Rejoice, the Lord is King (tune: Darwall)

### The Collect of the Day

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Almighty God,

train our eyes to discern your righteous rule,

so that, standing firmly in hope before the powers of this world,

we may heed your voice and be constant in your truth;

through Jesus of Nazareth, David's heir.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

### The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 23: 1-7
Reader: Bruce Hallsor

Reader: A reading from the Second Book of Samuel.

The reading can be found here: https://lectionary.anglican.ca/nrsv/?date=2021-11-21

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 132: 1-13

Response: "Arise, O Lord, into your resting place."

Lord, remember for David all the hardships he endured; How he swore an oath to the Lord and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob: I will not come within the shelter of my house, nor climb up into my bed; (Response)

I will not allow my eyes to sleep, nor let my eyelids slumber, until I find a place for the Lord, a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob. Now, we heard of the ark in Ephrathah and found it in the fields of Ja-ar. (Response)

Let us enter his dwelling place and fall low before his footstool. Arise, O Lord, into your resting place, you and the ark of your strength. Let your priests be clothed with righteousness and your faithful ones sing with joy. (Response) For your servant David's sake, turn not away the face of your anointed. The Lord has sworn an oath to David, a promise from which he will not shrink. (Response)

Of the fruit of your body shall I set upon your throne. If your children keep my covenant and my testimonies that I shall teach them, their children also shall sit upon your throne for evermore. (Response)

Please stand as you are able.

### Gradual Hymn: CP 451 King of Love, O Christ, We Crown You

(tune: Hermon)

THE GOSPEL: John 18: 33-37 Reader: *Bruce Hallsor* 

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=2021-11-21

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.

### The Apostle's Creed

Leader: 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 B Hallsor In response to the words, "Guide us, O Lord, to a new beginning:" the community prays, "in your mercy, hear our prayer."

> Holy One, the Source, Story and Spirit of Love, We praise you for the signs of your reign among us:

For hope overcoming despair, trust rising above hurt, love prevailing over hatred, and peace restoring harmony after discord.

God of Hope Beyond Fear, We pray that you will comfort this broken world. May the vision of your peaceable kingdom take root—in your church, in our families, in our community, and in countries marked by violence and struggles for power.

Guide us, O Lord, to a new beginning: in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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God of Wholeness Beyond Fracture,
We pray for a world where differences
are overcome by understanding,
and everyone can find a place of dignity and respect.
Shape our hearts soft with the kindness of your Spirit
so that all our relationships honour your image
in each person, and our actions and attitudes
help you mend the world you love.

Guide us, O Lord, to a new beginning:

All: in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of Life Beyond Death,
We pray for all those who are grieving
the loss of a loved one, the loss of hope
or the loss of a dream.
Be present with each one living
through a time of sadness or discouragement.
Bring them comfort through your presence,
and show us how to be good companions
on the journey to renewed hope.

Guide us, O Lord, to a new beginning: in your mercy, hear our prayer.

As we honour Christ, the only King and head of the church, we pray for the continuation of Christ's ministry through the church. We have faced many challenging months, separated by the pandemic and the divisions it has created among us. Send your Holy Spirit to knit the church together; bring renewed life and commitment to each congregation and parish; enliven ecumenical action on needs in every community; open minds and hearts that have experienced disagreement to mutual understanding; and refresh all who are tired out with a vision of the future you will create for us, with us and through us.

Guide us, O Lord, to a new beginning:

All: in your mercy, hear our prayer.

All these prayers we offer in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Saviour.

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.

The Conclusion and Blessing

Amen.

Leader: It is not enough to acclaim Jesus Christ as our Lord and King.
Our mission in life is to make his kingdom a reality among us and to bring it to those around us by our words and deeds.
The way to do this is to live as he lived: for others, in love and service.

May almighty God bless us for this task:

All: Amen.

# Closing Hymn: CP 631 The Kingdom of God Is Justice and Joy

(tune: Paderborn)

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: Bruce Hallsor; Musicians: Patricia Bates, Olivia Craster, Barbara Reul, Susanne Reul-Zastre, Genevieve Richards, Matthew Robertson, and Maria Ross; Sidespersons: Heather Simpson and Sandra Lindberg; Creation of Prayers of Intercession: Joan Scandrett; Videographers: Ray Lett and Jesse Poilievre; 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: Andrew Lloyd.

# THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS November 21<sup>st</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> (\*\*New Items, \*Revised Items)

\*\*Thank you to Sean Tiernay for filling in as Worship Leader this Sunday while Daniel takes two weeks of welldeserved holiday time. Pastor Lyle McKenzie from Church of the Cross is available for any emergency pastoral care situations. He can be reached through St. Luke's Parish Office.

Who are your saints? Who has been a saint to you? – As in some years past, we are compiling a book of our saints to honour through the month of November. There will be a book at the back of the church for you to write in the names of your saints. At this time, we will be honouring those no longer with us. So please don't include the names of those you consider to be saints presently living among us.

\*There will not be a Coffee Time via Zoom today. Zoom Coffee Times will resume next Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup> and will start at 11:45 am after the in-person and livestreamed service. Watch for the link, which is sent out by e-mail and join us in your home via Zoom. Hope to see you there.

Please register for next Sunday's 10 am Eucharist Service by phoning (250-477-6741) or e-mailing the office (admin@stlukecedar hill.ca) before 11 am this Friday. (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 services will be livestreamed and recorded as well as being in-person. The Bishop encourages those who are unvaccinated to watch the online services.

\*\*No Shared Worship with Church of the Cross for the First Sunday in Advent, November 28<sup>th</sup>, this Year – In previous years, we have looked forward to sharing in an evening worship service on the First Sunday in Advent with Church of the Cross. Because of various people being away, we will not hold shared worship this year but look forward to other opportunities in the future, including celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Anglican Lutheran Full Communion.

\*Thursday Morning Services – There will not be a Thursday 10:30 am service on November 25<sup>th</sup>. Thursday services will resume on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

\*\*Jazz Up Your Sunday Evening with a Jazz Vespers Service starting at 7 pm on December 5<sup>th</sup> – This hour-long service in the church will feature lots of jazz along with contemporary prayers, poems, and readings. Come and see and hear what it's all about!

\*\*A Big Thank You to the 5<sup>th</sup> Tsartlip Scouts and Venturers, and the 1<sup>st</sup> Cedar Hill Scouts and Venturers for all their work raking leaves and cleaning up the cemetery on Remembrance Day. The cemetery looks great now!

Lots of Pictures at the News Page of St. Luke's website – Please check out the News page of St. Luke's website to see pictures from the "No Stone Left Alone" ceremonies at St. Luke's Cemetery and from the Service of Remembrance. On November 4<sup>th</sup>, over 400 students from Cedar Hill Middle School visited St. Luke's Cemetery to take part in two back-to-back "No Stone Left Alone" ceremonies to recognize veterans in St. Luke's Cemetery.

- \*\*John Albert Hall Lecture with Cynthia Moe-Lobeda Resisting Structural Evil: Climate, Economy and Hope Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> 5:00 6:30 pm UVic Campus, EC 125 or online. Register for the Zoom link at the Events page of St. Luke's website. Climate justice may be the foremost moral challenge of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. How are we to face this crisis with courage, wisdom, agency, and hope? What do spirituality and religion bring to this question? What is the role of economic life in building sustainable Earth-human relations? Join with Cynthia Moe-Lobeda for honest and hopeful inquiry into these burning questions.
- \*\*Prescription Deadline Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> is the deadline for submissions for the Christmas 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 <a href="mailto:admin@stlukecedarhill.ca">admin@stlukecedarhill.ca</a> or to <a href="mailto:prescription@stlukecedarhill.ca">prescription@stlukecedarhill.ca</a>.
- \*\*Resisting Structural Evil with Cynthia Moe-Lobeda Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am 2:00 pm at St. Stephen's Church, 7921 St. Stephens Rd., Saanichton This in-person event will give us as a diocese an opportunity to engage Dr. Moe-Lobeda directly in how her work, and specifically the concepts of structural evil, connect with the cares and concerns we have in our parishes and communities. Having read the book is not a pre-requisite for participation. The workshop will include some direct teaching from Dr. Moe-Lobeda, and significant time to dialogue with her and others about how we may participate in resisting evil, and furthering God's work in our lives. The cost for the workshop is \$26, which includes lunch. The maximum capacity is 40 participants. Please register at the link at the Events page of St. Luke's website.
- \*Repairs to the Rock Walls in the Cemetery Have Begun Several of the rock walls in the cemetery have become safety hazards. We are pleased that the repair work on these walls has now started. The cost of the work is just under \$10,000. We would welcome donations towards these repairs and to the

ongoing maintenance of the cemetery. If writing a cheque, please make your cheque payable to St. Luke's Church, noting that it is for the cemetery, and include your cheque in your donation envelope. Write on the outside of the envelope as well that the donation is for the cemetery. If you wish your donation to be put towards the cemetery rock wall repair, please add that on the memo line of your cheque or include a note with your donation. You can also make an online donation by credit card through Canada Helps. See more information at the **News page of St. Luke's website**.

\*\*A Pastoral Letter from Bishop Anna – After the Waters Recede is available at the News page of St. Luke's website. In her letter, Bishop Anna talks about the flooding this week and asks that we reach out from near or far to our neighbours, to offer what we can, including our prayers. Copies of this letter are also available at the back of the church.

\*\*A Call to Action from Bishop Anna – Transgender Day of Remembrance – November 20<sup>th</sup> – Bishop Anna invites us to pause on November 20 to consider those whose gender diversity has been a source of pain, violence and hate. Resources links for more information about the Transgender Day of Remembrance are included with the News posting at St. Luke's website. Copies of the Bishop's Call to Action are also available at the back of the church.

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

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. 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.

\*Stamps for Cookware for the Shelbourne Community
Kitchen – St. Luke's is collecting the stamps from Thrifty Foods
for the Vivo pots and pans promotion. We did a great job
collecting stamps for knives earlier this year. Now the stamps
collected will be used to buy pots and pans for Shelbourne
Community Kitchen. If you shop at Thrifty's and don't need the
stamps, please consider collecting and donating them. The
stamps can be put in an envelope and dropped off at the office
or put in the mail box by the hall front door. While the promotion
runs until March 2, 2022, the Kitchen is planning to give away
some pots and pans at Christmas so we hope to have some for
them by then.

Fairway Market Community Shopping Cards – You are invited to take part in this fundraising program using reloadable Fairway Market Community Shopping Cards. St. Luke's will receive 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 or talk to Brenda Morgan for more information or visit the Fundraising 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 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. As of November 9<sup>th</sup>, we have \$3,015.84 towards our next goal of \$5,000 to receive a second \$50.00 gift certificate. Please keep dropping off your receipts so we can reach another \$5,000. See more information at the News page of St. Luke's website.

**Level Ground Fundraiser** – You are invited to take part in a fundraising program to benefit St. Luke's 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 (<a href="https://levelground.com/collections">https://levelground.com/collections</a>). 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 Fundraising page of St. Luke's website.

IN THE WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN PRAYER CYCLE, we pray for the Church of Bangladesh - The Most Revd Samuel Sunil Mankhin - Moderator. In the Canadian ACC/ELCIC Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Secretary General and staff of the Anglican Communion Office (ACC) and the General Secretary and staff of the Lutheran World Federation (ELCIC) and the members of the Joint Anglican-Lutheran Commission. In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray for Anna, our Bishop, and for the Parish of Christ Church, Alert Bay and their priest, William Hubbard. 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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We hope you will visit again!

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#### **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY November 28, 2021**

Jeremiah 33: 14-16 Psalm 25: 1-9 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13 Luke 21: 25-36

#### **FLOWERS**

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