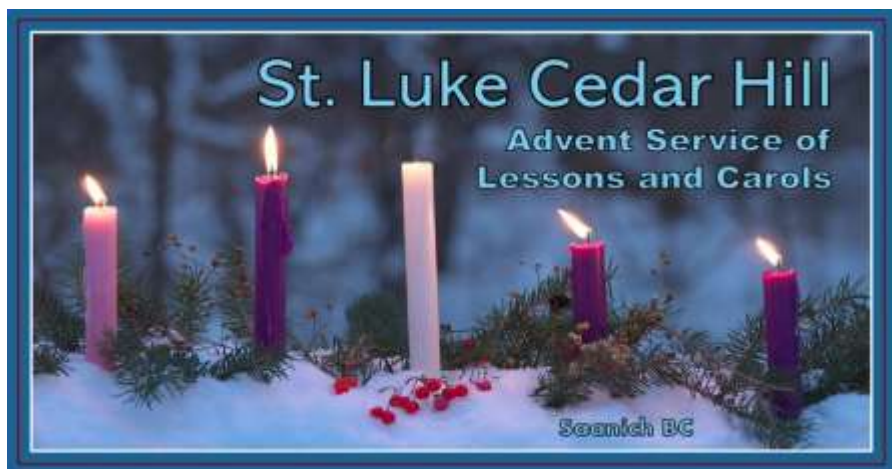


Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill
Lessons and Carols for Advent
December 19, 2021



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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.
We are grateful for their hospitality.*

Please be seated for the readings and stand for the hymns.

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

ADVENT INTRODUCTORY RESPONSES (please stand)

Leader: I look from afar:

**All: and lo, I see the power of God coming,
and a cloud covering the whole earth.**

Leader: Go ye out to meet him and say:

**All: Tell us, art thou he that should come
to reign over thy people Israel?**

Leader: High and low, rich and poor, one with another,

All: Go ye out to meet him and say:

Leader: Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel,
thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep,

All: Tell us, art thou he that should come?

Leader: Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come

All: To reign over thy people Israel.

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost.

**All: I look from afar:
and lo, I see the power of God coming,
and a cloud covering the whole earth.
Go ye out to meet him and say:
Tell us, art thou he that should come
to reign over thy people Israel?**

ADVENT THANKSGIVING

Leader: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe,
creator of light and darkness.

In this holy season, when the sun's light
is swallowed up by the growing darkness of the night,
you renew your promise to reveal among us
the splendour of your glory, enfleshed and visible to us
in Jesus Christ your Son.

Through the outpouring of his Spirit,

you open our blindness to the glory of his presence.
Strengthen us in our weakness.
Support us in our stumbling efforts
to do your will and free our tongues to sing your praise.
For to you all honour and blessing are due,
now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Hymn: The Advent of Our King

(Charles Coffin, Tune: St. Thomas (Williams))

**The advent of our King
our prayers must now employ,
and we must hymns of welcome sing
in strains of holy joy.**

**The everlasting Son
incarnate deigns to be;
himself a servant's form puts on
to set his servants free.**

**Daughter of Zion, rise
to meet thy lowly King,
nor let thy faithless heart despise
the peace he comes to bring.**

**As Judge, on clouds of light,
he soon will come again,
and his true members all unite
with him in heaven to reign.**

**Before the dawning day
let sin's dark deeds be gone;
the old man all be put away,
the new man all put on.**

**All glory to the Son,
who comes to set us free,
with Father, Spirit, ever One,
through all eternity.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Leader: Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, merciful and gentle:
to you be praise and glory for ever.

Your light has shone in our darkened world
through the child-bearing of blessed Mary;
grant that we who have seen your glory
may daily be renewed in your image
and prepared like her for the coming of your Son,
who is the Lord and Saviour of all.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

BIDDING PRAYER

Leader: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away
the works of darkness and put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life
in which your Son Jesus Christ
came to us in great humility, that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge both the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Hymn: CP 88 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
(tune: Stuttgart)

FIRST READING: Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-25

Reader: *Barbara Felsing*

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

COLLECT

SECOND READING: Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Reader: *Gillian Bloom*

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

COLLECT

Hymn: CP 103 On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry

(tune: Winchester New)

THIRD READING: Micah 6: 6-8

Reader: *Tara Poillievre*

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

COLLECT

Hymn: CP 120 O Little Town of Bethlehem

(tune: St. Louis)

FOURTH READING: Isaiah 65: 17-25

Reader: *Barb Prescott*

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

COLLECT

Hymn: CP 89 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

(tune: Veni Emmanuel)

(Please stay standing at the end of the hymn.)

FIFTH READING: Luke 1: 26-38

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 Luke.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At the end of the gospel:

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COLLECT

Hymn: CP 101 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

(tune: Crüger)

Sermon: Rev. Daniel Fournier

ADVENT LITANY

Leader: O Wisdom, from the mouth of the Most High,
you reign over all things to the ends of the earth:
come and teach us how to live.

All: Lord Jesus, come soon!

Leader: O Lord, and head of the house of Israel,
you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush
and you gave the law on Sinai:
come with outstretched arm and ransom us.

All: Lord Jesus, come soon!

Leader: O Branch of Jesse, standing as a sign
among the nations, all kings will keep silence
before you and all peoples will summon you
to their aid: come, set us free and delay no more.

All: Lord Jesus, come soon!

Leader: O Key of David and scepter of the house of Israel,
you open and none can shut;
you shut and none can open:
come and free the captives from prison.

All: Lord Jesus, come soon!

Leader: O Morning Star, splendour of the light eternal
and bright Sun of righteousness: come and enlighten
all who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

All: Lord Jesus, come soon!

Leader: O King of the nations, you alone can fulfil their desires:
Cornerstone, you make opposing nations one:
come and save the creature you fashioned from clay.

All: Lord Jesus, come soon!

Leader: O Emmanuel, hope of the nations and their Saviour:
come and save us, Lord our God.

All: Lord Jesus, come soon!

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 98 Hark, the Glad Sound

(tune: Richmond – CP 306)

Note that the offerings will be taken forward to the altar during this hymn, but we aren't allowed to pass around the collection plate at this time. If you missed putting in your donation as you entered the church, donations left in the collection plates after the service will also be collected.

Priest: God of love and power, your word stirs within us
the expectation of the coming of your Son.
Accept all we offer you this day and sustain us
with your promise of eternal life.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
Our Saviour and Redeemer.
He is your living Word
through whom you have created all things.
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary
and shared our human nature.
He lived and died as one of us,
to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.
In fulfilment of your will, he stretched out his hands
in suffering, to bring release to those
who place their hope in you;
and so he won for you a holy people.
He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,
and to give up his life on the cross,
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.
By his resurrection he brings us
into the light of your presence.
Now with all creation we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
Lord God of hosts,
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.**

Priest: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death, took bread
and gave you thanks, saying, "Take and eat :
this is my body which is broken for you."
In the same way he took the cup,
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.
When you do this, you do it in memory of me."
Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we offer you this bread and this cup,
giving thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.
We ask you to send your Holy Spirit
upon the offering of your holy Church.

Gather into one all
who share in these sacred mysteries,
filling them with the Holy Spirit
and confirming their faith in the truth,
that together we may praise you
and give you glory through your servant, Jesus Christ.
All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son,
with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church
now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Priest: As our Saviour taught us, let us 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Priest: Behold what you are.

All: May we become what we receive.

Priest: The Gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Communion of the People

At this time, protocols allow for only the bread to be shared for communion. 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

Priest: Lord of hosts, we praise your glory
reflected in your saints.

May we who share at this table be filled
with the joy of your eternal kingdom,
where Jesus is Lord, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

CLOSING RESPONSORY FOR ADVENT

Leader: My soul waits for the Lord: in his word is my hope.

All: My soul waits for the Lord: in his word is my hope.

Leader: Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice.

All: In his word is my hope.

Leader: There is forgiveness with you;
therefore you shall be feared.

All: In his word is my hope.

Leader: My soul waits for the Lord,
more than watchmen for the morning.

All: In his word is my hope.

Leader: O Israel, wait for the Lord,
for with the Lord there is mercy.

All: In his word is my hope.

Leader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.

All: My soul waits for the Lord; in his word is my hope.

Blessing & Dismissal

Hymn: CP 91 People, Look East! The Time is Near
(tune: Besançon)

Postlude

Thank you to all who helped with this service: Presider: Rev. Daniel Fournier; Liturgical Assistant: Sean Tiernay; Readers: Barbara Felsing, Gillian Bloom, Tara Poilievre, Barb Prescott, and Martin White; Musicians: David Berry, Patricia Bates, Olivia Craster, Daniel Fournier, John Laidlaw, Genevieve Richards, Matthew Robertson, and Maria Ross; Sidespersons: Heather Simpson and Barb Prescott; Videographers: Martin White and Sharon McMillan; Service Planning and Service Outline: Sean Tiernay and 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 December 19th – 25th
(New Items, *Revised Items)**

Welcome to David Berry – We welcome David Berry back to the organ bench again this morning. Susanne is taking a well-deserved leave of absence this month and into the new year. During this unpaid sabbatical, please keep Susanne in your

prayers, while she spends time with her family to recharge. This is her first big break from weekly organist/choir director duties at St. Luke's since 2009.

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.

***Christmas Services at St. Luke's** will be at 4 pm, 7 pm, and 10 pm on Christmas Eve, and at 10 am on Christmas Day. You will need to register for the Christmas Eve services. You will not need to register ahead for the Christmas Day service. Please register for the Christmas Eve services by calling (250-477-6741), e-mailing St. Luke's office, or register online. See the link at the **Events page of St. Luke's website**. The capacity limit for the Christmas Eve services is 80 people per service. Please note that the Christingle service has almost reached capacity. There is still lots of room in the other services.

***Christmas with Edie Daponte – TODAY, December 19th at 2:30 pm and 7:00 pm at Church of the Cross** – A fundraiser for the Shelbourne Community Kitchen. Celebrate the holiday season with vocalist Edie DaPonte and the smooth musical rhythms of the Bob Watts Trio. Featuring musical styles from jazz to gospel and spanning several musical genres, everything from jazz standards to holiday favourites. **A generous anonymous donor has offered to match all funds raised through this event, up to a total of \$25,000!** What a wonderful way to celebrate the holidays, to double the impact of your donations, and do some good in our community. **Tickets: \$20/person available online via Canada Helps.** See the **Events page of St. Luke's website** for more information. Some tickets will also be available at the door.

Christmas Stocking Project and Outreach Donations This Month – We have changed our priorities this year for the Christmas Stocking Project and decided to support a local project. The money from the Christmas Stocking will be directed towards the Shelbourne Community Kitchen Pantry

Program to help people locally who need support in obtaining fresh, healthy food. As well, donations which you include in your PWRDF envelopes or direct to PWRDF will be sent to the PWRDF to be used to support people in BC who have suffered losses from the recent floods. Please consider making donations to these worthwhile projects this month.

***Longest Night Service – THIS Tuesday, December 21st, 7 pm** – The service this year will be held on the actual longest night of the year. Whether you have experienced loss in your life or simply are finding it difficult to enter into Christmas this year for whatever reason. Come and enter gently into a quiet holy time. This Longest Night Service, a service of Light in the Midst of Darkness, is open to everyone. You are welcome to invite a friend to come and share with you in this service of remembrance and hope.

****Please note that there will not be a service on Sunday, December 26th.**

****The Parish Office Will be Closed on December 27th, 28th, 31st and January 3rd.** It will be open December 29th and 30th and will reopen in the New Year on January 4th.

****There will not be a Thursday morning 10:30 am Communion Service on December 30th.**

****Donations for Flowers for Christmas** – The Altar Guild invites your donations for flowers for the Christmas services. Donations can be made in memory of a loved one, in celebration of a special event, or simply as a thanks offering. Donations can be mailed, handed into the office, or added to the collection plate. If you would like a tax donation receipt for your donation, please use one of your donation envelopes, and mark "flowers " or Altar Guild on it. Please make cheques payable to St. Luke's. For more information, please contact Ann Séguin via the Parish Office.

2022 Contributor Boxes – Your box of envelopes for 2022 is available to be picked up from the church or the church office. If you are not able to come to church or the church office, please

e-mail (admin@stlukecedarhill.ca) or call St. Luke's Office (250-477-6741) and we will arrange for someone to drop off your box. Even if you contribute by ECP (Electronic Collection Plate), please pick up your box. If at some point during the year you wish to make a donation for a special event or cause, such as for flowers, outreach, or a seasonal donation at Christmas or Easter, please use one of your envelopes for that additional donation.

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 aren't allowed to 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.

***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 December 13th, we have \$4,572.82 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.**

***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. The stamps collected will be used to buy pots and pans for Shelbourne Community Kitchen. 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. The promotion runs until March 2, 2022.

Fairway Market Community Shopping Cards – We have now received our first payment of \$274.49. Please continue to use your reloadable Fairway Market Community Shopping Card so that **St. Luke's can 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.**

IN THE WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN PRAYER CYCLE, we pray for the Church of the Province of Central Africa - The Most Revd Albert Chama, Primate. In the Canadian ACC/ELCIC Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Rev. Dr. Eileen Scully, Director, and the staff of Faith, Worship, and Ministry; Sheilagh McGlynn, Youth Ministries Animator; the Rev. Canon Dr. Scott Sharman, Animator for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations (ACC) and for the Rev. Paul Gehrs, Assistant to the National Bishop, Justice and Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations; Gretchen Peterson, Assistant to the National Bishop, Youth and Leadership (ELCIC). In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray for Anna, our Bishop, and for the congregation of St. John the Divine, Courtenay and St. Andrew, Sandwick and their priests, Alastair Hunting & Marion Edmondson. We also pray for Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyle and Pastor Lyndon, and for the Territory of the People Anglican Churches – Steering Committee

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We hope you will visit again!

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READINGS FOR January 2, 2022 - Feast of Epiphany

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14

Ephesians 3: 1-12

Matthew 2: 1-12

FLOWERS

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

Please contact Ann if you would like to make a donation towards flowers at the Christmas services.

There are no flowers during Advent.
