Welcome to St. Luke Cedar Hill

Transfiguration Sunday (Last Sunday after Epiphany) February 11, 2024 - 10:00 am Holy Eucharist



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We acknowledge that we gather with respect on the traditional territories of the lekwenen peoples, known in our day as the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, the traditional custodians of these lands.

We are grateful for their hospitality.

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.

Opening Hymn: CP 365 Glory to God on High

(tune: Darwall)

Invitation to Confession

Priest: Sisters and Brothers,

on this Last Sunday after Epiphany in which the church recalls the event of the Transfiguration of our Lord we might imagine ourselves along side with Peter, James and John struck by the magnificence of what takes place.

When Christ appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.
As he is pure, all who have grasped this hope make themselves pure.
So let us confess our sins that mar his image in us.

Silence is kept.

Priest: Lord our God,

All: in our sin we have avoided your call.

Our love for you is like a morning cloud,

like the dew that goes away early.

Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement; bind up our wounds and revive us; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

Priest: May the God of love

bring you back to himself,

forgive you our sins,

and assure you of his eternal love

in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Priest: Glory to God in the highest,

All: and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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Priest: Let us pray.

Almighty God,

whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross:

give us grace to perceive his glory,

so that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;

who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God. now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: 2 KINGS 2: 1-12

Reader: A Reading from the Second Book of Kings.

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 50: 1-6

Response: God reveals himself in glory.

The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God reveals himself in glory. (*Response*)

Our God will come and will not keep silence; before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm. He calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgement of his people. (Response)

"Gather before me my loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."

Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; for God himself is judge. (Response)

SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 4: 3-6

Reader: A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn: CP 167 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here (tune: Carlisle)

THE GOSPEL: MARK 9: 2-9

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.

At the end of the gospel:

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: The Rev. Daniel Fournier

Anthem: When in Our Music God is Glorified by H. Hopson,

Flute: Mary Byrne

Please stand as you are able.

The Apostle's Creed

Priest: Let us together 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.

Prayers of Intercession

Sitting, standing or kneeling, as is your custom.

In response to the words, "God, in your mercy," the community prays, "Hear our prayer."

Let us pray with confidence as God's holy people for the needs of the Church, all families, and for our world...

God of all life and each life, you created us to live in relationship with each other with friends and families, in communities and cultures, in neighborhoods and nations. We give you thanks for all the supportive relationships which bring meaning and encouragement to our lives, and help in times of trouble.

Help us contribute what we can to sustain the well-being of our community for all who call it home.

God, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

God of our faith and our future, there are so many pressures on homes and families today. Draw near to those who are in economic difficulty, and those burdened by the challenges to health and happiness this winter. Work with parents and children, partners, and next door neighbours who face conflict in their relationships; offer them solutions that express mutual respect and resolve tension. Help our congregation support families, whatever their size or situation, as well as people living on their own, to know your love.

God, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

God of mercy and forgiveness, you call us to live together in peace and unity. We pray for our neighbourhoods and our nation. Where people are divided and bitterness turns into resentment, show us how to work for reconciliation. Wherever there is conflict and daily danger in the world, raise up peacemakers and negotiators to bring violence to an end.

And give courage and protection to all who fear what tomorrow could bring.

God, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Today we give thanks for our church family and the years of worship and witness offered here. Bless our leaders and our volunteers and renew their creativity and commitment to enliven our congregation in its mission.

We remember those in need of your special attention today.... [Silence]

Open our eyes to opportunities to reach out beyond our own fellowship as agents of your healing and hope.

God, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Finally, in silence, we bring to you the cares and hopes on our minds today. [Silence]

God, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Thank you for hearing the prayers of every heart. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Peace (Please stand as you are able.)

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

All: And also with you.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: CP 374 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

(tune: Hyfrydol)

The Preparation of the Table

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: Holy God,

receive all we bring before you this day, and bring us also to that radiant glory which we see in the transfigured face

of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

[Source: Eucharistic Prayer B from Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England (2000) including the Psalter as published with Common Worship]

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: It is indeed right and good,

our duty and our joy,

always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For on this day he revealed his glory

before his chosen witnesses and filled with divine splendour

the human flesh in which he is one with us.

So he prepared his disciples to bear the scandal of the cross

and showed that in the Church, his body,

the same glory would be fulfilled that shone forth from him, its head.

And so with joyful hearts we echo on earth the song of the angels in heaven as they praise your glory without end.

(From Common Praise # 735)

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full,
full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.

Congregation may sit or kneel at this time.

Priest: Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:
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.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Christ is the bread of life:

All: When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

Priest: And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of St. Luke and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

All: Amen. (Sung 5 times - From Common Praise # 737)

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 (From Common Praise # 747)

All: Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world,
give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Giving of Communion

Priest: The table of bread and wine is now ready.

It is the table of company with Jesus,

and all who love him.

It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world,

with whom Jesus identified himself.

It is the table of communion with the earth,

in which Christ became incarnate.

So come to this table,

you who have much faith

and you who would like to have more;

you who have been here often

and you who have not been for a while;

you who have tried to follow Jesus,

and you who have failed;

Come.

It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Please follow the directions of the sidespeople as the congregation is invited to come forward to receive the bread and wine.

If you would prefer not to receive communion, please come forward for a blessing. Crossing your hands over your chest will signal the priest to give you a blessing instead.

NOTE: Gluten free wafers are available on request.

Please remain seated as we sing the hymns during communion.

Hymns during Communion:

CP 84 Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour

(tune: St. Osmund)

CP 376 Gloria, Gloria, in Excelsis Deo

(tune: Gloria)

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

Priest: Holy God,

we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:

may we who are partakers at his table

reflect his life in word and deed,

that all the world

may know his power to change and save. This we ask 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.

Announcements (Please be seated.)

Benediction (Please stand as you are able.)

Priest: Christ Jesus,

the splendour of the Father and the image of his being,

draw you to himself

that you may live in his light and share his glory;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn: CP 381 Praise, My Soul

(tune: Praise, My Soul)

Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Thank you to all who assisted with today's service.

IN THE WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN PRAYER CYCLE, we pray for The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan - The Most Revd Justin Badi Aramas – Primate. In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Rt. Rev. Sam Rose, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador (Anglican); The dean, council, and congregations of the Central Toronto Area and Greater Toronto Areas East and West of the Eastern Synod (Lutheran); In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray for Anna, our Bishop, and for the Parish of Holy Trinity, North Saanch, and their priest, the Rev. Denise Doerksen. 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.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS February 11th – February 18th (**New Items, *Revised Items)

Please stay for Coffee Time this Sunday after the 10 am service – Park on Synod Road for easy access via the side door of the hall.

*You are invited to Reflections, our Sunday service at dusk, TODAY at 4:30 pm. This Reflections will feature Victoria-based One Wheel Band – This group of three seasoned musicians bring a fresh acoustic approach to classic folk, roots, blues and jazz tunes along with original compositions. The three spokes of the One Wheel Band are: Burke Rosen (vocals and guitar), Diane Taylor (vocals and bass guitar), and Mike Sampson (vocals and guitar). The readings, prayers, and music of this special Reflection Time will calm your spirit and soothe your soul. Reflections services in 2024 will be on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

This year's Annual General Meeting (AGM), also known as our Annual Vestry Meeting, will be on Sunday, February 25th. This in-person meeting will be held in the hall after the 10 am service. Please bring a bagged lunch. Tea, coffee,

cookies, and sweets will be available. The meeting will include a review of reports from 2023, voting on the budget for 2024, and the election of Parish Council members, Synod delegates, and the Leadership Team members. There will not be an 8 am service that morning.

2024 Parish Council – If you would like to be on Parish Council for 2024, or would like to suggest a name of someone for a position on Council, please talk to Rick Saville or one of the wardens.

- **Please pick up a copy of the AGM Reports Package available in the church, from the parish office, or online. Please read the reports before the Vestry meeting, then bring the reports package with you to the meeting on February 25th.
- **2023 Tax Receipts are available in the church today.
 Receipts not collected from the church or church office by
 February 18th will be mailed to your home address. If you would
 prefer to have your receipt sent by e-mail, please e-mail
 givings@stlukecedarhill.ca. Thank you for your continuing
 support of our work together as the community of St. Luke
 Cedar Hill.
- *Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper This Tuesday, February 13th starting at 5 pm at Church of the Cross – This year we have been invited to celebrate Shrove Tuesday together with our friends at Church of the Cross. A sign up sheet is at the back of the church. Please sign the sheet to let us know you are planning to attend so that we know how many people to expect. Everyone welcome!
- *Ash Wednesday Services Wednesday, February 14th This Ash Wednesday we will hold a service at St. Luke's at 10:30 am and one at 7:00 pm at Church of the Cross. Please join us at either of the services as the two churches come together to mark the beginning of Lent. There will not be a Thursday morning service at St. Luke's on February 15th.

*Palm Crosses from Last Year – A basket to collect your palm crosses from last year is on the table at the back of the church. The palm crosses from last year will be burned after the Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner (February 13th) to be used as ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Attic Treasures Vintage Market is an exciting new fundraising venture for St. Luke's. Held in the hall from 10 am – 4 pm on Saturday, February 17th, the Market will feature a number of vendors renting space to sell their vintage items. St. Luke's will also sell vintage clothing, accessories, jewellery, antiques, old collectible toys, home decor etc. Your donations can be brought to the hall basement on Friday, February 16th, or a pick up can be arranged with Carol Turnham. We will need help with set-up on the Friday and selling tickets to the public (admission tickets are \$3) as well as selling items on the 17th. Please call Carol Turnham for more info and to offer your help. Thank you.

- **Our Next Family Service will be Sunday, February 18th at 4 pm The theme for these family services is "Come and See." Please come and see what this service is all about. The service will include songs, actions, prayers, and a storytime. Everyone is invited.
- **The Men's Fellowship will meet Wednesday, February 21st at 6 pm at the WhiteSpot on Quadra Street. If you plan to attend, please advise Harry Felsing.
- **A Note From Genessa Poilievre I need your help. I am taking part in 3 big adventures this year which require fundraising to cover the cost. I am going on an 8-day Ukulele trip to the USA, a 3-day band trip to Vancouver, and an 8-day Scouting Adventure at Camp Barnard in Sooke. I am raising funds to help pay for these adventures by collecting refundable cans and bottles. If you would like to help, please bring your empty refundable cans and bottles to church on any Sunday or call us to arrange for us to pick them up. If you aren't sure what is refundable, you can check at

https://bottledepot.ca/we-recycle/beverage-containers/ Thank you for your help, Genessa.

**The February Faith Tides 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. See more information on the News page of St. Luke's website.

Save the Dates for this Year's Amazing Journey Day Camp – July 22nd – 26th in the mornings, 9 am to noon. St. Luke's joins with Church of the Cross and St. George's each summer for a week-long day camp hosted at one of the churches. This year's camp will be held at Church of the Cross. If you have children, grandchildren, or friends with children ages 4 through 11, please consider reserving this week for them to participate in the day camp. Children born January 1, 2013 to June 30, 2020 are eligible to be campers. We will also be looking for Middle School students to be Leaders in Training and High School students to be Small Group Leaders. Stay tuned for more information on our theme and activities.

Prayer in the Style of Taize resumes for Winter 2024 at St. Philip Anglican Church, 2928 Eastdowne Road at 6 pm on the 3rd Friday of the month. Next Taize service is February 16th. Everyone welcome to this '...way of searching for God in silence and prayer in the midst of daily life.'

*Fairway Market Community Shopping Cards – Thank you for using your Fairway Market Community Shopping Cards. Last month we received a payment of \$272.95, bringing our total to date to \$2,639.01, since we started taking part in this program in 2021. 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. For more information, please contact St. Luke's Office, talk to Brenda Morgan, or visit the Fundraising page of St. Luke's website.

St. Luke's Vision, Mission, and Actions



St. Luke's Vision

St. Luke's is a beacon in the community, illuminating many ways to encounter God.

St. Luke's Mission

We are supportive people of faith who welcome all with compassion and embrace a culture of community, with outreach as our cornerstone.



St. Luke's Actions: To achieve our Mission, we

- Engage in a vibrant practice of praise but also seeks God's peace through prayer and contemplation
- Respect and appreciate the heritage of the first peoples on whose lands we gather and worship
- Nurture a sense of community and promote a culture of inclusion and belonging
- Honour the history of our sacred spaces
- Pursue social and spiritual understanding
- Embrace the values of kindness, openness and hospitality
- Offer compassionate pastoral care
- · Base outreach on an attitude of caring and acceptance



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We hope you will visit again!

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY February 18th, 2024

Genesis 9: 8-17

Psalm 25: 1-9

1 Peter 3: 18-22

Mark 1: 9-15

FLOWERS

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God.

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