Welcome to St. Luke Cedar Hill

Reign of Christ Sunday November 23, 2025 – 10 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.

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Pantocrator, God the Son, as the Creator of the Universe Catedral de Toledo ca. 1226-1234 Original source:

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Welcome and Introduction (Pastor Lyle McKenzie)

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn: CP 378 Crown Him with Many Crowns

(tune: Diademata)

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

and the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Invitation to Confession

Priest: Dear friends,

today's gospel portrays Jesus' dominion and reign in the context of the cross, challenging traditional notions of royalty. Unlike typical kings, Jesus earned his reign through suffering, not glory. This makes him approachable, as he understands human pain and the need for forgiveness. As we celebrate today's feast and the final Sunday of this church year, let us call to mind our own struggles and confess our sins to our merciful God.

Silence is kept.

Confession

AII:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.

We are truly sorry 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 grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name.

Priest: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with heartfelt repentance and true faith turn to him: have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Amen.

Priest: Glory to God in the highest,

All: and peace to God's 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.

Collect of the Day

Priest: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

Holy God, our refuge and strength, you have redeemed your scattered children, gathering them from all the corners of the earth through your firstborn, Jesus the Christ, in whom all things are held together.

Make us a just and righteous people, worthy by grace to inherit the kingdom of light and peace, where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 23: 1-6

Reader: A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 19, BAS (LUKE 1: 68-79)

Response: The dawn from on high shall break upon us.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the house of his servant David. (Response)

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant. *(Response)*

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life. *(Response)*

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. (*Response*)

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace. (Response)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. *(Response)*

SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 1:11-20

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians.

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia (sung 4 times)

[From: Norah Duncan; GIA Publications, Inc.]

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 23:33-43

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.

Gospel Hymn: CP 614 Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive

(tune: Detroit)

Homily: Pastor Lyle McKenzie (Please be seated.)

Anthem: "Consecration" (Ness Beck)

Please stand as you are able.

An Affirmation of Faith [Based on Philippians 2: 6-11]

Leader: Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

All: Though he was divine,

he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing.

Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness.

He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross.

Therefore God has raised him on high, and given him the name above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Sitting, standing or kneeling, as is your custom.

Let us offer our prayers to God for the life of the world and for all God's people in their daily life and work.

IN THE WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN PRAYER CYCLE, we pray today for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, The Most Revd. Justin Duckworth (Wellington), The Most Revd Don Tamihere (Pihopa o Tairawhiti and Pihopa o Aotearora), and The Most Revd Sione Uluilakepa (Polynesia), Primates. Locally we pray for Anna, our Bishop, and for St. Saviour, Denman Island, and for their people and Wardens. We also pray for Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyndon, and for the Diocese of Yukon and Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame.

Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks that you reign through love as the power that embraces the world with mercy and hope.

Thank you for revealing that to trust is wisdom, to forgive is the best way to deal with enemies, and to serve is the best way to lead.

We pray that, through the grace of your kingdom, each beloved creature and citizen will know safety and satisfaction in their homes.

Let the vision of your peaceable kingdom take root in our hearts, bringing healing to families and communities, and in every place wounded by violence or destruction.

Brief silence.

Jesus, Prince of Peace:

All: Reign in us and among us.

Lord Jesus Christ,
we give you thanks for reaching out
to those on the margins and those others shunned,
so that each one knew they belonged in your kingdom.
We pray for those who face discrimination
or insecurity in our communities,
longing for respect and a chance to thrive.
Teach us how to live differently as neighbours,
to acknowledge and work
with others we've never worked with before.
Lead us by your Spirit
to share in your work of mending the world.

Brief silence.

Jesus, Prince of Peace:

All: Reign in us and among us.

Lord Jesus Christ,
thank you for enduring the pain of the cross
and the darkness of the tomb
to show us there is life beyond death
through your resurrecting love.
We pray for those who are grieving a loss this day,
the loss of someone beloved,
the loss of love or hope or trust,
the loss of opportunity or security or future plans.

(Keep silence for 15-20 seconds.)

Be present with all who experience the sadness and disruption of a loss, and bring each one comfort and courage.

Brief silence.

Jesus, Prince of Peace:

All: Reign in us and among us.

Lord Jesus Christ, this day we pray for your church at work in the world, confronting the challenges and changes of these times. Unite us in witness and service, and encourage us when difficulties arise, for we are your people, committed to the unfolding of your reign among us.

Brief silence.

Jesus, Prince of Peace:

All: Reign in us and among us.

God of all life and each life, in these moments of silence we hold before you those on our hearts this day and those who have asked this community to pray for them:

Brief silence.

Jesus, Prince of Peace:

All: Reign in us and among us.

Eternal God, in this month of November we continue to commemorate the faithfulness of your saints, and we express gratitude for individuals in our lives who have demonstrated your kindness through their witness to Christ.

Today we honour and remember our saints

(read the list of our saints' names here)

and all those named in St. Luke's Book of Saints.

(hold up the Book of Saints)

May their lives inspire us to live our faith, even during difficult times.

Jesus, Prince of Peace:

All: Reign in us and among us.

All these prayers we ask in your name.

All: Amen.

Invitation and Peace (Please stand as you are able.)

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

It is the table of company with Jesus and with all those 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 faith and you who would like to come to know it more.

You who have been to this sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time.

You who have tried to follow Jesus,

and you who have failed.

Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

As we prepare to come to the table

let us exchange a sign of peace with one another.

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

All: And also with you.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn:

CP 630 You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

(tune: Christus Paradox)

The Preparation of the Table

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: Eternal God,

by your grace you have raised us up

and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms.

Receive all we offer you this day, and lead us in those good works for which you have created us.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All: Amen

Please remain standing for the whole Eucharistic Prayer, as you are able.

Eucharistic Prayer

[Source: Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 1 - Eucharistic Prayers, Services of the Word, and Night Prayer Supplementary to The Book of Alternative Services. 2001.]

Priest: May God 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:

Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts. When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us.

Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation.

Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory singing:

All: Holy, holy, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! (x2) Blessed, blessed, blessed, blessed is the one coming in the name, the name of our God. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! (x2) [From: St. Aidan Setting; John Bell, The Iona Community]

Priest: Gracious God,

in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you.

Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and said "Drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts that we bring to you: this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies, that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name for ever

All: Ameni, ameni, amen, amen, ameni. (repeat) [From: Young men; Christ the New Man Parish, Ga-Rankuwa, South Africa; GIA Publications, Inc.]

The Lord's Prayer

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

AII: 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

AII: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

have mercy on us. (twice)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

[From: St. Bride Setting; John Bell, The Iona Community]

The Giving of Communion

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

AII: Thanks be to God.

Please follow the directions of the sides-people 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 70 Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts

(tune: Maryton)

CP 634 Jesus Remember Me

(tune: Jesus, Remember Me)

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

Priest: Almighty God,

you have made us a royal priesthood

in the kingdom of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Make known his victory through us, we pray,

that all the world may see his light.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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.)

Blessing (Please stand as you are able.)

Priest: It is not enough to acclaim Jesus Christ

as our sovereign and ruler.

Our mission in life is to make his reign

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 you for this task: the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn: CP 458 Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

(tune: Seek Ye First)

Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God.

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

In the Anglican-Lutheran-Moravian Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Secretary General and staff of the Anglican Communion Office (ACC); The General Secretary and staff of the Lutheran World Federation (ELCIC); The Unity Synod, and the president and members of the Unity Board (MOR)

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS November 23rd – November 30th (**New Items, *Revised Items)

**We welcome Pastor Lyle McKenzie, who is with us today while Daniel takes some vacation time this week.

Please stay for coffee time after today's service – Park on Synod Road for easy access via the side door of the hall.

**A Sincere Thank You from Carol Turnham to all who helped to make this year's Bazaar such a success. Your donations and hard work are very much appreciated!

The next Silver and Sage 55+ Gathering will be THIS THURSDAY, November 27th from 1:30 – 3:30 pm in the church. The topic will be Prospecting for Gold and Other Valuable Metals. Ray Lett will lead this session.

The Deadline for the Christmas Prescription is THIS FRIDAY, November 28th. Please send along your articles, photos, poems, and other creative endeavours to Barb Prescott (communications@stlukecedarhill.ca) or to Neil in St. Luke's Office (admin@stlukecedarhill.ca).

**Fantastic Friday – Our next Fantastic Friday will be December 5th from 4:30-6:30 pm in the hall. Fantastic Fridays are held on the first Friday of the month through to June. Invite your friends, neighbours, children, and grandchildren to join in the fun and find out why these Fridays are fantastic! Dinner is included. For more information or to offer to help (always greatly appreciated!), please talk to Tara Poilievre, Barb Prescott, Sharon Hallsor, or Claire White.

- **This year's Christmas Pageant is taking place on Sunday December 7th during the 10 am service. If you are interested in taking part in the Pageant, please reach out to Sharon Hallsor.
- **Christmas Stocking Project As we have done in previous years, we have chosen a World of Gifts Project through Alongside Hope (previously called the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund) as our Christmas Stocking Project. We will start our Christmas Stocking Project next Sunday, the first Sunday in Advent, and it will continue to Christmas Day. Our project will be buying donkeys for families in Kenya sorry, no goats on the list this year! In rural Kenya, a donkey can make everyday life a little easier by carrying heavy loads of water, firewood, or building materials. You are invited to drop your gold coins (Loonies or Toonies) into the Christmas stocking at the back of the church or to put a special donation into the collection plate labelled "Donkeys Project". Money designated in the collection or collected in the stocking from now to Christmas Day will be sent to Alongside Hope to buy donkeys for families in Africa.
- **St. Luke's Players Panto Tickets Tickets for St. Luke's Panto, Jack and the Beanstalk, are available now through EventBrite. It will be a traditional panto suitable for ages 3 -103 with singing, dancing, opportunities to join in the fun and lots of laughter. This year we even have some actors playing live instruments. Dates are: Evenings at 7 pm on December 12, 17, 18, and 19; Matinees at 2 pm on December 13, 14, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and January 1. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. See more information at the Events page of St. Luke's website.

Fairway Market Community Shopping Cards – Thank you for using your Fairway Market Community Shopping Cards. At the beginning of this month, we received a payment of \$314.06, bringing our total to date to \$4,446.81, 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 Brian Dominique, or visit the Fundraising page of St. Luke's website.

Thank You to All Who Helped with the Service of Remembrance on November 9th – Thank you to Tuf Turf for providing at no cost the sand for the remembrance pots. Thanks to Noreen Saville and Pepper Gaudio for providing the rosemary, and to Rick and Noreen Saville for filling the remembrance pots with sand, and setting them up in the cemetery ready to distribute. Youth and adults at Fantastic Friday on November 7th added rosemary, a Canadian flag, and a poppy cross to the pots. See pictures from the Service of Remembrance and from Fantastic Friday at the News page of St. Luke's website.

**Thank you to Joanne Jolson, who has taken over as Safe Church Liaison from Barb Prescott. If you have Safe Church questions or concerns, Joanne can be reached at safechurch@stlukecedarhill.ca

Welcome to Jesse Charmley who has taken over livestreaming as of the beginning of September. Our thanks to Emma Robertson who livestreamed for us faithfully over the past year, and to Neil who fills in one Sunday a month.

*Sunday Coffee Times – We are pleased that Rebecca Ford is able to do our set up and cleanup for Sunday coffee times. We are paying Rebecca \$50/Sunday to look after coffee times for us, an expense we didn't put into this year's budget. If you are able to make an extra donation in your envelopes and note

that it is for coffee time that would be helpful. Thank you for your donations to date. So far we have received, \$645 in donations towards coffee time.

St. Luke's Fix-It Team – Neil and the Wardens would like to update our list of volunteers who are part of the Fix-It Team at St. Luke's. These volunteers are called upon when there is a small project or item to be repaired on St. Luke's property.

Please contact Neil, our Parish Administrator, or a Warden if you are interested in remaining on or joining the team.

Christmas Eve Services will be at 4 pm (Christingle service) and 8 pm (Choral Eucharist) with a pre-service Carol Sing starting at 7:45 pm. Come and sing some of your Christmas favourites before the service starts at 8 pm.

Pre-Authorized Remittance Program (PAR) – A number of people noted on their givings cards that they would like to increase their PAR or start using PAR. To make a change or start using PAR, please send an e-mail to St. Luke's Givings e-mail (givings@stlukecedarhill.ca) and include the information as noted. To make a change to PAR, include your envelope #, the date you would like the change to happen (eg December 1, 2025 or January 1, 2026, etc.), and the amount of the change. The PAR comes out of one's account on the 20th of the month but changes have to be sent in prior to the 10th of the month. To start using PAR, send an e-mail to St. Luke's Givings e-mail (givings@stlukecedarhill.ca) and a form to enrol will be sent to you. The Treasurer will follow up with everyone who indicated that they would like to change their PAR amount or start PAR in case they have any questions.

Calling All Bakers – We would love some baking for coffee times, Fantastic Fridays, and other social times. Cookies, loaves. and squares are particularly appreciated. Baking donations can be brought to the hall during office hours (9 to noon, Monday to Friday) or during coffee times to be put in the small freezer downstairs by the Studio. Thanks so much for your help. Homemade baking is always greatly appreciated!

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY November 30th, 2025

Isaiah 2: 1-5

Psalm 122

Romans 13: 11-14

Matthew 24: 36-44

FLOWERS

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