

Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 2, 2020



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Organ Prelude: *Prelude for Evensong* by A. Pippy

Welcome, Absolution and Confession
(Leslie Flynn)

Leader: Welcome in the name of Christ.
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Loving God, we have come to worship you.
Help us to pray to you in faith,
to sing your praise with gratitude,
and to listen to your word with eagerness;
through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Invitation to Confession

Leader: We gather in God's name.
We claim Christ's promised presence.
My brothers and sisters, not out of dread and fear
But believing that God has faith to forgive,
Let us rid ourselves
Of what we need to carry no longer.

Prayer Of Confession

**All: Eternal God,
maker of the skies above,
lowly Christ,
born amidst the growing earth.
Spirit of life,
wind over the flowing waters,
in earth and sky, you are there.
O hidden mystery,
sun behind all suns,
soul behind all souls,
in everything we touch,
in everyone we meet,
your presence is around us,**

and we give you thanks.
But when we have not touched
but trampled you in creation,
when we have not met,
but missed you in one another,
when we have not received,
but rejected you in the poor,
forgive us,
and hear now our plea for mercy.

Absolution:

Leader: Hear now the words of Jesus
for all who are truly sorry
and seek to renew our lives:
our sins are forgiven.
Go in peace; come and follow me.

All: Lead us now, O God,
to acknowledge your costly generosity
by living as forgiven people,
until heaven and earth rejoice
and the whole earth cries Glory!
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Almighty God,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom.
Renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: Genesis 32: 22-31
Reader: Emma Litzenberger

Reader: A reading from the book of Genesis

Click here for the reading:

https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=153#hebrew_reading

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145: 8-9, 14-21
Reader: Leslie Flynn

Click here for the psalm:

https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=153#psalm_oth_reading

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 14: 13-21
Reader: Robyn Hendry

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: The gospel of Christ according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Click here for the gospel reading:

https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=153#gospel_reading

At the end of the gospel:

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection: Leslie Flynn

Poem excerpt – **The Man Watching** by Maria Rilkey

Leader: Let us together share in this Statement of Faith from the Iona Community. Let us affirm our faith.

All:

**We believe that God is present
in the darkness before dawn;
In the waiting and uncertainty
where fear and courage join hands,
Conflict and caring link arms
And the sun rises over barbed wire.
We believe in a with-us God
Who sits down in our midst
To share our humanity,
A feasting God.
We affirm a faith,
That takes us beyond a safe place
Into action, into vulnerability,
Into the streets.
We commit ourselves to work for change
And put ourselves on the line;
To bear responsibility, to take risks,
Live powerfully and face humiliation;
To stand with those on the edge;
To choose life
And be used by the Spirit
For God's new community of Hope.
Amen.**

The Prayers:

Loving and Gracious God,
we ask that you hear our prayers
for our world and for our community,
for those we love and for ourselves.
God of infinite compassion;
May our lives reflect your love.

We pray for our world.

For those who are facing the pandemic while living through a natural disaster, whether that be floods, fires, earthquakes or other disasters. May you keep them safe and strengthen their communities as they care for one another.

We also pray for those who are displaced from their homes due to violence, climate change, hunger or political corruption. May we remember that you called us to welcome the stranger into our midst.

God of infinite compassion;

May our lives reflect your love.

We pray for all faith communities here and abroad, who continue to spread the good news each day in unique and creative ways. In the Worldwide Anglican Prayer Cycle, we pray for the new Province of Alexandria in the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East. In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray for the Very Rev. Ansley Tucker, the Diocesan Administrator, and for the parishes of St. Mary Magdalene, Mayne Island and St. Margaret, Galiano Island and their priests, the Reverend Blair Haggart and the Reverend Sarah Tweedale.

We also pray for the Diocese of Yukon and Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame.

God of infinite compassion;

May our lives reflect your love.

As the doors of St. Luke's open again this morning, we pray for our volunteers and all those who come to spend time with you.

We pray for safety, respect for others and a smooth transition as we come to terms with the new norms in our worship space.

We also pray for The Reverend Daniel Fournier and The Reverend Joan Scandrett during their time away.

May they experience rest, renewal,
and new sense of peace upon their return.

May we feel your presence wherever we worship you today,
whether at home, in the church building, or further afield.

God of infinite compassion;

May our lives reflect your love.

We pray for those in our lives
who are struggling with loneliness, illness,
or other forms of difficulty
and in this time of silence we name them...

This week we pray especially for those who are still isolated.

Remind us to look beyond our own four walls
and reach out to those who need love.

God of infinite compassion;

May our lives reflect your love

Lastly, we pray that you will help us
to find moments of solitude this week.

When we wrestle in the silence, may you grant us peace
and allow us to meditate on your love
until we know that you call us beloved.

God of infinite compassion;

May our lives reflect your love.

God of love, receive all our prayers,
those spoken and those too deep for words,
and increase in us your gifts of hope and trust
as we pray this day in faith.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Leader: In the words that 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.
And 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.
Amen.

The Grace

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
Be with us all, now and forever.
All: Amen.

Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Organ Postlude: *Toccata in F-Major* by D. Buxtehude

St. Luke's relies on donations to keep offering these services while our doors are closed. You can make a gift by:

- Cheque (mail, drop off at the hall, or have it picked up)
- Credit Card (Canada Helps)
- Electronic Collection Plate (automatic debit)

Please visit the DONATE page at St. Luke's website for more information. Thank you for your donations.

Thank you to the Worship Team Members for this Sunday

Service: Presider and Intercessions: Leslie Flynn; Readers: Robyn Hendry and Emma Litzenberger (Members of the Tolmie Regional Youth Group); Musician: Susanne Reul-Zastre; Directing Service Framework, Planning Visual and Audio Elements of the Service: Leslie Flynn, Matthew Robertson, and Andrew Lloyd; Online Video Production and Posting at Facebook: Leslie Flynn and Andrew Lloyd; Service Outline: Leslie Flynn, Susanne Reul-Zastre, Sharon McMillan, and Barb Prescott; Posting at the Website: Barb Prescott; Beginning and Ending Slides: Sharon McMillan.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS – August 3– August 8 **(**New Items, *Revised Items)**

****Next Sunday, August 9th**, the church building will again be open from 9:00 am to 10:30 am for Pax Dei, a time for personal prayers. Visit the **News page of St. Luke's website** for the link to register at EventBrite. 40 spaces will be available. Registration will open at noon on Sunday, August 2nd and will end at noon on Thursday, August 6th. You can also register by calling (250-477-6741) or e-mailing (admin@stlukecedarhill.ca) the office. A pre-recorded service will be available next Sunday as well.

***The Deadline for the Summer Issue of St. Luke's Prescription is THIS FRIDAY, August 7th** – Please drop your submissions into St. Luke's mailbox, send them by e-mail to St.

Luke's Office (admin@stlukecedarhill.ca), or to Sharon McMillan (prescription@stlukecedarhill.ca). We'd love to receive your stories, poems, and photos. We'd like to hear how you were affected by the pandemic. Did it change what you usually do? A lot, not much? In what ways?

St. Luke's Garden Tour Pictures for Next Prescription – So many people have been working in their gardens this year. We are planning to have "Garden Tour" in the next Prescription showing pictures of your gardens. Please send your Garden Tour pictures to prescription@stlukecedarhill.ca Questions? Please talk to Sharon McMillan or Barb Prescott.

***Thrifty Foods Smile Cards** – Thank you to everyone who has been using their Smile Cards. **This year's Thrifty's Smile Card Fundraiser Program has now started and we have received our first payment of \$107.50.** This year the money will go towards repairing some of our rock walls. If you don't yet have a Smile Card, please call the office and we will arrange to get one to you.

***St. Luke's Spring Fair Fund** – Thank you for continuing to make your regular donations and for your extra donations to the Spring Fair Fund. **As of July 27th including the donations from the Plant Sale, we have received \$4,324.45 towards the Spring Fair Fund (62% of our way to raising \$7,000).** Let's see if we can make up the \$7,000 of income we are missing because we weren't able to hold our Spring Fair this year. If you are making a donation to the Spring Fair Fund, please note this on your envelope or your cheque, or choose Spring Fair Fund when you make a donation online through Canada Helps.

****A Request from Our Place** – As they reopen their doors to welcome family members back, Our Place is in need of toiletries such as hotel size shampoo, soap, skin lotions, toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, dental floss, deodorant, safety razors, shaving cream, band aids, sunscreen. Thank you for your continuing generosity to the Our Place Family.

Items can be dropped off at the reception desk at 919 Pandora Ave. 7 days a week.

****Put Compassion into Action** – This summer, Canadian Blood Services invites faith-based organizations to put compassion into action and support Canada's *Lifeline*. The month of August is dedicated to all members of faith and Canadian Blood Services hopes that you can help your community by donating blood in August. Visit the **News page of St. Luke's website** for more information.

****Gardening Help Needed** – Gordon Dawson is retiring from his work on the Memorial Garden. Thank you, Gordon, for your three years of work on this garden! Your work is greatly appreciated. Is there someone else could take on looking after this area? If so, please contact Barb Prescott through the Church Office or by e-mail (communications@stlukecedarhill.ca). Gordon would be happy to meet with the new gardener to “show you the ropes.”

Thank You for your Support for the Ongoing Ministry of St. Luke's Church by writing a cheque, making a donation online through Canada Helps, and by signing up for ECP. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Please refer to the **DONATE page** at the website for more information.

Your donations by cheque can be sent in the mail, dropped off at the parish office, or picked up from your home. To mail a donation to St. Luke's, please send it to: St. Luke's Church, 3821 Cedar Hill Cross Rd., Victoria, BC V8P 2M6. **If you would like your donation picked up, please call St. Luke's Office (250-477-6741)** to arrange for someone to pick up your donation.

The Church Office is presently closed. While the office is closed, please leave a message on the office phone (250-477-6741) or e-mail (admin@stlukecedarhill.ca). Phone messages and e-mails will be checked and responded to regularly.

Please join us every Sunday on your electronic device (computer, phone, iPad, etc.) to watch our weekly liturgical service. The service will be posted at the St Luke's website (www.stlukesvictoria.ca) and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/StLukeCedarHill). You don't have to be a Facebook member to access this link.

Cancelled: The 160th Anniversary Fundraising Concert that was planned for September has been cancelled. We hope to celebrate 161 years in 2021!

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We hope you will visit again!

Rector: The Reverend Daniel Fournier
For Pastoral Care Needs,
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but messages are checked every weekday.
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Program Director: Leslie Flynn contact the office
Wardens: Sharon Hallsor
 Sharon McMillan

WEEKLY LITURGICAL SERVICE:

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READINGS FOR SUNDAY August 16, 2020

Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8
Psalm 67
Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15: (10-20) 21-28
