Welcome to St. Luke Cedar Hill

The First Sunday in Lent February 28, 2021 A Service of the Word



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Prelude: Prelude in E-Flat Major by J.N. Seeger

Welcome, Absolution and Confession (The Rev. Daniel Fournier)

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

- All: And also with you.
- Priest: O God, speak to us,
- All: that we may hear your word.
- Priest: Move among us,
- All: that we may behold your glory.
- Priest: Receive our prayers,

All: that we may learn to trust you, Amen.

Confession and Absolution:

Priest: Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled against him. Let us then renounce our willfulness and ask his mercy by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

All: Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Priest: Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Hymn: To Abraham and Sarah (CP 468)

Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: Faithful God,

may we set our minds and wills to yours, and take up our cross, following Christ with confidence for the glory you reveal in him; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16 Reader: *Ray Lett*

Reader: A reading from the Book of Genesis

Click here for the reading: https://lectionary.anglican.ca/nrsv/?date=2021-02-28

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life. *All:* Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22: 23-31 (abridged)

Response:

"I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people" (Michael Guimond)

> THE GOSPEL: Mark 8: 31-38 Reader: Sean Tiernay

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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At the end of the gospel:

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: The Rev. Daniel Fournier

Organ Solo: *Adagio* from Concerto in A Minor by J.S. Bach (Susanne Reul-Zastre)

A Celtic Creed.

- Priest: Let us confess faith as found in the words of this Celtic Creed from the Iona Community.
- All: We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female.

We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows, he died forsaken. He descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day he rose from the tomb. He ascended into heaven, to be everywhere present, and His kingdom will come on earth.

We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the Church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and of eternal life. Amen.

The Prayers: (Led by Bruce Hallsor) In response to the words, "Hear our prayer, O God," the community prays, **"Your mercy is great."**

The Lord's Prayer

Priest: Everliving God, we give thanks for your faithful people in every age, and for the example they give to us as we seek to follow you in this time. Receive these our prayers, in the name of Jesus your beloved, as we pray the words he 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. And forgive us our sin 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.

- 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.

Benediction:

Priest: Go now, and live before God in openness and integrity. Set your minds on the ways of God, not clinging to your own life, but taking up your cross and following Jesus.

> And may God give you a share in the eternal covenant; May Christ Jesus be proud of you when he comes in glory; And may the Holy Spirit make you grow strong in faith and lead you in the ways of righteousness.

All: Amen.

Hymn: Take Up Your Cross, the Saviour Said (CP 431)

Dismissal

Priest: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness.
We go now in peace to love and serve the Lord, In the name of Christ. Amen.

Thank you to the Worship Team Members for this Sunday Service: Presider: Daniel Fournier; Readers: Ray Lett and Sean Tiernay; Intercessions: Bruce Hallsor; Musicians: Susanne Reul-Zastre, Daniel Fournier, Joan Scandrett, Sharon McMillan, and Olivia Craster; Videographer: Joan Scandrett; Service Planning, Service Outline, Online Video Production, and Posting at Vimeo: Daniel Fournier; Proofreading, Posting Bulletin and Service Link at the Website: Barb Prescott; Hymn Slides, Beginning and Ending Slides: Sharon McMillan.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS – March 1 - 7 (**New Items, *Revised Items)

**Beginning next Sunday, March 7th, Sunday services will be livestreamed from the church starting at 10:00 am. The link will be at our website and will be sent out ahead. The service will also be recorded to watch later.

*Coffee Time via Zoom next Sunday will start at 11:15 am after the livestreamed service. Watch for the link, which will be sent out by e-mail and join us in your home via Zoom. If you have questions, please e-mail Barb Prescott (communications@stlukecedar hill.ca). Hope to see you there.

*A Lenten Study and Discussion Time will be held Thursday mornings at 10:30 am throughout Lent. The next Lenten Discussion Time will be on March 4th. Watch Bishop Anna's Renew Lenten Video each Wednesday, then join us for a discussion time on Thursday morning. A link to each week's video will be posted at **the News page of St. Luke's website** on Wednesday morning. A Zoom Link will be sent out on Thursday morning. See more information at the **Events page of St. Luke's website.** If you have questions, please e-mail Barb Prescott (<u>communications@stlukecedar hill.ca</u>). Hope to see you there.

****Prescription Deadline** – March 13th is the deadline for submissions for the Easter issue of St. Luke's Prescription.

(The deadline is slightly extended from the deadline shown in the Christmas Prescription). Please send along your articles, photos, poems, and other creative endeavours, either to St. Luke's Church Office at <u>admin@stlukecedarhill.ca</u> or to <u>prescription@stlukecedarhill.ca</u>. We would love others to take up Ray's Lett's challenge to write a story about the picture included in the Christmas issue of the Prescription. See more information at **the News page of St. Luke's website**.

An Invitation from St. Luke's Players to Role Play – An online production to watch at home via Zoom, on Saturday, March 13th starting at 7:30 pm. Join in for some laughs and enjoy the show while helping to support local community theatre. Tickets are \$5 through Eventbrite. More information is at **the Events page of St. Luke's website.

**Thank you to everyone who was so generous in collecting Thrifty's stamps for Vivo Knives over the last four months. Together with our friends at the Lutheran Church of the Cross and Broad View United, we earned 140 knives for the Shelbourne Community Kitchen! Many of you enlisted the help of friends and neighbours in this community venture. We received several thank you notes tucked in with the stamps letting us know how collecting stamps for others was helping you to feel connected during this challenging time. The 140 knives will be shared with the Kitchen's participants as part of the Shelbourne Community Kitchen's "Feel The Love Campaign" that kicked off in early February. Thank you for supporting the ongoing work of the Shelbourne Community Kitchen.

Information about the COVID Vaccination Schedule is posted at the News page of St. Luke's website. Please note that the scheduling of groups for vaccinations may change based on vaccine availability and transmission rates.

Thrifty Foods Smile Cards – Thank you to everyone who has been using their Smile Cards. We have received a payment of \$194.76 this month, bringing our total to date to \$1,381.59, which is almost half way to our project goal of **\$2,800.00.** 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.

Food Donations for the Shelbourne Community Kitchen – The Shelbourne Community Kitchen is again accepting nonperishable food donations from individuals and organizations. Donations from individuals will be accepted at the Kitchen (3541 Shelbourne St.) on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 am-2 pm. We will also have a basket for donations to the Shelbourne Community Kitchen in the hall so that your donation can be left there. A list of items needed is included at the **News page of St. Luke's website**. **Monetary support is also greatly appreciated.** To make a tax receiptable donation, please note on your cheque payable to St. Luke's or your envelope that your donation is for the Shelbourne Community Kitchen.

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.

IN THE WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN PRAYER CYCLE, we pray for the Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America, the Most Rev. Julio Murray Thompson, Primate. In the Canadian ACC/ELCIC Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Rt. Rev. John Organ, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Western Newfoundland (ACC), and the dean, council, and congregations of the Georgian, Huronia and Bay Areas of the Eastern Synod (ELCIC). In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray for Anna, our Bishop, and for St. Peter and St. Paul, Esquimalt and their priests, Gail Rodger and SuSan Jensen. 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.

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WEEKLY ONLINE LITURGICAL SERVICE:

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY March 7, 2021

Exodus 20: 1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25 John 2: 13-22