# Welcome to St. Luke Cedar Hill

## 4<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Ordinary 12) June 20, 2021 - 10:00 am



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We acknowledge that we gather with respect on the traditional territories of the Esquimalt, Songhees and WSÁNEĆ people, traditional custodians of these lands.

Prelude

Welcome and Introduction (The Rev. Daniel Fournier)

My friends, is there anyone here Priest: who has never been afraid? Who has never experienced chaos or wondered who's in control of things? Today's readings speak to these ancient feelings of powerlessness. We may know more about the vast universe and nature's weather patterns, but we are stopped in our tracks by life's storms and the chaos they can bring. We have to rely on someone greater than ourselves to get us through the storms. In today's Gospel, Jesus is the voice of power spoken into the chaos at sea. And it is his voice that speaks calm into the chaos that invades our lives. Today we are reminded that only God is in control.

- Priest: Grace, mercy and peace from God our creator and our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
- All: And also with you.
- Priest: This is the day that God has made.
- All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Confession and Absolution

- Priest: In the following dialogical form given to us through the Iona Community, let us confess our sin against God and our neighbour.
- Priest: Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness: To the ways I wound my life, the lives of others and the life of the world.

- All: May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love. Amen.
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- All: Amen.

#### Opening Hymn: CP 455 Dear God, Compassionate and Kind (tune: Repton)

Dear God, compassionate and kind, forgive our foolish ways. Reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise, in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word rise up and follow thee, rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee! O calm of hills above, where Jesus knelt to share with thee the silence of eternity interpreted by love, interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness till all our strivings cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace, the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm, O still, small voice of calm.

#### The Collect of the Day

- Priest: The Lord be with you.
- All: And also with you.
- Priest: God our protector, you stood by David in the time of trial. Stand by us through all life's storms, giving us courage to risk danger to protect those who are oppressed and poor, so that they may know you as their stronghold and hope.
- All: Amen.

#### The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 17: 32-49 Reader: *Genevieve Richards* Reader: A reading from the First Book of Samuel.

> The reading can be found here: https://lectionary.anglican.ca/nrsv/?date=2021-06-20

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 9: 9-20

#### Response: You, Lord, have never failed those who seek you.

The Lord be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in the time of trouble. And those who know your name will put their trust in you, for you, Lord, have never failed those who seek you. *(Response)* 

Sing praises to the Lord who dwells in Zion; declare among the peoples the things he has done. The avenger of blood has remembered them; he did not forget the cry of the oppressed. *(Response)* 

Have mercy upon me, O Lord;

consider the trouble I suffer from those who hate me, you that lift me up from the gates of death; That I may tell all your praises in the gates of the city of Zion and rejoice in your salvation. *(Response)* 

The nations shall sink into the pit of their making and in the snare which they set will their own foot be taken. The Lord makes himself known by his acts of justice; the wicked are snared in the works of their own hands. (*Response*)

They shall return to the land of darkness, all the nations that forget God. For the needy shall not always be forgotten and the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever. *(Response)* 

Arise, O Lord, and let not mortals have the upper hand; let the nations be judged before your face. Put them in fear, O Lord, that the nations may know themselves to be but mortal. *(Response)* 

#### Gradual Hymn: CP 564 Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us (tune: Mannheim)

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us o'er the world's tempestuous sea; guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us, for we have no help but thee; yet possessing every blessing if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us; all our weakness thou dost know; thou didst tread this earth before us, thou didst feel its keenest woe; lone and dreary, faint and weary, through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending, fill our hearts with heavenly joy, love with every passion blending, pleasure that can never cloy; thus provided, pardoned, guided, nothing can our peace destroy.

THE GOSPEL: Mark 4: 35-41 Reader: Genevieve Richards

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.

The gospel can be found here: https://lectionary.anglican.ca/nrsv/?date=2021-06-20

At the end of the gospel:

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection: The Rev. Daniel Fournier

A Liturgical Affirmation (The Iona Community)

- Priest: Let us declare our faith in God in the following statement of 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.

We affirm a faith that takes us beyond a safe place: into action, into vulnerability and onto the streets.

We commit ourselves to work for change and put ourselves on the line; to bear responsibility, 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.

**Prayers of Intercession:** Led by Genevieve Richards In response to the words, "God, in your mercy," the community prays, "**Hear our prayer.**"

> God in whom we live and move and have our being: As we consider the world around us in your presence today, we are grateful to know you are near, and that your presence will not fail us, no matter the challenges we face.

We are aware of so many challenges in our own lives, the lives of those we care about, and in the world around us.

We wonder how you will reveal yourself, your mercy and your love, in response to so many different needs. Help us trust that you never give up on situations which we find overwhelming.

(Holy pause)

God, in your mercy,

#### All: Hear our prayer.

In faithful silence, we lay before you the concerns on our hearts this day: We pray for those who have been in the headlines this week, for those situations which concern us deeply, and for all whose lives cry out to you for help in situations we can't even imagine: *(Holy pause)* 

God, in your mercy,

#### All: Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are suffering from illness of any sort, coping with pain or with ongoing treatment, for those waiting for or recovering from surgery, for those who are bereaved or burdened by some significant loss, and those struggling with economic hardship in these uncertain times. *(Holy pause)* 

God, in your mercy,

#### All: Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are waiting for something significant a birth or a death, a trip, a visit, a phone call on Father's Day, a move, a new job or the moment of retirement. Grant them patience, O God, in this time of restless waiting: *(Holy pause)* 

God, in your mercy,

### All: Hear our prayer.

We pray for the work of our church and our government in pursuing Truth and Reconciliation with Canada's Indigenous peoples. Empower this work, O God. Bless our congregation, its ministries, and the faithful work of all churches in our community. Unite us in our witness to the love of Jesus. Open the eyes of all our hearts to new possibilities to serve together. *(Holy pause)* 

God, in your mercy,

#### All: Hear our prayer.

We pray all these prayers and the unspoken prayers of our hearts through our Saviour, Christ Jesus.

#### All: Amen.

#### The Lord's Prayer

- Priest: Now we pray in the words that our Saviour 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. 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.

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.

#### The Conclusion and Blessing

Priest Go into the world with assurance, hope and promise: the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ rest upon you – and even unsettle you; the love of God, creator and giver of life, embrace you – and even confront you; and the presence of the Holy Spirit encourage you – and surprise you, this day and all your days.

#### All: Amen.

#### Closing Hymn: CP 401 My Life Flows On In Endless Song (tune: How Can I Keep)

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation. I catch the real though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

Refrain: No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Love is lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing; it sounds and echoes in my soul; how can I keep from singing? *Refrain* 

What though the tempest 'round me roar, I hear the truth it liveth. What though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth. *Refrain* 

When tyrants tremble, sick with fear, and hear their death knells ringing; when friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing? *Refrain* 

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing. All things are mine since I am his; how can I keep from singing? *Refrain* 

Priest: We go in peace to love and serve the Lord, *All:* In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

Thank you to all who helped with this service: Presider: Rev. Daniel Fournier; Reader and Intercessions: Genevieve Richards; Musicians: Olivia Craster, Daniel Fournier, Susanne Reul-Zastre, Matthew Robertson, Maria Ross; Videographer: Sharon McMillan; Service Planning and Service Outline: Daniel Fournier; Proofreading, Posting Bulletin and Livestream Link at the Website: Barb Prescott; Posting the Link at Facebook: Sharon McMillan; Printing Readings and Bulletins: Bonnie Watkins.

#### THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS – June 20<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> (\*\*New Items, \*Revised Items)

\*The service today (June 20<sup>th</sup>) and the Sundays going forward will be livestreamed from the church – Join the livestream link (<u>www.stlukesvictoria.ca/live</u>) to listen to the prelude starting at 10:00 am. The services will also be recorded to watch later.

**Coffee Time via Zoom 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. Hope to see you there.

\*\*Fairway Market Community Shopping Cards - You are invited to take part in a new fundraising program using these reloadable cards, which are similar to the Smile Cards we've used in the past but these are for use at Fairway Markets. To take part in this program, please pick up your reloadable Fairway Market card from St. Luke's Office. Load or re-load your card at any check out counter at any of the ten Fairway Market stores on Vancouver Island. You may re-load between \$20 and \$500 each time and you can re-load the same card multiple times. St. Luke's automatically receives 5% from Fairway Market for every dollar loaded on the card. If you have questions about this program, please contact St. Luke's office or see more information at the News page of St. Luke's website.

\*Sound System Upgrade Appeal – Please read a letter from Daniel at the News page of St. Luke's website regarding an appeal for donations towards a very necessary upgrade to our sound system as livestreaming continues to be an important aspect of our ministry. Thank you to those who have made donations through your envelopes or through Canada Helps. Donations to date total \$1,810, 46% of the way to our goal of \$3,900. **PWRDF Parish Information Session** – June 30<sup>th</sup>, noon to 1 pm via Zoom. Anyone who is interested is invited to join this online event to learn more about PWRDF (Primate's World Relief and Development Fund) to help build up this important ministry in the life of our diocese. For more information or to register, visit the **Events page of St. Luke's website.** 

\*Country Grocer Save A Tape Program Update – Please continue to collect your Country Grocer receipts and turn them in to Bonnie at the Church Office, mail them to the Church Office, or put them in an envelope in the mail slot. To date, we now have \$3,278.32 in grocery receipts, which is two thirds of the way towards our goal of collecting \$5,000 in receipts to receive a \$50.00 gift certificate. Well done, everyone! Please keep dropping off your receipts. See more information at the News page of St. Luke's website.

**Registration is Now Open for This Year's Amazing Journey Day Camp**, which will be held this year August 9<sup>th</sup> to August 13<sup>th</sup>. This small group program will be held from 9 am to noon outdoors at St. George's, Cadboro Bay. The program is for children who have completed Grades 1 to 5. **Register by June 30<sup>th</sup> to receive Early Bird registration discount on the fees.** The registration form is available at the **News page of St. Luke's website**.

\*Seeking Housing – St. Barnabas Church, at Begbie and Belmont, is preparing to welcome two interim priests-in-charge while their rector and his wife are on sabbatical. Father James Robinson and his wife will be with us for the month of September, and are looking for a rental or housesitting arrangement for that month. Bishop James Cowan, formerly of this diocese, his wife Annette, and Rory (a small, clean 13year-old dog) are looking for a furnished, preferably twobedroom apartment to rent from September or October to June. They would also be happy with a long-term house-sitting option. Please contact Kieran Wilson (admin@stbarnabas church.ca) or Heidi Teel (heidi.w.teel@gmail.com) with any information or ideas.

2021 Plant Stand Fundraiser for the Shelbourne Community Kitchen – An informal Plant Stand is set up at the end of the driveway at 3597 Thistle St. through to July 1<sup>st</sup>. Visit the plant stand to buy some plants for this year or to drop off some extras. To date, \$4,000 has been raised for the Shelbourne Community Kitchen. See more information at the Events page of St. Luke's website.

St. Luke's Anniversary T-shirts are available to purchase at the church office. The t-shirts, with the wonderful, colourful design chosen through the T-Shirt Design Contest, are available in sizes S-3XL at a cost of \$20 each. As well as celebrating St. Luke's Anniversary, these t-shirts are a fundraiser for St. Luke's. See more information at the News page of St. Luke's website.

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 Church of North India (United) - The Most Revd Dr. Prem Chand Singh - Moderator and Bishop of Jabalpur. In the Canadian ACC/ELCIC Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land and The National Indigenous Day of Prayer: for healing and reconciliation between Indigenous and non-indigenous peoples. In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray for Anna, our Bishop, and for the parish of St. Christopher and St. Aidan, Lake Cowichan, and their priest, Eric Stephanson. We also pray for Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyle and Pastor Lyndon, and The Diocese of Yukon and Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame.



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We hope you will visit again!

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#### **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY June 27, 2021**

2 Samuel 1: 1, 17-27 Psalm 130 2 Corinthians 8: 7-15 Mark 5: 21-43

#### FLOWERS

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