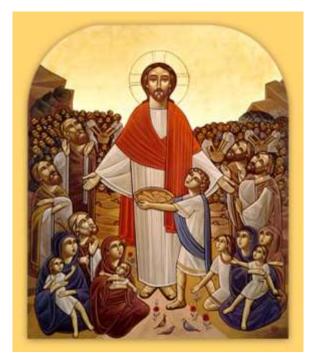
# Welcome to St. Luke Cedar Hill

9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost July 25, 2021 Holy Communion



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

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.

Invitation to Confession

Priest : As we prepare to be fed by God's Holy Word and this Holy Sacrament let us pause and reflect, calling to mind our stumblings in our daily walk, yet also calling to mind God's generous mercy and promise of forgiveness as we confess:

Confession

Priest : Most merciful God,

long-suffering, full of grace and truth, All: you create us from nothing and give us life. You give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism. You do not turn your face from us, nor cast us aside. We confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbour. We have wounded your love and marred your image in us. Restore us for the sake of your Son, and bring us to heavenly joy, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution:

Priest: May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.
All: Amen.

Opening Hymn: CP 465 Gather Us In (tune: Gather Us In)

Here in this place new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away. See in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in – the lost and forsaken; gather us in – the blind and the lame; call to us now and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young – our lives are a mystery; we are the old – who yearn for your face. We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in – the rich and the haughty; gather us in – the proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away, but here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own; gather us in – all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

## Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

## All: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray. O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

## All: Amen.

Please be seated.

## The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 11: 1-15 Reader: *Gillian Bloom* 

Reader: A reading from the Second Book of Samuel.

The reading can be found here: https://lectionary.anglican.ca/nrsv/?date=2021-07-25

#### At the end of the reading:

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

#### Psalm 14

Response: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God.' Corrupt are they, and abominable in their wickedness; there is no one that does good. *(Response)* 

The Lord has looked down from heaven upon the children of earth, to see if there is anyone who is wise and seeks after God. *(Response)* 

But every one has turned back; all alike have become corrupt: there is none that does good; no, not one. *(Response)* 

Have they no knowledge, those evildoers, who eat up my people as if they ate bread and do not call upon the Lord? (*Response*)

There shall they be in great fear; for God is in the company of the righteous. Though they would confound the counsel of the poor, yet the Lord shall be their refuge. *(Response)* 

O that Israel's salvation would come out of Zion! When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, then will Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad. *(Response)* 

Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn: CP 60 I Come With Joy (tune: Land of Rest)

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free, the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends. The love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends.

The spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near, is in such friendship better known, alive among us here.

Together met, together bound, by all that God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one.

> THE GOSPEL: John 6: 1-21 Reader: Gillian Bloom

Reader: The Lord be with you.

#### All: And also with you.

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

## All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The gospel can be found here: https://lectionary.anglican.ca/nrsv/?date=2021-07-25 At the end of the gospel:

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: The Rev. Daniel Fournier (Please be seated.)

- Priest: Let us stand and 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.

Please be seated.

Prayers of Intercession: Led by Gillian Bloom In response to the words, "Lord, in Your mercy, open Your hand," the community prays, "Pour out Your Spirit, so that they may be filled."

> Loving God, You are our Creator and Sustainer. When You open Your hand, You satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing. And so we look to You whenever we are in need, trusting in Your love and Your abundant goodness. As You once fed the hungry crowds with five loaves and two small fish, we ask that You would again fill those who are empty this day. Pour out Your Spirit on all who hunger and thirst.

We pray for those who are physically hungry whose stomachs are empty. We think especially of the people in Somalia and Eastern Africa who are facing critical food shortages; who are suffering the effects of malnutrition and starvation; and watching helplessly as loved ones die.

Lord, in Your mercy, open Your hand.

# *All:* Pour out Your Spirit, so that they may be filled.

We pray for those who are empty emotionally who are lonely and long for companionship and love, who are caught in the grip of depression, or overwhelmed with grief.

Lord, in Your mercy, open Your hand.

*All:* Pour out Your Spirit, so that they may be filled.

We pray for those who are spiritually empty who are troubled, but don't know where to turn; who long for purpose and meaning, but don't know where to look; who need You, but do not yet know You.

Lord, in Your mercy, open Your hand. **Pour out Your Spirit, so that they may be filled.** 

God, we praise You for Your abundant gifts in our lives. Pour out Your Spirit on us as well. Fill us with Your compassion and love, so that we would willingly share some of our abundance with those who have need.

Lord, in Your mercy, open Your hand.

## All: Pour out Your Spirit, so that they may be filled.

We offer prayers for situations and people in the news this past week... (Silence is held.)

We offer prayers for those people and situations on our hearts... (Silence is held.)

Lord, in Your mercy, open Your hand.

# All: Pour out Your Spirit, so that they may be filled.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who came so that all of humanity might come to know the abundant life that comes from You.

All: Amen.

All:

**The Peace:** (*Please stand as you are able.*) For the peace, please acknowledge your greeting of peace by a simple bow – with no physical contact.

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

## All: And also with you.

## The Preparation of the Table (Please be seated.)

Prayer over the Gifts:

Priest: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

## All: Amen.

**Eucharistic Prayer:** (Please stand as you are able.) [Source: Book of Alternative Services, Eucharist Prayer #3; Preface is from Common Worship, Church of England]

- 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: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord; you renew that mystery in bread and wine and nourish us, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the holy people who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name:

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

Congregation may sit or kneel at this time.

Priest: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

> On the night he was handed over to suffering and death a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,

and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,
 All: we remember his death,
 we proclaim his resurrection,
 we await his coming in glory;

Priest: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

> We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

## All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (Please stand as you are able.)

Priest: 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.
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:

Priest: Lamb of God,

All: you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

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

#### The Giving of Communion

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

#### All: Thanks be to God.

For the communion procession, please follow the directions of the sidespeople as each section is invited to come forward. Allow at least 2 metres (6 feet) between you and the person in front of you. As you come up to the communion station, stand behind the marked line and reach your hand forward to receive the host. Please exit to the chapel side and return to your seat.

Prayer after Communion (Please stand as you are able.)
Priest: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, so that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of 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.

Benediction:

Priest: May the beauty of God be reflected in your eyes, the love of God be reflected in your hands, the wisdom of God be reflected in your words, and the knowledge of God flow from your heart, that all might see, and in seeing, believe. And the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

#### Closing Hymn: CP 481 May the Grace of Christ our Saviour (tune: Halton)

May the grace of Christ our Saviour, and the Father's boundless love, with the Holy Spirit's favour, rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union with each other and the Lord, and possess in sweet communion, joys which earth cannot afford.

To the God whose wisdom made us, to the Son who set us free, to the sanctifying Spirit, glory, endless glory, be!

Dismissal

Priest:

All:

Go and announce the Gospel to the World. **Thanks be to God.** 

Postlude

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Thank you to all who helped with this service: Presider: Rev. Daniel Fournier; Liturgical Assistant: Sean Tiernay; Reader and Intercessions: Gillian Bloom; Musicians: Olivia Craster, Daniel Fournier, Barbara Reul, Susanne Reul-Zastre, and Matthew Robertson; Sidespersons: Jane Grant and Heather Simpson; Creation of Prayers of Intercession: Joan Scandrett; Videographers: Sharon McMillan and Ray Lett; 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 – July 25<sup>th</sup> – August 1<sup>st</sup> (\*\*New Items, \*Revised Items)

\*In-person services will be offered over the summer starting at 10 am. Most services will be Services of the Word. Anyone wishing to attend will need to register by phoning (250-477-6741) or e-mailing the office (admin@stlukecedar hill.ca) before noon on the Friday, prior to the Sunday service you wish to attend. (This will help us manage our capacity limits at this time.) You will need to wear a mask, be distanced in the church except within family groups or established bubbles, and use hand sanitizer when entering the church.

\*The service today (July 25<sup>th</sup>) and the Sundays going forward will continue to 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 at your convenience.

Coffee Time via Zoom will start at 11:30 am after the inperson and 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.

\*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 \$2,385, 61% of the way to our goal of \$3,900.

\*Change to One of the Entrance Driveways at St. Luke's – For safety reasons, we have decided to close the parking lot entrance closest to the church. As the first step, the driveway is now closed with barriers. The eventual plan is to continue the stone wall and grassed boulevard area to form a small garden space towards the front of the church. For more information, please see the letter from Daniel posted at the **News page of St. Luke's website.** 

Get Fit (or Stay Fit) with Susanne on Thursday evenings at Oaklands Community Centre this summer! During the pandemic, our music director Susanne Reul-Zastre certified as group fitness leader and personal trainer and looks forward to sharing her expertise with you. Join her at Oaklands Community Centre (2827 Belmont) on 6 Thursday evenings (July 29-Sept. 2) at two small group classes suited for the more mature beginner. Class descriptions are listed below.

**Class 1: Strength & Stretch (Thursdays, 6:00-7:00pm)** – Learn (or review) proper exercise techniques to increase muscle strength and endurance; we will finish with stretching. Cost: 6 classes/\$60. To register by Tuesday, July 27 and for more information go to:

https://oca.recdesk.com/Community/Program/Detail? programId=1338.

## Class 2: We've Got Your Back! (Thursdays, 7:15-8:15pm)

This class focuses on promoting back health to improve posture, as well as strengthen and stretch muscles surrounding the spine and core. Cost: 6 classes/\$60. To register by Tuesday, July 27 and for more info go to:

https://oca.recdesk.com/Community/Program/ Detail?programId=1339.

St. Luke's Library is Now Open and Ready for You – The Library, located in the Lounge in the Hall, has been reorganized and updated. It presently has 804 interesting books ready for you to browse and borrow. The Library is open when the Parish Office is open 9 to noon, Monday to Friday. Please check with the Parish Office to make sure that there are no meetings booked in the Lounge. The Library includes authors referenced by Bishop Anna such as Phyllis Tickle, Parker Palmer, and Brian McLaren as well as many books in the local history section. More information and lists are available at the **News** page of the website.

\*Dignity – In this video series, Bishop Anna, along with other reflectors from around the diocese, will give voice to the challenges and the joys this call brings to our lives. The fifth episode, featuring Bishop Anna, is available to watch at the News page of St. Luke's website. These two-minute videos are available at St. Luke's website each Monday.

Shelbourne Community Kitchen Container Garden Will Be at St. Luke's – We are pleased to announce that the Shelbourne Community Kitchen has partnered with Topsoil Urban Agriculture and St. Luke's to create a container garden at St. Luke's. Food grown in this garden will provide much needed fresh, seasonal produce for the Kitchen's Pantry and Food Skills programs that serve over 850 individuals and their families. The garden will be installed in July. See more information at the News 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. As of July 21<sup>st</sup>, we now have \$4,660.00 in grocery receipts, which is 93% 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**.

Fairway Market Community Shopping Cards – You are invited to take part in a new fundraising program using these reloadable cards, similar to the Smile Cards but for use at any of the ten Fairway Market stores on Vancouver Island. St. Luke's automatically receives 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. Please contact St. Luke's office for more information or 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 Scottish Episcopal Church - The Most Revd Mark Strange, Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church & Bishop of Moray, Ross & Caithness. In the Canadian ACC/ELCIC Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Rev. Stephen London, Bishopelect, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Edmonton (ACC) and the dean, council, and congregations of the East Central Area of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories (ELCIC). In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray for Anna, our Bishop, and for the parish of St. John the Baptist, Duncan, and their priests, Brian Evans and Heather Cutten. We also pray for Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyle and Pastor Lyndon, and for the Diocese of Yukon and Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame.

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#### **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY August 1, 2021**

2 Samuel 11: 26-12: 13a Psalm 51: 1-13 Ephesians 4: 1-16 John 6: 24-35

## **FLOWERS**

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