

Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill
The Second Sunday of Advent
December 5, 2021



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*We acknowledge that we gather with respect on the traditional territories
of the Esquimalt, Songhees and W̱SÁNEĆ people,
the traditional custodians of these lands.
We are grateful for their hospitality.*

Welcome and Introduction (*The Rev. Daniel Fournier*)

Lighting of the Second Candle of the Advent Wreath

Please stand as you are able.

Reader: Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets,
but in our days you speak through your Son,
whom you have appointed the heir of all things.
Grant us, your people, to walk in his light,
that we may be found ready and watching
when he comes again in glory and judgement;
for you are our light and our salvation.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

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.

Confession

Priest: Forgiving Father,
you call us to repent of our sins:
soften our proud and stubborn hearts.
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Lord Jesus,
you declared the forgiveness of God:
teach us to forgive one another.
Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Priest: Holy Spirit,
you search our hearts and show us the truth:
direct us in your way of righteousness.
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Absolution:

Priest: Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive you your sins,
open your eyes to God's truth,
strengthen you to do God's will
and give you the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Opening Hymn: CP 101 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

(tune: Crüger)

Collect of the Day

Priest: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: God of timeless grace,
you fill us with joyful expectation:
make us ready for the message that prepares the way,
so that with uprightness of heart and holy joy
we may eagerly await the coming of your Son,
Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: Malachi 3: 1-4

Reader: *Tara Poilievre*

Reader: A reading from the Book of Malachi.

The reading can be found here:

<https://lectionary.anglican.ca/nrsv/?date=2021-12-05>

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Canticle 19 (Luke 1: 68-79)

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

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who 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 God promised of old
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,
To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant. *(Response)*

This was the oath God 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)*

And you, 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 all 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 shall be for ever. (*Response*)

Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn: CP 107 Prepare the Way of the Lord
(*tune: Prepare the Way*)

THE GOSPEL: Luke 3: 1-6a
Reader: *Tara Poilievre*

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.

The gospel can be found here:
<https://lectionary.anglican.ca/nrsv/?date=2021-12-05>

At the end of the gospel:

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: The Rev. Daniel Fournier

A Liturgical Affirmation (from the New Zealand Prayerbook)

Priest: Let us stand and profess our faith together in faith:

All: You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.

You are our God. We worship you.
Amen

Please be seated.

Prayers of Intercession: *Led by Tara Poilievre*

*In response to the words, "Christ Jesus, coming among us,"
the community prays, "Bring us peace."*

Come, Christ Jesus, be our guest.
Enter our lives today with your blessing.
We are lonely for you and the peace you bring.
Draw near to us in friendship and faithfulness,
so that in this season, we may know you are near,
and be filled with gratitude,
even in the face of challenge and uncertainty.

(Keep a brief time of silence.)

Christ Jesus, coming among us,
All: Bring us peace.

Come, Christ Jesus, be our guide.
Show us the way to wisdom and gratitude
in the face of all that troubles us.
We thank you for the kindness we know
in friends and good neighbours,
in warm houses and warm smiles.
We pray for those who have lost their way in life
and feel like there is no place to turn.
Equip us to reach out to those
who need your embrace and ours.

(Keep a brief time of silence.)

Christ Jesus, coming among us,
All: Bring us peace.

Come, Christ Jesus, be our hope.
Touch us with your healing
and grace in every way we need these gifts.
We remember before you
those we know and those known to you alone
who are living with loss or illness this season,
those who face depression or discouragement,
all who are worried about many things,
and any who will find it hard to be merry this year.

(Silence is held for 30 seconds.)

Shine the light of your comfort into their lives and ours.

Christ Jesus, coming among us,
All: Bring us peace.

Come, Christ Jesus, and rule in our lives.
Claim your rightful place in our hearts.
This world is struggling for the justice
and mercy you bring.

We remember before you
places marked by violence and upheaval,
and the devastating impacts of the climate crisis.
We remember the people in the news this past week,
those impacted by flooding
and loss of homes, animals, and livelihoods....

(Keep a brief time of silence.)

All: Christ Jesus, coming among us,
Bring us peace.

Draw near to all leaders
and citizens working for peace and justice.
Encourage honourable action and co-operation
in confronting global challenges and local needs.
Give hope to people under oppression
and those who live with fear or hunger day by day.
Hasten the day when the world's peoples
will live as neighbours,
reconciled in your truth and freedom.

(Keep a brief time of silence.)

All: Christ Jesus, coming among us,
Bring us peace.

All these prayers, and the ones
we hold in our hearts too deep for words,
we offer in the name of Christ Jesus.

All: **Amen.**

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.**

Offertory Hymn: CP 106 There's a Voice in the Wilderness

(tune: Ascension)

The Preparation of the Table

Prayer over the Gifts:

Priest: Generous God,
From all you give us, we present this bread and wine.
As we serve you now, accept our offering
and sustain us with your promise of eternal life.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer:

[Source: "Eucharistic Prayer 4, Book of Alternative Services - ACC. (1985).]

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: It is right to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe,
you are worthy of glory and praise.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest: At your command all things came to be:
the vast expanse of the universe,
galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,
and this fragile earth, our island home;
by your will they were created and have their being.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest: From the primal elements
you brought forth the human race,
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill;
you made us the stewards of creation.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest: But we turn against you, and betray your trust;
and we turn against one another.
Again and again you call us to return.
Through the prophets and sages
you reveal your righteous law.
In the fullness of time you sent your Son,
born of a woman, to be our Saviour.
He was wounded for our transgressions,
and bruised for our iniquities.
By his death he opened to us
the way of freedom and peace.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest: Therefore we praise you,
joining with the heavenly chorus,
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,
and with those in every generation
who have looked to you in hope,
to proclaim with them your glory,
in their unending hymn:

**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: Blessed are you, Lord our God,
for sending us Jesus, the Christ,
who on the night he was handed over

to suffering and death,
took bread, said the blessing,
broke the bread, gave it to his friends,
and said, "Take this, and eat it:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper,
he took the cup of wine;
he 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
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest: Gracious God,
we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ,
we proclaim his resurrection and ascension,
and we look with expectation for his coming
as Lord of all the nations.

We who have been redeemed by him,
and made a new people by water and the Spirit,
now bring you these gifts.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this offering of your Church,
that we who eat and drink at this holy table
may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest: Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth
and make it your new creation.
Gather your Church together
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,
where peace and justice are revealed,
that we, with all your people,

of every language, race, and nation,
may share the banquet you have promised;

through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
all honour and glory are yours,
creator of all.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Priest: In the words that our Saviour taught us, we 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: Lord, through our participation in the Eucharist, transform us so that we may be made holy and be nourished to walk and love as Christ in the world.

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:

Go now: wait and work
for the coming of the day of God.
In the wild places prepare a straight path for the Lord.
Lead lives of holiness and godliness,
strive to be found at peace,
and speak freely of the Lord's comfort and promise.

And may God our shepherd gather you in loving arms;
May Christ Jesus reconcile justice
and peace within you;

And may the Holy Spirit baptise you
into the life of God..

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn:
CP 103 On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry
(tune: Winchester New)

Dismissal

Priest: We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

All: In the name of Christ.

Postlude

Thank you to all who helped with this service: Presider: Rev. Daniel Fournier; Liturgical Assistant: Sean Tiernay; Reader and Intercessions: Tara Poilievre; Musicians: David Berry, Olivia Craster, Daniel Fournier, Genevieve Richards, Matthew Robertson, and Maria Ross; Sidespersons: Heather Simpson and Sandra Lindberg; Creation of Prayers of Intercession: Joan Scandrett; Videographers: Ray Lett and Jesse Poilievre; 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: Andrew Lloyd.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS Dec. 5th – Dec. 12th
(New Items, *Revised Items)**

***Welcome to David Berry** – We welcome David Berry back to the organ bench again this morning. Susanne is taking a well-deserved leave of absence this month and into the new year. During this unpaid sabbatical, please keep Susanne in your prayers, while she spends time with her family to recharge. This

is her first big break from weekly organist/choir director duties at St. Luke's since 2009.

Coffee Time via Zoom will start at 11:45 am after the in-person 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.

Please register for next Sunday's 10 am Eucharist Service by phoning (250-477-6741) or e-mailing the office (admin@stlukecedarhill.ca) before 11 am this Friday. (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 services will be livestreamed and recorded as well as being in-person. The Bishop encourages those who are unvaccinated to watch the online services.

***Liturgical Assistant Training – TODAY** immediately following the 10 am service, meet in the Church Sanctuary. The training session will last approx. 1 hour and will focus on assisting in setting the altar for communion and other ceremonial information, to standardize our worship services. If you have any questions, please contact Sean Tiernay (worship@stlukecedarhill.ca).

***Jazz Up Your Sunday Evening with a Jazz Vespers Service TONIGHT starting at 7 pm** – This hour long service in the church will feature lots of jazz along with contemporary prayers, poems, and readings. Come to see and hear what it's all about!

****The December Issue of Diocesan Post** is available to read online at the link sent by e-mail or **from the News page of St. Luke's website**. You should also have received a paper copy in the mail. Copies are available in the church as well.

****2022 Contributor Boxes** – Your box of envelopes for 2022 is available to be picked up from the church or the church office. If you are not able to come to church or the church office, please e-mail (admin@stlukecedarhill.ca) or call St. Luke's Office (250-477-6741) and we will arrange for someone to drop off your box. Even if you contribute by ECP (Electronic Collection

Plate), please pick up your box. If at some point during the year you wish to make a donation for a special event or cause, such as for flowers, outreach, or a seasonal donation at Christmas or Easter, please use one of your envelopes for that additional donation.

****Christmas Stocking Project** – As we have done in previous years, we have chosen a World of Gifts Project through the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund as our Christmas Stocking Project. This year PWRDF is supporting three partners with goat distribution and training: the Episcopal Church of Cuba, TSURO Trust in Zimbabwe and Partners In Health Malawi. 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 "Goats Project". **Money designated in the collection or collected in the stocking from now to Christmas Day will be sent to the PWRDF to fund these goat programs.**

***Repairs to the Rock Walls in the Cemetery Have Taken Place** – The crumbling rock wall by the oak tree has been replaced and the leaning wall in the compost area was taken down, at a cost of just under \$10,000. We welcome donations towards these repairs and to the ongoing maintenance of the cemetery. **Thank you to parishioners, friends, and descendants of those resting in the cemetery who have made recent contributions. Donations to date for the rock wall repair total \$5,414.00, more than half way to paying the cost of the repair.** If writing a cheque, please make your cheque payable to St. Luke's Church, noting on the cheque and your donation envelope that it is for the cemetery (and the rock wall repair), and include your cheque in your donation envelope. You can also make an online donation by credit card through Canada Helps. See more information and pictures at the **News page of St. Luke's website.**

Thank You for Your Support for the Ongoing Ministry of St. Luke's Church through your offerings by writing a cheque, making a donation online through Canada Helps, and by signing up for ECP. **Note that the offerings will now be taken**

forward to the altar each Sunday during the service, but we aren't allowed to pass around the collection plate at this time. If you miss putting in your donation as you enter the church, donations left in the collection plates after the service will also be collected.

****Welcome to Laura Stear**, who is working for us for two months through a Canada Summer Jobs Grant. She will be continuing work on the St. Luke's Library in the Lounge, researching the history of our stained glass windows and of people buried in St. Luke's cemetery, and continuing with archival work and other miscellaneous projects.

****Christmas with Edie Daponte – Sunday, December 19th at 2:30 pm and 7:00 pm at Church of the Cross** – A fundraiser for the Shelbourne Community Kitchen. Celebrate the holiday season with vocalist Edie DaPonte and the smooth musical rhythms of the Bob Watts Trio. Featuring musical styles from jazz to gospel and spanning several musical genres, everything from jazz standards to holiday favourites. **A generous anonymous donor has offered to match all funds raised through this event, up to a total of \$25,000!** What a wonderful way to celebrate the holidays, to double the impact of your donations, and do some good in our community. **Tickets: \$20/person** available online via Canada Helps. See the **Events page of St. Luke's website** for more information.

****Longest Night Service – Tuesday, December 21st, 7 pm** – The service this year will be held on the actual longest night of the year. Whether you have experienced loss in your life or simply are finding it difficult to enter into Christmas this year for whatever reason. Come and enter gently into a quiet holy time. This Longest Night Service, a service of Light in the Midst of Darkness, is open to everyone. You are welcome to invite a friend to come and share with you in this service of remembrance and hope.

****Christmas Services at St. Luke's** will be at 4 pm, 7 pm, and 10 pm on Christmas Eve, and at 10 am on Christmas Day. Watch for more information to come.

****From Advent to Epiphany** – In these weekly 2-minute sermons join Bishop Anna as we journey from Advent to Epiphany, remembering that history is always and everywhere being broken open with new possibility. In first reflection, we are reminded that the apocalypse does not, in fact, signal the end, but reveals what always was. Watch this video at the **News page of St. Luke's website**. These two minute videos will be available at St. Luke's website each Thursday through to Epiphany.

***Country Grocer Save A Tape Program Update** – Please continue to collect your Country Grocer receipts and turn them in to the Church Office, mail them to the Church Office, or put them in an envelope in the mail slot. We have now collected \$5,000.23 in grocery receipts and have reached our first goal of \$5,000 in receipts to receive a \$50.00 gift certificate. **As of December 1st, we have \$4,010.58 towards our next goal of \$5,000 to receive a second \$50.00 gift certificate.** Please keep dropping off your receipts so we can reach another \$5,000. See more information at the **News page of St. Luke's website**.

Stamps for Cookware for the Shelbourne Community Kitchen – St. Luke's is collecting the stamps from Thrifty Foods for the Vivo pots and pans promotion. The stamps collected will be used to buy pots and pans for Shelbourne Community Kitchen. The stamps can be put in an envelope and dropped off at the office or put in the mail box by the hall front door. While the promotion runs until March 2, 2022, the Kitchen is planning to give away some pots and pans at Christmas so we hope to have some pans for them by then.

Fairway Market Community Shopping Cards – **We have now received our first payment of \$274.49.** 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. Please contact St. Luke's office or talk to Brenda Morgan for

more information or visit the **Fundraising page of St. Luke's website.**

Level Ground Fundraiser – We have now received our first payment through this program. \$18.18 was deposited into our account for the orders received in last three months.

Please continue to take part in this fundraising program to benefit St. Luke's when you buy coffee, tea, and dried fruit through Level Ground Trading. **When you order online at Level Ground Trading, St. Luke's will receive 15%.** ONLINE ORDERING IS EASY! Visit **Shop at Level Ground** (<https://levelground.com/collections>). At checkout, use the code **StLuke** to ensure the 15% comes to St. Luke's. The minimum order is \$40 for the 15% return to St. Luke's and this includes free shipping. See more information at the **Fundraising page of St. Luke's website.**

****A Student Looking for a Place to Rent** in the Gordon Head area contacted St. Luke's Office. She is looking for a bachelor's or 1 bedroom suite, with a budget of around \$1200. She is a Mathematics student, who tutors children and also teaches music/theory. If you have a suite or know of one which is available, the student's contact information is available through St. Luke's Office.

IN THE WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN PRAYER CYCLE, we pray for The Anglican Church of Burundi - The Most Revd Martin Blaise Nyaboho, Primate. **In the Canadian ACC/ELCIC Cycle of Prayer,** we pray for Archbishop Linda Nicholls and the staff of the Primate's Office of the Anglican Church of Canada (ACC) and for the National Bishop: Bishop Susan Johnson and the national staff of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC). **In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray for** Anna, our Bishop, and for the congregation of Church of St. Barnabas, Victoria, and their priest, James Cowan. **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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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY December 12, 2021

Zephaniah 3: 14-20

Canticle 3 (Isaiah 12: 2-6)

Philippians 4: 4-7

Luke 3: 7-18

FLOWERS

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

*Please contact Ann if you would like to make a donation towards flowers at the Christmas services.
There are no flowers during Advent.*
