

Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill
The First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2022 - 10:00 am
Holy Eucharist



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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.
We are grateful for their hospitality.*

Prelude (*please be seated*)

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

Blessing of the Advent Wreath and Lighting of the First Candle

Please stand as you are able.

Priest: Christ came to bring us salvation
and has promised to come again.
Let us pray that we may be always ready
to welcome him. (*silent prayer*)

Lord our God, we praise you
for your Son, Jesus Christ:
he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,
he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,
he is the Saviour of every nation.
Lord God, let your blessing come upon us
as we light the candles of this wreath.
May the wreath and its light
be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.
May he come quickly and not delay.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Reader: Blessed are you, sovereign Lord,
God of our ancestors:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith
and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment.
May we be obedient to your call and be ready
and watchful to receive your Christ,
a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;
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.

Opening Hymn: CP 89 O Come, O Come Emmanuel
(tune: Veni Emmanuel)

Invitation to Confession:

Priest: Brothers and sisters,
As we begin this Advent season,
we focus on the universal spiritual practice
of being awake—deeply aware.
It's not that we're sleeping,
but that it's so easy to become distracted
by the ordinary demands of life —
especially in this holiday season.
It is so easy to overlook what is truly most important,
but staying alert is hard.
God is always present to us;
Jesus comes in many guises, many ways.
If we're not alert, we miss it all.
What will it take to keep us focused?
Let us ask pardon from the Lord
for not being attentive to his coming.
Silence is kept.

Priest: Lord Jesus, you want us to stay awake,
for we do not know the day of your coming.
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Christ Jesus, you tell us to be watchful,
for you want to encounter us
with your forgiveness and your love.
Christ, have mercy

All: Christ, have mercy.

Priest: Lord Jesus, you asks us to stand ready,
for you seek to open us to you,
to others and to your light and life.
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Absolution:

Priest: May the God of love
Bring you back to himself,
Forgive you our sins,
and assure you of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

God of peace,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light;
so that on the last day,
when your Son Jesus shall come again
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to eternal life;
through him who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 2: 1-5

Reader: *Merry Hallsor*

Reader: A reading from the Book of Isaiah

The reading can be found here:
<https://lectionary.anglican.ca/?date=2022-11-27>

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122:

Response: *I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."*

I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."
Now our feet are standing within your gates,
O Jerusalem. **(Response)**

Jerusalem is built as a city
that is at unity with itself;
To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord,
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the Lord. **(Response)**

For there are the thrones of judgement,
the thrones of the house of David.
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
"May they prosper who love you. **(Response)**

Peace be within your walls
and quietness within your towers.
For my brethren and companions' sake,
I pray for your prosperity.
Because of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek to do you good." **(Response)**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 13: 11-14

Reader: *Merry Hallsor*

Reader: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

The reading can be found here:

<https://lectionary.anglican.ca/?date=2022-11-27>

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn: CP 112 Behold! The Mountain of the Lord

(tune: Bishopthorpe)

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 24: 36-44

Reader: *Aidan Andrews*

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The gospel can be found here:

<https://lectionary.anglican.ca/?date=2022-11-27>

At the end of the gospel:

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: The Rev. Daniel Fournier

Anthem: *Advent Prayer* by P. Liebergen

Please stand as you are able.

Affirmation of Faith

[A Liturgical Affirmation from the New Zealand Prayer Book.]

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.**

Prayers of Intercession: Led by *Aidan Andrews*
In response to the words, "God of hope,"
the community prays, "Hear our prayer."

Let us pray with confidence
as God's holy people
for the needs of the Church, all families,
and for our world...

Surprising and Steadfast God,
in the anticipation of your coming,
keep us awake
so that we will see you at work in the world
through the change and growth in our own hearts.
We give you thanks for moments
of joy and celebration in our lives,
for times of excitement and surprise;
for love given and received,
for friendships that furnish our life
with meaning and happiness,
and for family who reflect your unconditional love.
In all our relationships and encounters,
allow us to see you in one another.
God of hope,

All: Hear our prayer.

We pray for the coming of your kingdom
week by week.
Today we pray for the nations,
and for all those who frame laws and shape society,
who are charged to keep the peace
and administer justice.
We thank you for leaders
who are faithful to their responsibilities.
And we pray for places
where justice is twisted in the interests of the powerful,
and innocents suffer as a result.
Move in the hearts and minds of leaders
for the sake of justice and generosity,
so that people everywhere will experience freedom
and have hope for their futures.
God of hope,

All: Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are suffering this day,
for those who are ill, for those who mourn,
and for all fear who the future and what it may bring.

Silence is kept

Surround them with your love,
support them with strength,
and inspire the hope they need to face another day.
God of hope,

All: Hear our prayer.

Eternal God, all souls are precious to you;
the faithfully departed,
as well as the living, are in your care.
We thank you for your saints of every generation.
and for those dear to our own hearts,
who have entered into your heavenly presence.
Keep us in communion with them,
and bring us with them at the last to dwell in your light.
And hear us as we offer prayers
for all those on our hearts this day.
Let us pray for the saints of our church
and of our families:

silence is held.

God of hope
All: Hear our prayer.

These prayers and the ones
we hold silently in our hearts
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 88 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
(tune: Stuttgart)

The Preparation of the Table

Prayer over the Gifts:

Priest: Loving God,
long ago your Son Jesus came on earth
to share our destiny and to bring us
your forgiveness and life.
Let him come here among us
in these signs of bread and wine
to be our light and to give us courage,
that he may be alive today
in us, in our community,
in the Church and in the world
as our Lord and Savior for ever.

All: Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer:

[Source: Book of Alternative Services, 1985: Eucharistic Prayer 4]

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 interstellar space,
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:

(From Common Praise # 735):

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full,
full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
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."

(Pause)

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: Amen. (*Sung 5 times - From Common Praise # 737*)

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: *(From Common Praise # 747):*

**All: Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world,
give us your peace, give us your peace.**

The Giving of Communion:

Priest: The table of bread and wine is now ready.
It is the table of company with Jesus,
and all who love him.
It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world,
with whom Jesus identified himself.
It is the table of communion with the earth,
in which Christ became incarnate.
So come to this table,
you who have much faith
and you who would like to have more;
you who have been here often
and you who have not been for a while;
you who have tried to follow Jesus,
and you who have failed;
Come.
It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

At this time, we are only sharing bread for communion. Please follow the directions of the sidespeople as each section is invited to come forward to the Altar Rail. Please exit to the chapel side and return to your seat.

If you would prefer not to receive communion, please come forward for a blessing. Crossing your hands over your chest will signal the priest to give you a blessing instead.

NOTE: *Gluten free wafers are available on request.*

Please remain seated as we sing the hymn during communion.

Hymn during Communion:
CP 94 Wait for the Lord, Whose Day Is Near
(tune: Wait for the Lord)

Prayer after Communion: *Please stand as you are able.*

Priest: Lord our God,
you have given us this time and this life
to grow up in Christ and lead his life.
Make us realize that if he lives in us
we can give him to the world,
that the cries of the poor will be heard,
that your truth and justice will prevail,
and that your love and peace
can be shared by all
on earth as in heaven.
Keep alive in us this indestructible hope
and guide us on our pilgrim way
through 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: Go forth and walk the path of the Lord.
Go forth and live as one instructed
in the ways of the Lord.
Take the weapons of your life
and turn them into instruments of peace and justice.
Praise be to our God who shows us the way!

The blessings of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
be with you and those you love,
Today and always.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn: CP 114
Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending
(tune: Helmsley)

Dismissal:

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Thank you to all who assisted with today's service.

IN THE WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN PRAYER CYCLE, we pray for The Nippon Sei Ko Kai - The Most Revd Luke Kenichi Muto - Primate. **In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer, we pray for** The people of the Anglican Church of Canada (Anglican); The people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (Lutheran). **In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray for** Anna, our Bishop, and for the parish of Church of the Advent, Colwood – Ingrid Andersen. **We also pray for** Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyle and Pastor Lyndon, and for the Diocese of Kootenay - Archbishop Lynne McNaughton.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS
November 27th – December 4th
(New Items, *Revised Items)**

***Book of Saints for November** – The names submitted this month for the Book of Saints will be read today.

In-Person Coffee Times are Continuing – Today after the 10:00 am service an in-person coffee time will be held in the hall. Coffee/tea and cookies will be available. Park on Synod Road for easy access via the side door of the hall.

***Thank you to everyone who helped with St. Luke's Christmas Bazaar last Saturday.** A sincere thank you to all who helped to make this year's Christmas Bazaar such a success! Your generous donations and hard work are much appreciated. Watch for an updated total for the Bazaar coming soon.

***Fantastic Friday** – It's Fantastic Friday time **THIS Friday, December 2nd from 4:30-6:30 pm** in the hall. Fantastic Fridays are held on the first Friday of the month through to June. Invite your friends, neighbours, children, and grandchildren to join in the fun and find out why these Fridays are fantastic! Dinner is included. For more information or to offer to help (always greatly appreciated!), please talk to Tara Poilievre, Barb Prescott, Sharon Hallsor, or Claire White.

The Deadline for the Christmas Prescription is Friday, December 2nd. Please send along your articles, photos, poems, and other creative endeavours to Sharon McMillan or Barb Prescott or to St. Luke's Church Office at admin@stlukecedarhill.ca or to prescription@stlukecedarhill.ca.

***An Advent Evening Prayer Service with Church of the Cross** will be held on Sunday, December 4th at 4:30 pm at Church of the Cross. Start your Advent with this service of prayers, hymns, readings, and music for Advent.

****Advent Vespers – Sunday, December 11th** in the church starting at 4:30 pm. Soak in the beautiful ambiance of St. Luke's at dusk. The church will be candlelit and there will be soft music, as well as readings and prayers.

***Kitchen Party with The Midnights – Benefit Concert for the Shelbourne Community Kitchen – THIS AFTERNOON, November 27th 4:30 - 6:30 pm at Lutheran Church of the Cross** – Come for a high-stepping, energized evening with The Midnights, one of Victoria's hottest and most exceptional show bands. Featuring a twelve piece choreographed band with a dynamic rhythm section, a sizzling horn section, and fronted by five distinctive vocal voices, these outstanding musicians will deliver music in the style of all the great Pop, Motown, and Rhythm and Blues artists. Tickets are \$20/person and can be purchased online through Canada Helps, in person at the Shelbourne Community Kitchen, with limited tickets available at the door. See more information at the **Events page of St. Luke's website**.

****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. We will start our Christmas Stocking Project this Sunday, the first Sunday in Advent and it will continue to Christmas Day. Our project will be buying goats for families in Africa. 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 buy goats for families in Africa.

****Save the date for this year's Christmas pageant on December 11th at 10 am** – The practice will be on December 10th at 2 pm in the church. Watch for more information soon.

St. Luke's Celebration Video is posted at the **News page of St. Luke's website**.

Pictures of Recent Events are posted at St. Luke's website. Pictures from the No Stone Left Alone ceremony with the 500 students from Cedar Hill Middle School and of the Service of Remembrance are posted at the **News page of St. Luke's website.**

Givings Cards – Some extra copies of the Estimate of Givings Cards handed out on Celebration Sunday are on the table at the back of the church. If you didn't fill one out at Celebration Sunday, we would be very appreciative if you could fill out a card this week. If you wish to change the amount noted last week, please fill out another card and put the word Revised on it so that we know that this card replaces the one you filled out last week.

Electronic Collection Plate (ECP) – A number of people noted on their givings cards that they would like to increase their ECP or start using ECP. To make a change or start using ECP, please send an e-mail to St. Luke's Givings e-mail (givings@stlukecedarhill.ca) and include the following information as noted. **To make a change to ECP**, include your envelope #, the date you would like the change to happen (eg January 1, 2023, or November 30, 2022, etc.), and the amount of the change. **To start using ECP**, send an e-mail noting: envelope #, amount, whether once a month or twice a month, start date (eg January 1, 2023, or December 15, 2022, etc.), bank #, transit #, and account #. A scanned cancelled cheque can be included instead of the bank, transit, and account #s. The Envelope Secretaries will follow up with everyone who indicated that they would like to change their ECP amount or start ECP in case they have any questions.

Passing the Collection Plate Has Resumed – We are pleased to be able to pass the collection plate again.

Looking for a Place to Rent – My name is Elodia Díaz. I am here in Victoria studying English at Camosun College, and I am about to finish this term. In January, I will start studying for a PDD in Business Administration and Human Resources at

Camosun College and by then my family will be able to join me. My husband, myself, and our two daughters, 14 and 18 years, are looking forward to starting a new life here in Victoria. My husband and I have all the required documents to stay and work here. I want to find a place for us to live in and call home. So, if you have or know of a place to rent, I'd really appreciate getting in touch. My email is elodiazherr@gmail.com.

***Shelbourne Community Kitchen – An Update from the Donate and Double Your Impact** – They've reached their goal of \$50,000 doubled to \$100,000! But you're not too late. There is still a matching opportunity. Their anonymous donor will match all proceeds from their holiday concerts. If you cannot attend, please consider donating tickets to a community member. See information at the Shelbourne Community Kitchen website (<https://shelbournecommunitykitchen.ca>).

An Update from ABCs and Rice – Tammy Durand writes: *"It has been a while since we provided an update and for that we are sorry. Without our volunteers and interns, ABCs has been left entirely without admin assistance since the onset of COVID. We are still here, and, simply put, we wouldn't be without your support."* The best way to help now is to make a donation to ABCs and Rice through Canada Helps. See more information on the **News page of St. Luke's website.**

***St. Luke's Players Panto Tickets** – Tickets for St. Luke's Panto, Robin Hood, are available now through EventBrite. Dates are: evenings at 7:00 pm on December 16, 17, 21, 22, 28, and 30; matinees at 2:00 pm on December 17, 18, 23, 26, 27, 31 and January 1. See more information at the **Events page of St. Luke's website.**

Fairway Market Community Shopping Cards – Thank you for using your Fairway Market Community Shopping Cards. **We have now received our fifth payment of \$244.98, bringing our total to date to \$1,315.56 from this program.** 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. For more information, please contact St. Luke's office, talk to Brenda Morgan, or visit the **Fundraising 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 the Church Office. **We now finished collecting for our 5th \$50 gift certificate and have started collecting for our 6th one! As of October 26th, our total to date for this next gift certificate is \$212.61.** 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.**

Level Ground Fundraiser Update – We have received our fourth payment through this program. **\$13.00 was deposited into our account this month for the orders received in last three months, which brings our total to date to \$103.53 since we started this fundraiser.** Please continue (or start) 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. For more information, visit the **Fundraising page of St. Luke's website** or talk to Barb Prescott.

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY December 4th, 2022

Isaiah 11: 1-10

Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19

Romans 15: 4-13;

Matthew 3: 1-12

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.