

Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill
The Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 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*)

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.

Opening Hymn: CP 103 On Jordan's Bank

(tune: Winchester New)

Invitation to Confession:

Priest: On this Second Sunday of Advent we are preparing for the fuller coming of Christ in our communities and in the world. We need to be people full of the Spirit of Christ. To live our lives in the vision of Christ's dream and hopes for our world. To make this world a place of unity and integrity, of justice and peace. Yet, we must change, and then our world will change. We ask our Lord Jesus in this Eucharist to prepare his deeper coming among us.

Let us ask the Lord to forgive us
for we have failed to bring Jesus
and his message to a waiting world.

Lord Jesus, we have not prepared well
the way for your coming in our world.
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Christ Jesus, we have said we are Christians,
but do not always live your life.
Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Priest: Lord Jesus, we have received the Holy Spirit,
but sometimes his fire is not burning bright in us.
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Absolution:

Priest: The almighty and merciful Lord
grant *you* pardon and forgiveness of all *your* sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

God of justice,
clear our lives of hatred and despair
and sow in us seeds of joy and peace;
so that shoots of hope may spring forth in us
as we await the coming of the Christ,
who with you and the Holy Spirit,
lives and reigns, one God,
now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 11: 1-10

Reader: *Tara Poillievre*

Reader: A reading from the Book of Isaiah

The reading can be found here:

<https://lectionary.anglican.ca/?date=2022-12-04>

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19

Response: *In his time shall peace and justice flourish.*

Give the King your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
That he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;
That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the little hills bring righteousness. **(Response)**

He shall defend the needy among the people;
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.
He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth. **(Response)**

In his time shall the righteous flourish;
there shall be abundance of peace
till the moon shall be no more.

Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous deeds!
And blessed be his glorious name for ever!
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. (**Response**)

SECOND READING: ROMANS 15: 4-13

Reader: *Aidan Andrews*

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

The reading can be found here:
<https://lectionary.anglican.ca/?date=2022-12-04>

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 101 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

(tune: Crüger)

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 3: 1-12

Reader: *Claire White*

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=2022-12-04>

At the end of the gospel:

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: The Rev. Daniel Fournier

Anthem: *On Jordan's Bank* by G. Peterson

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 *Claire White*
In response to the words, God of peace with justice,"
the community prays,

"Make us better stewards of the gifts you give us."

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

God of the peaceable kingdom Isaiah envisioned,
where predator and prey are reconciled,
and children play in safety,
we give you thanks for every step taken towards
reconciliation among rivals and every program
provided to give children a reliable future.
Thank you for policies implemented
on behalf of the climate and every vulnerable creature,
to give us all hope for an enduring future in the world
you love, for peace will not come
if the earth keeps tilting out of balance.

God of peace with justice,
All: Make us better stewards of the gifts you give us.

God of John the Baptist's rallying cry,
You raised up John in the wilderness
as a voice calling us to conversion.
We thank you for signs of renewal
and change in the church,
and in communities grappling
with historic injustice and current outcry.
Guide advocates who work for change
with both courage and compassion.
As we await the coming of Christ,
awaken the church to new ways
to undertake ministry and mission,
and give us the energy and resources
to reach out in ways we have yet to imagine.

God of peace with justice,
All: Make us better stewards of the gifts you give us.

God of steadfast encouragement,
St. Paul called the followers of Christ
to live in harmony,
and welcome those perceived as strangers
to you and to them.

Thank you for welcoming us
when we were strangers to a new community,
a new church or a life changed
by unexpected circumstance.

We pray for people who dread this Christmas season
because life has changed for them,
or circumstances leave them
feeling lonely and discouraged.

Draw close to those who suffer in body, mind or spirit,
and guide us to reach out to someone
who needs comfort or encouragement.

God of peace with justice,
All: Make us better stewards of the gifts you give us.

God of justice and equity,
The psalms, the prophets and the gospels
proclaim your care for the poor,
and your expectation that your people will look
to the needs of the vulnerable.

We thank you that Canada has resources to share,
and pray that our leaders will attend
to longstanding injustice and urgent need
without excuse or delay.

We pray for places torn apart by war,
and for communities devastated by storm, flood,
fire or drought.

Challenge any who would hoard scarce resources
or profit from the needs of others.

Open our hearts to share what we can,
even in these difficult times.

God of peace with justice,
All: Make us better stewards of the gifts you give us.

Hear our prayers, O God,
and strengthen us to serve you in faith and obedience.
We offer our prayers through 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 111 Herald! Sound the Note of Judgement

(tune: Neander)

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts:

Priest: God our Father,
these are only small gifts,
a piece of bread, a bit of wine.
Accept them and give us instead
your own Son Jesus Christ.
Through his Spirit change us,
into signs to everyone and all
of your tenderness and mercy,
your justice and your peace.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

All: Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer:

[Source: Church of England, Common Worship, 2000.]

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 indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh, he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world to open for us the way of salvation. Confident that your promise will be fulfilled, we now watch for the day when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

And so we join our voices
with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
to proclaim your glory,
for ever praising you and singing:

(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: Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example
and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ
your Son our Lord.

**All: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you
in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever.

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 107 Prepare the Way

(tune: Prepare the Way)

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

Priest: Our God and Father,
your Spirit of wisdom and strength
was alive in Jesus, your Son.
Pour out the same Spirit on us,
that we may bear witness today
to your faithfulness and love.
And give us always people inspired by you,
prophets like John the Baptist,
to wake us up when we are self-satisfied,
and to inspire us to prepare the way
for the full coming of Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and 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: Advent is our season of waiting
for the coming of Jesus, our Lord.
But long ago he came already.
So, what are we waiting for, then?
For his real coming to you, to me, to our world.
Where is his kingdom among us?
How can people see whether he is here?
Can they see him in us, in our communities?
This is what we are waiting for,
or rather, what the Lord is waiting for.

The Lord is waiting for our active preparing
of his love and justice among people.

But he will do it with us.

Let the Lord come and activate us,
with the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

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

(Tune: Ascension)

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 Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East - The Most Revd Michael Augustine Owen Lewis - Primate. **In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer, we pray for** The Venerable Alan Perry, General Secretary, and the staff of the General Secretary's Office; Melanie Delva, Reconciliation Animator; Dawn Maracle, Animator, Indigenous Justice – Interim (Anglican); Trina Gallop Blank, Assistant to the National Bishop, Communications and Resource Generation, and the staff of Communications; Kyle Giesbrecht, Director of Finance and Administration, and the staff of Finance and Administration (Lutheran). **In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray for** Anna, our Bishop, and for the parish of St. Barnabas, Victoria – Travis O'Brian. **We also pray for** Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyle and Pastor Lyndon, and for the Diocese of New Westminster - Bishop John Stephens.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS
December 4th - December 11th
(New Items, *Revised Items)**

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.

***An Advent Evening Prayer Service with Church of the Cross THIS 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.

****Christmas Pageant NEXT Sunday December 11th at 10 am** – This year's pageant is taking a slightly different approach and **we are asking everyone who is coming to the service and who will be participating in the pageant, to bring a "Gift"**. This can be a non-perishable food item, a prayer in an envelope for someone, a donation of cash in an envelope or box, a card for someone, a hand-drawn picture, or even a small toy. You do not have to spend any money, just give what you are able. We are looking for anyone to participate - children and adults, so please let Claire White know if you are interested. We need narrators, help with the set up and take down, and cast members of any age. There will be a rehearsal on Saturday December 10th from 2 - 4 pm.

****Following the Christmas Pageant Service, you are invited to a Potluck Luncheon in the Hall** – A sign up sheet is at the back of the church or call Claire White. If you can help with the set up and clean up in the kitchen, please let Claire know. Thank you.

***Advent Vespers – NEXT 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.

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.

***Electronic Collection Plate (ECP)** – Thank you to everyone who indicated on their givings card that they would like to start or increase their givings through ECP. The Envelope Secretaries will follow up with everyone who indicated that they would like to change their ECP amount or start ECP. We will make these changes early in the new year.

****This Month's Needed Items for the Shelbourne Community Kitchen** – For the month of December, the Kitchen's Pantry Program Coordinator is asking partner organizations to gather special items for the holiday season. St. Luke's is asked to collect veggies and canned fruit. Some examples are carrots, canned peas and corn, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin. Of course, other food items are always welcome as well.

****Want to Support the Shelbourne Community Kitchen Holiday Programs?** The Shelbourne Community Kitchen team is looking for donations of the following items to support their upcoming Holiday Programs: holiday cards with envelopes; books of stamps; wire forms for wreaths; bows, ribbons, and bobbles (for wreaths); wire coat hangers; and clean canning jars with lids (all sizes gratefully accepted, including 1 litre!). To coordinate a donation of supplies, email: info@shelbournecommunitykitchen.ca. Or leave your donation by the food

basket in the church or the hall noting that your donation is Holiday Program Supplies.

***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 **News page of St. Luke's website.**

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.

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.**

***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 November 25th, our total to date for this next gift certificate is \$927.50.** 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.**

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.**

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](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 11th, 2022

Isaiah 35: 1-10

Psalm 146: 4-9

James 5: 7-10

Matthew 11: 2-11

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