

Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill
The Third Sunday of Advent
Pageant Sunday
December 11, 2022 – 10:00am



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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 Third 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.
Your prophet John the Baptist
was witness to the truth
as a burning and shining light.
May we your servants rejoice in his light,
and so be led to witness to him
who is the Lord of our coming kingdom,
Jesus our Saviour and King of the ages.

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.

Invitation to Confession:

Priest: In silence before God we confess our sins.

Jesus, you came to call us to repentance.
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: You come in word and sacrament to share your life
abundant. Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Priest: You will come again in glory to renew the whole creation. Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Absolution:

Priest: May God for whom we wait and watch,
through this Eucharist we celebrate
cleanse us of our sins
so that we may come to share your eternal banquet;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

All: Amen.

Opening Hymn: CP 91 People Look East

(tune: Besançon)

The Collect of the Day

Priest: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
so that when your Son Jesus Christ
comes again as judge and saviour,
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Christmas Tree Pageant

Carol: CP 118 O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem:
Come and behold him,
born the King of Angels.

O come let us adore him (3x),
Christ the Lord.

Choir Anthem: *A Litany for Advent* by S. McRae

Scene 1: Introduction

Carol: CP 121 O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by;
yet in they dark streets shineth
the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

Scene 2: The Inn

Scene 3: The Shepherds

Carol: CP 135 Shepherds in the Fields Abiding

Shepherds in the fields abiding,
tell us, when the seraph bright
greeted you with wondrous tiding,
what you saw and heard that night.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! (repeat)

Scene 4: The Wise Men

Carol: We Three Kings

We three Kings of Orient are,
bearing gifts we traverse afar.
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Oh, Star of Wonder, star of Night.
Star with royal beauty bright.
Westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to your perfect light.

Scene 5: The Angel's Message

Scene 6: The Tree

Scene 7: The Gift

When the narrator announces to bring up the gifts, please come forward and place a gift under the Christmas tree. If you do not have a gift, there are spare gifts available from the sidespeople.

Carol: CP 119 Silent Night

**Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.**

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 108 Hark, a Herald Voice Is Sounding
(tune: Merton)

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts:

Priest: God of abundance,
we bring before you
the precious fruits of your creation
and with them our very lives.
Teach us patience and hope
as we care for all those in need
until the coming of your Son,
our Saviour and Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer:

[Source: Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006).]

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, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you,
almighty and merciful God,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.
You comforted your people
with the promise of the Redeemer,
through whom you will also make all things new
in the day when he comes
to judge the world in righteousness.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join 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: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you for the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son, Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
All: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember
your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and
resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.
All: Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us. Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people. Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High,
one God, now and for 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.

Communion Hymn: CP 96 Creator of the Stars of Night
(tune: Conditor Alme Siderum)

On the way back from communion, please stop by the Christmas tree and place a decoration on the tree before going back to your seat.

Prayer after Communion:

Priest: God for whom we wait,
in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day
when the hungry will be fed with good things.
Send us forth to make known your deeds
and to proclaim the greatness of your name,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and 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 almighty Lord with his grace,
evermore bless you.
May Christ give you the joys of life everlasting.
Inwardly and outwardly
may the good Spirit ever cleanse you.

All: Amen.

Sending Forth Hymn: CP 95 O Come, Divine Messiah
(tune: Venez, Divine)

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 Anglican Church of Kenya and The Most Revd Jackson Ole Sapit - Primate. **In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer, we pray for** the Primate, Archbishop Linda Nicholls and the staff of the Primate's Office of the Anglican Church of Canada and for the National Bishop, Bishop Susan Johnson and the national staff of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. **In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray for** Anna, our Bishop, and for the parish of Holy Trinity, North Saanich and their priest, Paul Schumacher. **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.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS
December 11th - December 18th
(New Items, *Revised Items)**

***Following Today's Service, you are invited to a Potluck Luncheon in the Hall** – Everyone is welcome.

***Advent Vespers This Afternoon** in the church starting at 4:30 pm. Have you ever heard the music of a Hang Drum? Enjoy the melodic sound of this instrument played by Sylvia McAvany, while soaking in the beautiful candlelit ambiance of St. Luke's at dusk. Readings and prayers are part of this special Advent Vespers service. The Hang Drum is a rare and relatively new percussion instrument with only a handful of musicians in BC who play it. We are proud and privileged to be able to feature this artist as part of our service.

****AEDs at St. Luke's** – St. Luke's now has two AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators). The Philips AED is in the narthex of the church above the First Aid Kit. The Zoll AED is in the hall beside the church office. Several short training videos are available at the **News page of St. Luke's website**.

****Making Spirits Bright – Two Shows** - Benefit Concerts for the **Shelbourne Community Kitchen Today, Sunday, December 11th** at St. George's Anglican Church, Cadboro Bay. **4:00 pm:** Edie DaPonte with Joey Smith, Ryan Tandy, Tony Genge, and Bob Watts; **7:30 pm:** Stephanie Greaves with Darcy Philips, Ryan Tandy, and Bob Watts. See more information at the **Events page of St. Luke's website.**

****The December Faith Tides (formerly the Diocesan Post)** is now available online at the **News page of St. Luke's website.** Print copies are available in the church or from the parish office. Or please call the office (250-477-6741) to ask to have a copy delivered. This issue includes pictures from the No Stone Left Alone ceremony when Cedar Hill Middle School students visited St. Luke's Cemetery. See more information on the **News page of St. Luke's website.**

****Contributor Boxes – Please pick up your box of envelopes at the back of the church.** Even if you contribute by ECP (Electronic Collection Plate), please take 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.

****Longest Night Service – Next Sunday, December 18th, 7 pm** – This time of year can be difficult for many people because of loss or changes in our lives. On December 18th, we will hold a Longest Night Service, a service of light in the midst of darkness. This service, a time to come and enter gently into a quiet holy time, is open to everyone. You are welcome to invite a friend to come and share with you in this service of remembrance and hope.

****Invitation Cards in the Bulletins** – Please use the invitation card in today's bulletin to **invite a friend or neighbour to the special services through Advent and over Christmas.** Or post the card on your fridge to remind you of the services over Christmas. Extra invitation cards are available on the table at

the back of the church. Invitation cards for the Christingle service and Longest Night Service are also on the back table.

****Donations for Flowers for Christmas** – The Altar Guild invites your donations for flowers for the Christmas services. Donations can be made in memory of a loved one, in celebration of a special event, or simply as a thanks offering. Donations can be mailed, handed into the office, or added to the collection plate. If you would like a tax donation receipt for your donation, please use one of your donation envelopes, and mark "flowers " or Altar Guild on it. Please make cheques payable to St. Luke's. For more information, please call Ann Seguin.

***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 started our Christmas Stocking Project on 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.

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 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. **Some matinees are sold out!** 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 December 5th, our total to date for this next gift certificate is \$3,641.24.** 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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We hope you will visit again!

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY December 18th, 2022

Isaiah 7: 10-16

Psalm 80: 1-7, 16-18

Romans 1: 1-7

Matthew 1: 18-25

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.