

Welcome to  
**St. Luke Cedar Hill**  
Lessons and Carols for Advent  
December 18, 2022



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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.*

Prelude (*Please be seated*)

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*Please be seated for the readings and stand for the hymns.*

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

## **Lighting of the Fourth Candle of the Advent Wreath**

*Please stand as you are able.*

Leader: Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, merciful and gentle:  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
Your light has shone in our darkened world  
through the child-bearing of blessed Mary;  
grant that we who have seen your glory  
may daily be renewed in your image  
and prepared like her for the coming of your Son,  
who is the Lord and Saviour of all.

**All: Blessed be God for ever.**

### **Opening Hymn: Come Thou Redeemer of the Earth**

*(tune: CP 628 Puer nobis nascitur)*

**Come, thou Redeemer of the earth,  
And manifest thy virgin-birth:  
let every age adoring fall;  
such birth befits the God of all.**

**Begotten of no human will,  
but of the Spirit, thou art still  
the Word of God, in flesh arrayed,  
the Saviour, now to us displayed.**

**The virgin womb that burden gained  
with virgin honour all sustained;  
the banners there of virtue glow;  
God in his temple dwells below.**

**All laud, eternal Son, to thee  
whose advent sets thy people free,  
whom with the Father we adore,  
and Holy Ghost for evermore. Amen.**

**BIDDING PRAYER**

Leader: It is time for us to wake out of sleep,  
for deliverance is nearer to us now  
than it was when first we believed.  
It is far on in the night; day is near.  
Let us therefore cast off the deeds of darkness  
and put on our armour as soldiers of the light.

Priest: The grace and peace of God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Sisters and brothers,  
as we celebrate at this time  
this solemn season of Advent  
in which the Church bids us prepare  
to celebrate the coming of Christ;  
a coming that we recall in the Child of Bethlehem;  
a coming that we experience in the gift of his Spirit,  
in the bread of the Eucharist,  
in the joy of human lives that are shared;  
a coming we wait for  
when God gathers up all things in Christ.  
Let us in this holy season  
reflect on the coming of Christ  
who brings light to the world.  
Let us leave behind the darkness of sin,  
walk in the light that shines on our path,  
and renew within ourselves  
the hope of glory to which he beckons us.

And as we turn towards the light,  
let us have on our hearts all those who see no light,  
for whom all is darkness and despair.  
Let us pray that they too may be illumined  
by Christ who is our light.

Priest: Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us  
in great humility;  
that on the last day, when he shall come again  
in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

**FIRST READING:** Genesis 3: 1-15

*At the end of the reading:*

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**COLLECT**

Anthem: *Carol of Advent* by N. Price

**SECOND READING:** Jeremiah 31: 31-34

*At the end of the reading:*

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**COLLECT**

**Hymn: The Advent of our King**

*(tune: CP 350 St Thomas)*

**The advent of our King  
our prayers must now employ,  
and we must hymns of welcome sing  
in strains of holy joy.**

**The everlasting Son  
incarnate deigns to be;  
himself a servant's form puts on  
to set his servants free.**

**Daughter of Zion, rise  
to meet thy lowly King,  
nor let thy faithless heart despise  
the peace he comes to bring.**

**As Judge, on clouds of light,  
he soon will come again,  
and his true members all unite  
with him in heaven to reign.**

**Before the dawning day  
let sin's dark deeds be gone;  
the old man all be put away,  
the new man all put on.**

**All glory to the Son,  
who comes to set us free,  
with Father, Spirit, ever One,  
through all eternity.**

**THIRD READING: Isaiah 40: 1-11**

**COLLECT**

**Hymn: CP 109 When the King Shall Come Again**  
*(tune: Tempus Adest Floridum)*

**FOURTH READING:** Micah 5: 2-4

**COLLECT**

**Hymn: Like a Shepherd**  
*(by B. Dufford)*

***Refrain: Like a shepherd He feeds His flock,  
and gathers the lambs in his arms,  
holding them carefully close to His heart,  
leading them home.***

*Solo Verse (Matthew Robertson):*

I myself will shepherd them,  
for others have led them astray.  
The lost I will rescue and heal their wounds  
and pasture them, giving them rest. ***Refrain***

*Please stand as you are able.*

**FIFTH READING:** Luke 1: 26-38

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.**

*At the end of the gospel:*

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## COLLECT

*Please be seated.*

St. Luke's Hand Bell Choir: *Lo', How a Rose E'er Blooming*;  
arrangement by Ian McAndrew

**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 362 Tell Out, My Soul

*(tune: Woodlands)*

### 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.**

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: Almighty God, good Father to us all,  
your face is turned towards your world.  
In love you gave us Jesus your Son  
to rescue us from sin and death.  
Your Word goes out to call us home  
to the city where angels sing your praise.  
We join with them in heaven's song:

*(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.**

Priest: Father of all, we give you thanks  
for every gift that comes from heaven.

To the darkness Jesus came as your light.  
With signs of faith and words of hope  
he touched untouchables with love  
and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

**All: This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son,  
yet at the end they turned on him.  
On the night he was betrayed  
he came to table with his friends  
to celebrate the freedom of your people.



This is his story.

**All: This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;  
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:  
This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;  
he took the cup, gave it and said:  
This is my blood, shed for you all  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

**All: This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup  
we celebrate the cross  
on which he died to set us free.  
Defying death he rose again  
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

**All: This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now  
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ  
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food  
offer ourselves to live for you  
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven  
where all creation worships you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours 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 146 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime**  
*(tune: Une Jeune Pucelle)*

**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.**

**A CLOSING RESPONSORY FOR ADVENT**

Leader: My soul waits for the Lord: in his word is my hope.

**All: My soul waits for the Lord: in his word is my hope.**

Leader: Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;  
Lord, hear my voice.

**All: In his word is my hope.**

Leader: There is forgiveness with you;  
therefore you shall be feared.

**All: In his word is my hope.**

Leader: My soul waits for the Lord,  
more than watchmen for the morning.

**All: In his word is my hope.**

Leader: O Israel, wait for the Lord,  
for with the Lord there is mercy.

**All: In his word is my hope.**

Leader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit.

**All: My soul waits for the Lord; in his word is my hope.**

**Benediction:**

Priest: May God himself, the God of peace,  
make you perfect and holy,  
and keep you safe and blameless,  
in spirit, soul and body,  
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All: Amen.**

**Hymn: CP 143 Angels, from the Realms of Glory**

*(tune: Regent Square)*

**Dismissal:**

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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Postlude

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

**IN THE WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN PRAYER CYCLE, we pray for** The Anglican Church of Korea and The Most Revd Peter Kyongho Lee - Primate. **In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer, we pray for** The Rev. Dr. Eileen Scully, Director, and the staff of Faith, Worship, and Ministry; Sheilagh McGlynn, Youth Ministries Animator; the Rev. Canon Dr. Scott Sharman, Animator for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations (Anglican); and for Rev. Paul Gehrs, Assistant to the National Bishop, Justice and Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations; Deacon Gretchen Peterson, Assistant to the National Bishop, Youth and Leadership (Lutheran). **In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray for** Anna, our Bishop, and for the parish of St. John the Divine, Courtenay, and St. Andrew, Sandwick, and their priests, Alastair Hunting and Marion Edmondson. **We also pray for** Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyle and Pastor Lyndon, and for the Territory of the People and (Interim) Bishop Jane Alexander. **We pray for** The Primate's World Relief & Development Fund for its staff, volunteers and people it helps through the World of Gifts Programs including gifts such as buying goats for families in Africa.

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**THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS**  
**December 18<sup>th</sup> - December 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**(\*\*New Items, \*Revised Items)**

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**\*\*A special thank you to the newly formed St. Luke's Hand Bell Choir**, who played for us today. Members of the Hand Bell Choir are Barb Felsing, Genessa Poilievre, Claire White, Daniel Poilievre, Cynthia Blackburn, Vicki Sharp, Martin White, Maria Ross, Genevieve Richards, Sharon McMillan, Tara Poilievre, and Matthew Robertson. The Hand Bell Choir is led by Muriel Ali.

**\*Longest Night Service – TONIGHT, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm –** This time of year can be difficult for many people because of loss or changes in our lives. On December 18<sup>th</sup>, we will hold a special 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.

**\*\*No Coffee Time in the Hall after the 10 am service today** but you are welcome to meet at “St. Tim’s”.

**\*\*The Christmas Tree Pageant and Potluck Luncheon –** A BIG thank you to all of you who helped with the Christmas Tree Pageant behind the scenes and those who participated in the Pageant at very short notice! It was a great success and enjoyed by many. The food that was donated as gifts will go to the Shelbourne Community Kitchen and the money that was donated will go towards the Christmas Stocking Project to buy goats for families in Africa through the PWRDF World of Gifts program. **Also another BIG thank you to all of you who helped with the Potluck Luncheon**, the set up, providing the food, and the clean up. Another enjoyable fellowship event.

**\*\*Planning Christmas activities with visiting family and friends?** Keep in mind our special services at St. Luke's –

Christmas Eve: Child-friendly service at 4 pm with Christingle oranges for the children; 7 pm Family Communion service with candles, carols, soloists, and a choir; 10 pm Traditional BCP service with candles and carols; Christmas Day: 10:00 am Family Communion Service. All are welcome at all of these services.

**\*Invitation Cards are Available at the Back of the Church –** Please use the invitation card 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. Invitation cards for the Christingle service and Longest Night Service are also on the back table.

**\*\*The Church Office will close at noon on December 23<sup>rd</sup>** and will reopen in the New Year on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**\*\*There will not be a Thursday morning 10:30 am Communion Service on December 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**\*\*We will celebrate the Feast of Epiphany on January 1<sup>st</sup> at 10 am.** There will be one service that Sunday, which will be a sung Morning Prayer service from the BCP.

**\*\*On January 1<sup>st</sup>, we will hold a Zoom Coffee Time after the 10 am service.** The link will be sent out close to that date.

**\*\*January 8<sup>th</sup> will be our next regular Coffee Time** after the 10 am service.

**\*\*Housing First –** Please take a moment this Advent season to watch Bishop Anna's 2-minute sermon that discusses warming centres and homelessness here in BC. The video is available at the **News page of St. Luke's website.**

**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.**

**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.

**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.

**\*\*Changes to the Refugee Sponsorship Program** – Due to new administrative requirements by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada that will cost tens of thousands of dollars per year on top of the already significant costs for this work, the Diocese has decided that it will no longer continue to act as a Sponsorship Agreement Holder. A letter from Bishop Anna explaining the changes is available at the back of the church and at the **News page of St. Luke's website.**

**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.

**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 21, 22, 28, and 30; matinees at 2:00 pm on December 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 5<sup>th</sup> \$50 gift certificate and have started collecting for our 6<sup>th</sup> one! **As of December 5<sup>th</sup>, 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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### READINGS FOR DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 – CHRISTMAS DAY

Isaiah 52: 7-10

Psalm 98

Hebrews 1: 1-4

John 1: 1-14

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### FLOWERS

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