

Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
(Proper 4)
January 29, 2023 - 10:00 am
Service of the Word



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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*)

Welcome and Introduction (*Sean Tierney*)

Please stand as you are able.

Leader: Great is God, and worthy of all praise!
Praise and glory and wisdom,
Thanksgiving and honour, power and might
Be to our God for ever and ever!

All: Amen!

Opening Hymn:
CP 455 Dear God, Compassionate and Kind
(tune: Repton)

Invitation to Confession:

Leader: When we offer God our confession,
we join the beautiful work of reconciliation,
which begins with our reconciling with God
for the healing of ourselves
and the world God loves.
Let us pray together:

Silence is kept.

**All: Holy God, hear our prayer:
For the mending of our hearts,
torn apart by our unkindness;
For the healing of our souls,
wasting away from the despair around us;
For the forgiveness we seek
for the sin we have allowed to persist;
For the reconciliation of the world,
whose division condemns us;
We pray for the courage to admit our fault,
The strength to amend our actions,
And the hope that your grace awaits us.
Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

Words of Assurance:

Leader: Jesus said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
Though God knows our failings,
forgiveness is ours in Jesus Christ.
Rejoice and be glad for his renewing love.

All: Amen. Thanks be to God!

Leader: Glory to God in the highest,

All: and peace to his people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Prayer of the Day

Leader: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Loving God,
we come this morning
seeking to abide in your presence.

Open our minds to your spirit of wisdom,
that we may know how to live as your people.
Open our hearts to your spirit of truth,
that we may love all your people with a love
that speaks of justice, kindness,
and radical grace.
May this time of worship
be authentic and pleasing to you. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: MICAH 6: 1-8

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Micah.

The reading can be found here:
<https://lectionary.anglican.ca/nrsv/?date=2023-01-29>

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 15

Response: **The just shall dwell on your holy mountain.**

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
who may abide upon your holy hill?
Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right,
who speaks the truth from his heart. **(Response)**

There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend;
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbour.
In his sight the wicked is rejected,
but he honours those who fear the Lord. **(Response)**

He has sworn to do no wrong
and does not take back his word.
He does not give his money in hope of gain,
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
Whoever does these things
shall never be overthrown. **(Response)**

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1: 18-31

Reader: A reading from the First Letter of Paul
to the Corinthians.

The reading can be found here:
<https://lectionary.anglican.ca/nrsv/?date=2023-01-29>

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 439 Blest Are the Pure in Heart *(tune: Franconia)*

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5: 1-12

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.

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At the end of the gospel:

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: Sean Tierney

Anthem: *Alleluia!* by J.S. Bach, arr. by R. Artman

Please stand as you are able.

An Affirmation of Faith: *(New Zealand Prayer Book)*

Leader: Let us declare our faith in God:

**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.

Offertory Hymn: CP 372 Praise to the Holiest in the Height
(tune: Gerontius)

Offertory Prayer:

Leader: God of Life, from you all loving kindness,
justice and mercy flow.

Bless these gifts so that acts of kindness,
justice and mercy flow from them, too.

And bless our lives so the world may see in us
signs of your kingdom at work in the church
and community, in Christ's name.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession:

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

Blessed are you, most holy God,
for you give release to the captives
and food to the hungry.

Bless us as we hunger and thirst for your justice
and righteousness.

May all who are needy find their hope in you.
God who loves us,
Hear our prayer.

Compassionate God,
we thank you for your mercy.
You give pardon for our sin
and call us to forgive others.

Embrace with your renewing grace
those who are resentful or discouraged.
Help us serve as instruments of reconciliation
when discord or conflict arises.

God who loves us,
Hear our prayer.

Righteous God,
we thank you for your justice.
You watch over all who suffer
and empower your people to act for good.
Bless the work of our church and its partners
to advocate for justice and dignity in our communities
and in your world.
Keep safe all who live under threat of violence
or struggle for life's necessities.
God who loves us,
Hear our prayer.

Caring God,
we thank you for your comfort.
You strengthen us when we are weak
and pick us up when we fall.
Bless us as we support and care for one another
in this community.
Surround all who mourn with the warmth of your love
and the light of our hope
in Christ Jesus.
God who loves us,
Hear our prayer.

God of new life,
we give you thanks for your enlivening Spirit.
You give courage to those who are persecuted, and
inspire all who carry heavy burdens.
Bless us as we strive to make a difference
as a community in Christ's name.
Unite your Church by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and strengthen our common witness
with the gifts you offer us through Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer: *Please stand as you are able.*

Priest: In the words that our Saviour taught us, we pray:

**All: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

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.*

Leader: The peace of Christ Jesus be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Prayer of St. Chrysostom: *(Remain standing and say together.)*

**Almighty God, you have given us grace
at this time with one accord
to make our common supplication to you;
and you have promised
through your well-beloved Son
that when two or three are gathered together
in his Name you will be in the midst of them:
Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions
as may be best for us;
granting us in this world knowledge of your truth,
and in the age to come life everlasting.
Amen.**

The Grace (*Say together.*)

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
And the love of God,
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
Be with us all evermore.**

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn: CP 418 Draw the Circle Wide

(tune: Browning)

Dismissal:

Priest: 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 Church of Pakistan - The Most Revd Dr Azad Marshall - Bishop. **In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer, we pray for** The Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada (Anglican); The dean, council, and congregations of the Ottawa, Ottawa Valley and Seaway Areas of the Eastern Synod (Lutheran). **In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray for** Anna, our Bishop, and for the Diocesan and Synod Office Staff. **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
January 29th – February 5th
(New Items, *Revised Items)**

****Thank you to Sean Tiernay**, who is filling in this Sunday while Daniel is sick.

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.

****It is Time to Start Making Jams and Jellies for the April Spring Fair.** If you need jars, or have extra jars, please call Pat Bates.

***This year's Annual General Meeting (AGM), also known as our Annual Vestry Meeting, will be on Sunday, February 26th.** The in-person meeting will be held in the hall after the 10 am service. The meeting will include a review of reports from 2022, voting on the budget for 2023, and the election of Parish Council members, Synod delegates, and the Leadership Team members. **There will not be an 8 am service that morning.**

***Reports for the Annual Meeting package are due in the Parish Office TODAY, Sunday, January 29th.** Please send your report by e-mail if possible.

****2023 Parish Council** – If you would like to be on Parish Council for 2023, or would like to suggest a name of someone for a position on Council, please talk to Rick Saville or one of the wardens.

***Calling All Woodworkers – Our Fantastic Friday, THIS FRIDAY, February 3rd from 4:30 to 6:30 pm, will be a woodworking Fantastic Friday.** These woodworking Fantastic Fridays are always popular with the children. We invite adults to come and help the children use handtools in their woodworking projects. Or come to help with other crafts, if you prefer. Other

activities will be available for the younger children. The popular hand bells will be in the Sequoia Room as a choice for the youth as well. If you have any questions, please talk Barb Prescott, Tara Poilievre, Claire White, or Sharon Hallsor.

Attention Crafters! Joanne Jolson and Heather Simpson are starting a **craft night on the 1st and 3rd Thursday each month in the Sequoia Room (Lounge) from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.** The next Craft Night will be on **Thursday, February 2nd.** Bring a craft project you have started. Please talk to Joanne or Heather if you have any questions.

****Save the Date for the 2023 Amazing Journey Day Camp - July 10th - 14th,** in the mornings, 9 am to noon. St. Luke's joins with Church of the Cross and St. George's each summer for a week-long day camp hosted at one of the churches. This year's camp will be held at St. Luke's. Planning for the camp has started and details about registration will be available in the coming months. If you have children ages 4 through 11, please consider reserving this week for them to participate in the day camp. We will also be looking for Middle School students to be Leaders in Training and High School students to be Small Group Leaders. Watch for more information coming soon. Questions? Please talk to Tara Poilievre, Sharon Hallsor, or Barb Prescott.

A "HUGE" thank you to all who helped with the reception after Jean Vantreight's Memorial Service. Thank you to those who helped with the set up in the hall and lounge, to the kitchen team, and to those who helped with the take down and general cleanup. You all worked hard and your efforts were deeply appreciated by the Vantreight family, and by Daniel and me, Sandra Lindberg.

Our ECP Program is switching to a different auto debit program (PAR – Pre-Authorized Remittance Program) over the next two months. Those using ECP have been, or will be, contacted to fill out a new form. Please talk to Barb Prescott or one of the Envelope Secretaries if you have any questions.

****Shelbourne Community Kitchen - January Needed Items**

– For the month of January, the Kitchen's most needed items are: canned meat, canned chick peas, dried beans, pasta sauce, and canned fruit. Of course, other food items are always welcome as well. **If you are looking for the best place to buy items such as dried beans or rice (not listed but always needed at the Kitchen), Tyler, the Pantry Coordinator, suggests that the Walmart at Hillside is a good place to buy these items.** The ethnic food section of Walmart has extra large bags of those items which are perfect for the Kitchen as they break down the big bags into smaller portions for the Pantry Program. Please keep dropping off your donations in the basket at the back of the church or the basket by the office in the hall and we'll keep taking them to the Kitchen.

****Reusable Grocery Bags Needed by the Shelbourne Community Kitchen**

– The reusable grocery bag supply at the Shelbourne Community Kitchen is running very low and they want to do their part to reduce waste and save costs at the Kitchen. They will gratefully accept reusable grocery tote bags and paper or plastic bags, grocery-size only. Reusable bags can be added to the collection baskets for the Kitchen in the church and the hall.

***Level Ground Fundraiser Update – We have received a payment this month in the amount of \$47.99 through this program.** This payment is for the orders placed with Level Ground in last three months. 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.

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.**

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We hope you will visit again!

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY February 5th, 2023

Isaiah 58: 1-12
Psalm 112: 1-10
1 Corinthians 2: 1-16
Matthew 5: 13-20

FLOWERS

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God.

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