

Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
(Proper 6)
February 12, 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 (*The Rev. Daniel Fournier*)

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 354 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
(tune: Nettleton)

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.**

Absolution:

Leader: May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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 Collect of the Day

Leader: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Living One,
in whose freedom creation was born as gift:
free us from the need
to possess, define and silence others,

so that we might rejoice
in the strangeness of your beauty
revealed in flesh and blood;
through Jesus Christ, our reconciliation.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 30: 15-20

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

The reading can be found here:

<https://lectionary.anglican.ca/nrsv/?date=2023-02-12>

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119: 1-8

Response: **Happy are they who walk in the law of the Lord.**

Happy are they whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord!

Happy are they who observe his decrees
and seek him with all their hearts! **(Response)**

Who never do any wrong,
but always walk in his ways.
You laid down your commandments,
that we should fully keep them. **(Response)**

Oh, that my ways were made so direct
that I might keep your statutes!
Then I should not be put to shame,
when I regard all your commandments. **(Response)**

I will thank you with an unfeigned heart,
when I have learned your righteous judgements.
I will keep your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me. **(Response)**

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 3: 1-9

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

The reading can be found here:
<https://lectionary.anglican.ca/nrsv/?date=2023-02-12>
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: Christ Be Our Light *(by B. Farrell)*

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.**

***Refrain:* Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.**

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice. *Refrain***

**Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. Refrain**

Refrain: **Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.**

**Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. Refrain**

**Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come. Refrain**

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5: 21-37

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 reading can be found here:

<https://lectionary.anglican.ca/nrsv/?date=2023-02-12>

At the end of the gospel:

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection: Claire White (*Please be seated.*)

Anthem: *Day by Day* by O. Ahnfelt

The Apostles' Creed: *(Please stand as you are able.)*

Leader: Let us confess the faith of our baptism as we say:

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

Offertory Hymn: CP 350 Stand Up and Bless the Lord
(tune: St. Thomas)

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:

*In response to the words, "God, in your mercy,"
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...

God of Life and Love,
in spoken words and in the silence of our hearts,
we give you thanks for all of life,
for the grace you provide to creation in its diversity,
and for your loving kindness
known in the details of our lives.
Hear us, we pray, as we speak
of matters on our hearts and minds this day:

Where the church is divided
by squabbling or deep disagreement,
where Christians emphasize our differences
instead of seeking unity in Christ,
where we put energy into guarding tradition
at the expense of honouring new life
and relationships with our neighbours:
transform us and make all things new.

God, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Where families are divided
by old hurts or new tensions,
where friendships have ended
through misunderstanding or neglect,
where relationships have been severed
by betrayal or thoughtlessness:
transform us and make all things new.

God, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Where countries are torn by war and conflict,
where communities are divided
by prejudice or unexamined privilege,
where leaders provoke anger
instead of building understanding co-operation:
transform us and make all things new.

God, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Where the poor and lonely
find little support or comfort,
where people are tired
from overwork or pressured by rising costs;
where workers fear for their jobs
in the present or the future:
transform us and make all things new.

God, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Where people suffer pain
with physical, emotional or spiritual roots,
where loss marks the beginning
and ending of every day,
where young people fear for the future of the planet
and their elders mourn the loss
of what they once assumed would last:
transform us and make all things new.

God, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

God, our Source and Saviour,
in Christ you make all things new.

In faith and with thanksgiving we offer these prayers,
and those left unspoken in the depths of our hearts,
in the name of Christ Jesus.

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.**

Prayer of St. Chrysostom: *(remain standing)*

**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: *(said 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.
Amen.**

The Peace:

*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.

Closing Hymn: CP 565 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

(tune: Cwn Rhondda)

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 Episcopal Church in the Philippines - The Most Revd Brent Alawas - Primate. **In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer, we pray for** The Rt. Rev. Sam Rose, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador (Anglican); and the dean, council, and congregations of the Central Toronto Area and Greater Toronto Areas East and West of the Eastern Synod (Lutheran). **In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray for** Anna, our Bishop, and for the parish of Holy Trinity, Sooke. **We also pray for** Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyle and Pastor Lyndon and for the Diocese of Caledonia and Archbishop Lynne McNaughton.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS
February 12th – February 19th
(New Items, *Revised Items)**

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. **Please bring a bagged lunch. Tea, coffee, cookies, and sweets will be available.** 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.**

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.

***Pancake Supper for Shrove Tuesday, February 21st** – This year we will be celebrating Shrove Tuesday at St. Luke's with a Pancake Supper with our friends from Church of the Cross, **starting at 5 pm.** Maple syrup will be provided but please bring a pancake topping to share. Gluten free pancakes and sausages will also be available. **Please sign the sheet at the**

back of the church to let us know you are planning to attend so that we know how many people to expect. **Please bring your own plate and mug so that there are less dishes to wash after the supper.** For more information, please contact Sandra Lindberg. Everyone welcome!

****This Year's Ash Wednesday Services – This Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, we will hold a service at St. Luke's at 10:30 am and one at 7:00 pm at Church of the Cross.** Please join us at either of the services as the two churches come together to mark the beginning of Lent. **There will not be a Thursday morning service on February 23rd at St. Luke's.**

****Palm Crosses from Last Year** – A basket to collect your palm crosses from last year is on the table at the back of the church today and will be there next Sunday as well. The palm crosses from last year will be burned after the Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner (February 21st) to be used as ashes for Ash Wednesday.

****Pink Shirt Day** – On February 22nd, staff and students from Cedar Hill Middle School will be walking from the school down McKenzie, then down Braefoot towards Cedar Hill Cross Road and back to the school. They will be aim to walk by the church around 2:15 pm. **We hope that some St. Luke's parishioners will be at St. Luke's around 2:15 pm to wave to the students and show their support.** People wear pink shirts on Pink Shirt Day to signify their stand against bullying.

****Reflections, our Sunday evening service, will take place this month on Sunday, February 26th at 7:00 pm** – This month's Reflections will feature the **Bourdons, an early music ensemble.** The readings, prayers, and music of this special Reflection Time will calm your spirit and soothe your soul.

****Our New Gardener** – We are happy to welcome our new gardener, Nathan Karcher and his team from Karcher Landscaping, to St. Luke Cedar Hill. The team started work this week and made cleaning up the parking lot a priority.

****Coffee Time Volunteers Needed** – Our popular Coffee Time after the 10 am service needs volunteers for March 19th and April 9th. If you could assist with set up, and/ or clean up, please contact Barb Felsing.

****The February 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. See more information on the **News page of St. Luke's website**.

It's Time to Start Making Jams and Jellies for the Spring Fair, which will be on April 29th. If you need jars, or have extra jars, please call Pat Bates.

Attention Crafters! Joanne Jolson and Heather Simpson are hosting 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 16th**. 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.

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.

***Fairway Market Community Shopping Cards** – Thank you for using your Fairway Market Community Shopping Cards. **We received a payment this week in the amount of \$277.00, bringing our total to date to \$1,592.56, since we started taking part in this program in 2021.** 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.**

St. Luke's Vision and Mission



Our Vision: St. Luke's is a beacon in the community, illuminating many ways to encounter God.

Our Mission: We are supportive people of faith who welcome all with compassion and embrace a culture of community, with outreach as our cornerstone.



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We hope you will visit again!

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY February 19th, 2023

Exodus 24: 12-18
Psalm 99
2 Peter 1: 16-21
Matthew 17: 1-9

FLOWERS

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

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