

Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill
Last Sunday after Epiphany
(Transfiguration)
February 19, 2023 - 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*)

Please stand as you are able.

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 355 All Creatures of Our God and King v. 1-4

(tune: Lasst uns erfreuen)

Invitation to Confession:

Priest: Let us gather before our shining Saviour
to confess our sins that we might be forgiven.

Silence is kept.

Priest: Holy God,

**All: We confess that we do not trust You fully.
We put our hope in worldly gain
and in human promises,
and find ourselves defeated
and lost when things fall apart.**

**You have given us a love more fully
than anything we could experience in this world,
but we do not seek it, we do not hold on to it,
and we look to our own means
of assurance and security.**

Forgive us.

**Call us back to You
that we may put our trust in You
and not be afraid.**

**May we hear the words so clearly
as the disciples did
on the day of the Transfiguration;
may we rise up, and not be afraid.
In the name of Jesus,
who loves us and offers us forgiveness,
we pray.
Amen.**

Absolution:

Priest: May God, who is both power and love,
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Priest: 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

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

Compassionate God,
you transfigured your Son, Jesus Christ,
before the eyes of your chosen witnesses
and they were overcome by fear.
Transfigure us so that we may turn from fear to love
and reveal your compassion for all humanity;
through Jesus Christ, the beloved.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: EXODUS 24: 12-18

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

The reading can be found here:
<https://lectionary.anglican.ca/nrsv/?date=2023-02-19>

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 99

Response:

The Lord is great in Zion; he is high above all peoples.

The Lord is king; let the people tremble;
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.
The Lord is great in Zion; he is high above all peoples.
Let them confess his name, which is great and awesome;
he is the Holy One. **(Response)**

"O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down
before his footstool; he is the Holy One. **(Response)**

Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his name,
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.
He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept his testimonies
and the decree that he gave them. **(Response)**

"O Lord our God, you answered them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds."
Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill;
for the Lord our God is the Holy One. **(Response)**

SECOND READING: 2 PETER 1: 16-21

Reader: A Reading from the Second Letter of Peter.

The reading can be found here:
<https://lectionary.anglican.ca/nrsv/?date=2023-02-19>

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 167 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here
(tune: Carlisle)

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 17:1-9

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/nrsv/?date=2023-02-19>

At the end of the gospel:

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: The Rev. Daniel Fournier

Anthem: *Hymn of Praise* by G. Blake

Please stand as you are able.

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

Priest: 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.

Please be seated.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession: (Family Day)

*In response to the words, "God of the human family,"
the community prays, "**Hear our prayers for your world.**"*

Let us bring the needs of the church, the world,
and all in need, to God's loving care....

God of life, God of love,
you created us
and set us in relationship with each other:
in families and neighbourhoods,
in communities and countries,
in cultures and nations.

Thank you for the inheritance
offered by previous generations
which helped establish our families
and our common life.

We are grateful for the meaning and encouragement
we can draw from our heritage.

Help us stand open to the wisdom in other cultures
and insight from a new generation
so we can all contribute something
to the well-being of wherever we call home:

God of the human family,
All: Hear our prayers for your world.

God of our faith and our future,
there are many pressures on families today.
Draw near to those struggling in economic difficulty,

and those burdened by challenges
to their health and happiness.

Work with families

where members are in conflict with each other
to create solutions that express mutual respect.

Make us a congregation that supports families,
whatever their size or situation,

as well as people living on their own.

Help us find joy and support together
as part of the family of your people.

God of the human family,

All: Hear our prayers for your world.

God of mercy and forgiveness,
you call us to live together in peace and unity.

Where people are divided

and bitterness turns into resentment,
show us how to work for reconciliation.

Where violence and fear

turn neighbour against neighbour,

or nation against nation,

call out leaders to work for justice that will bring peace.

Help us build a world

where children can grow up to enjoy their future
in good health and happiness.

God of the human family,

All: Hear our prayers for your world.

God who is our hope and our help,
thank you for the inheritance we share
as church members,

for the gifts of so many generations handed along
to teach us your wisdom and inspire us

with a vision of the new things you make possible.

Teach us how to learn from tradition

but also to recognize the work of the Spirit
to keep reforming us in the faith.

Build up the family of this church.
Help each one find a place and a purpose
in our mission and ministry,
using use their talents
and sharing their vision for our future with you.

God of the human family,
All: Hear our prayers for your world.

We offer these prayers
and the unspoken prayers of our hearts
in the name of Jesus Christ.
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 374 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
(tune: Hyfrydol)

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts:

Priest: Holy God,
receive all we bring before you this day,
and bring us also to that radiant glory
which we see in the transfigured face
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer:

[Source: Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 3 - Eucharistic Prayers, Services of the Word, and Night Prayer Supplementary to The Book of Alternative Services. 2001.]

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,
our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
For on this day he revealed his glory
before his chosen witnesses
and filled with divine splendour
the human flesh in which he is one with us.
So he prepared his disciples
to bear the scandal of the cross
and showed that in the Church, his body,
the same glory would be fulfilled
that shone forth from him, its head.
And so with joyful hearts we echo on earth
the song of the angels in heaven
as they praise your glory without end:

(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: We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died
he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life
and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Priest: Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with St. Luke, Peter, James, and John
and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
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 376 Gloria, Gloria
(tune: Gloria)

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

Priest: Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know
his power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ 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: Christ Jesus,
the splendour of the Father and the image of his being,
draw you to himself
that you may live in his light and share his glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn: CP 598 Go to the World
(tune: Engelberg)

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 Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda, and The Most Revd Laurent Mbanda, Primate. **In the Canadian Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer, we pray for** The Most Rev. David Edwards, Archbishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Fredericton (Anglican); The dean, council, and congregations of the Grand River and Thames Areas of the Eastern Synod (Lutheran). **In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray for** Anna, our Bishop, and for the parish of Parish of Central Saanich, and the The Venerable Dr. Lon Towstego, Pastor. **We also pray for** Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyle and Pastor Lyndon, and for the Diocese of the Yukon and The Right Reverend Lesley Wheeler-Dame.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

February 19th – February 26th

(New Items, *Revised Items)**

****The Church Office will be closed tomorrow, February 20th for Family Day** and will reopen on Tuesday, February 21st at 9 am.

***Pancake Supper for Shrove Tuesday, this 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, 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. 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.

***This year's Annual General Meeting (AGM), also known as our Annual Vestry Meeting, will be next 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 next Sunday.**

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.

***Reflections, our Sunday evening service, will take place next 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.

Pink Shirt Day – On **Wednesday, 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.

***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, March 2nd.** Bring a craft project you have started. Please talk to Joanne or Heather if you have any questions.

****Our Next Fantastic will be Friday, March 3rd from 4:30 to 6:30 pm** – Invite your friends, neighbours, children, and grandchildren to join in the fun and find out why these Fridays are fantastic! Dinner is included. For more information or to offer to help (always greatly appreciated!), please talk to Tara Poilievre, Barb Prescott, Sharon Hallsor, or Claire White.

***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 month 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.

***Save the Date for the 2023 Amazing Journey Day Camp - July 10th - 14th**, in the mornings, 9 am to noon at St. Luke's. 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 month 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.**

Level Ground Fundraiser Update – **We received a payment in January 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.**

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 26th, 2023

Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7
Psalm 32
Romans 5: 12-19
Matthew 4: 1-11

FLOWERS

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

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