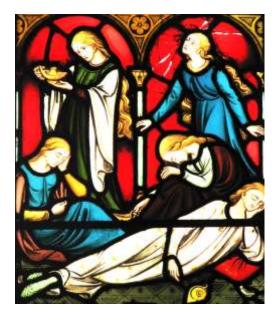
# Welcome to St. Luke Cedar Hill

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 32) November 12, 2023 - 10:00 am Holy Eucharist



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We acknowledge that we gather with respect on the traditional territories of the lekwenen peoples, known in our day as the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, the traditional custodians of these lands.

We are grateful for their hospitality.

Prelude (please be seated)

Welcome and Introduction (The Very Rev. Ansley Tucker)

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 517 O God, Your Constant Care and Love

(tune: Morning Hymn)

#### Invitation to Confession

Priest: As we prepare to celebrate word and sacrament today,

let us examine our hearts, minds and spirits,

and in doing so, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept.

Priest: Almighty God,

All: our heavenly Father,

we have sinned against you,

through our own fault,

in thought, and word, and deed,

and in what we have left undone.

We are heartily sorry,

and repent of all our sins.

For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,

forgive us all that is past;

and grant that we may serve you

in newness of life

to the glory of your name.

Amen.

#### Absolution

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on you,

forgive your sins,

and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus 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.

O God,

you call us to choose between you and the false gods of this world.

In the midst of the darkness of sin and death wake us from our slumber and call us forth to greet Christ, so that with our eyes and hearts fixed on him, he may lead us to eternal light.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

# The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: JOSHUA 24: 1-3a

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Joshua.

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 78:1-7** 

Response: Forget not the deeds of God, but keep his commandments.

Hear my teaching, O my people; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will declare the mysteries of ancient times. That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, we will not hide from their children. We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, and the wonderful works he has done. (Response)

He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, which he commanded them to teach their children; That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn;

that they in their turn might tell it to their children; So that they might put their trust in God, and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments. (Response)

#### **SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 4: 13-18**

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

# <u>Gradual Hymn: CP 435 Take My Life, and Let It Be</u> (tune: Mozart)

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25: 1-13

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.

At the end of the gospel:

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily:

Anthem: Dona nobis pacem Canon (anonymous)

Please stand as you are able.

**An Affirmation of Faith** (Based on "A Liturgical Affirmation", from A New Zealand Prayer Book)

Leader: Let us affirm 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.

# **Prayers of Intercession**

Sitting, standing or kneeling, as is your custom.

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, you open our eyes on the world you love and show us your presence and your purpose. We see the wonder of your creation and the compassion you offer through friend and stranger.
For these gifts we give you thanks.
We pray for those who cannot recognize these gifts and find themselves lost and alone.
Open their eyes to your presence and our companionship.

God in your mercy,

# All: Hear our prayer.

God of justice, you open our eyes on the world and show us struggle and conflict.

We see the stressful times around us and the burdens many must carry.

We pray for those whose businesses are struggling; for producers unsure they will receive a fair return; for workers uncertain about their jobs or looking for new work; for families feeling the stress of economic uncertainty. Open their eyes to new possibilities and open our eyes to ways we can support them.

God in your mercy,

### All: Hear our prayer.

God of compassion,
you open our eyes on the world
and show us suffering and despair.
We see the challenges for health care
right around the world.
We pray for communities struggling with AIDS,
malaria, and chronic hunger
and for those nearby facing illness, delays in treatment
and uncertain outcomes.
Give strength and energy to those who provide care

and courage and hope to all who wait for healing.

Open their eyes to your mercy and open our eyes to needs we can meet.

God in your mercy,

# All: Hear our prayer.

God of wisdom, you open our eyes on the world and show us its complexities.

We see countries locked in old animosities and communities overwhelmed by fresh upheaval. We pray for those displaced by current conflicts and natural disasters.

Open the eyes and ears of leaders to the suffering of their people,

to the suffering of their people, and to solutions as yet untried; and open our eyes to ways we can participate in resolving situations which break your heart and ours.

God in your mercy,

# All: Hear our prayer.

All these prayers, and those we carry in our hearts that are too deep for words, we offer in the name of Christ Jesus.

All: Amen.

**The Peace** (Please stand as you are able.)

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

# The Liturgy of the Eucharist

# Offertory Hymn: O Christ the Same (by J. Barnard)

O Christ the same, through all our story's pages our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears; eternal Lord, the king of all the ages, unchanging still amid the passing years:

O living Word, the source of all creation, who spread the skies and set the stars ablaze;
O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation, we bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.

O Christ the same, the friend of sinners, sharing our inmost thoughts, the secrets none can hide; still as of old upon your body bearing the marks of love in triumph glorified:
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heaven O Prince of life, in all your saving power;
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given: we bring our thanks for this the present hour.

O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping our lives and loves, our days and years remain; our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping, our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain:

O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows, for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee; O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows, we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

# The Preparation of the Table

#### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Priest: Gracious God,

your word to us is food indeed. Receive all we offer you this day,

and let your loving-kindness be our comfort, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your living Word.

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 to thank you and praise you,

holy and gracious God, creator of all things, ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life, for you are the source of all goodness, rich in mercy and abounding in love;

you are faithful to your people in every generation,

and your word endures for ever.

Therefore with angels and archangels, with the fellowship of saints and the company of heaven, we glorify your holy name, evermore praising you and singing:

(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.

We praise you, merciful Father, Priest: not as we ought, but as we are able, because in your tender love you gave the world your only Son, in order that the world might be saved through him. He made you known by taking the form of a servant, healing the sick, liberating the oppressed, reaching out to the lost. Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross, he confronted the power of sin and disarmed it for ever. In his offering of himself, he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Redeemed by Christ, we have been adopted as your children; by your pardon you have made us worthy to praise you.

> On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he 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.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

In obedience to him and with grateful hearts we approach your holy table, remembering our Saviour's sacrifice, and rejoicing in his victory.

Confident in his sovereign purpose, we declare our faith:

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

> Send your Holy Spirit on us that as we receive this bread and this cup we may partake of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

May we be renewed in his risen life, filled with love, and strengthened in our will to serve others; and make of our lives, we pray, a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you, knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever.

**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.

Please follow the directions of the sidespeople as the congregation is invited to come forward to receive the bread and wine.

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 hymns during communion.

# **Hymns during Communion:**

#### CP 48 Let All Mortal Flesh Be Silent

(tune: Picardy)

### CP 402 Come and Fill Our Hearts

(tune: Confitemini)

Prayer after Communion (Please stand as you are able.)

Priest: Living God,

in the eucharist you fill us with new hope.

May the power of your love,

which we have known in word and sacrament,

continue your saving work among us, and bring us to the joy you promise.

We ask this in the name of 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.

#### **Announcements**

#### **Benediction**

Priest: May almighty God keep you vigilant and wise

and bless you: the Father, and the Son,

and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

# Closing Hymn: CP 383 Jesus Shall Reign Where'ver the Sun

(tune: Duke Street)

#### **Dismissal**

Leader: 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 Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola - The Most Revd Carlos Simao Matsinhe – Acting Presiding Bishop. In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the members of the Council of General Synod (Anglican); and the members of the National Church Council (Lutheran). In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray for Anna, our Bishop, and for the parish of St. Saviour by the Sea, Cortez Island. We also pray for Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyle and Pastor Lyndon, and for the Diocese of Kootenay and The Most Reverend Lynne McNaughton.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS Noember 12<sup>th</sup> - November 19<sup>th</sup> (\*\*New Items, \*Revised Items)

\*\*We welcome The Very Reverend Ansley Tucker, who is filling in for us this Sunday and on November 26<sup>th</sup> while Daniel is on holidays.

Please stay for Coffee Time this Sunday after the 10 am service – Park on Synod Road for easy access via the side door of the hall.

\*Book of Saints for November – Pages from the Book of Saints where you can add names of your saints (those who are saints to you and are no longer with us) are available at the back of the church. Before adding names, please check the Book of Saints to see if "your saints" are already in the book. Names of our saints will be read during the services in November, starting this Sunday.

\*\*The Church Office will be closed on Monday, November 13th, to observe Remembrance Day (Saturday, November 11th) and will reopen on Tuesday, November 14th at 9:00 am.

\*St. Luke Christmas Bazaar – THIS SATURDAY, November 18<sup>th</sup> 10 am – 2 pm – Items can be dropped off this week, November 14<sup>th</sup>–17<sup>th</sup>. Please bring donations to the hall basement, or contact the appropriate convenor about particularly valuable donations. No computers, encyclopedias, large furniture, or other broken and unsellable items. Thanks for your support!

\*\*Stall Convenors for St. Luke's Christmas Bazaar – Our thanks to the stall convenors. Please offer your help with set-up on Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> and selling on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> if possible. Call Carol Turnham with any questions or for more information.

Jewellery: Sandra Lindberg and Barb Prescott

Jams & Jellies: Pat Bates

Antiques and Collectibles: Brenda Morgan and Vicki Sharp Needlework and Linens: Laura Stoyles and Barbara Davies

Home Baking: Heather Simpson

Silent Auction: Sharon Hallsor and Merry Hallsor

Bric-a brack: Claire White

Christmas Decor: Maria Ross and Ann Seguin Vintage Clothing and Accessories: Carol Turnham White Elephant: Rick Saville and Harold Turnham Books, Puzzles and Audio Visual: Barbara Felsing

Toys and Games: Tara Poilievre

Coffee Kiosk: Noreen Saville and Kathleen Patterson

Crafts: Joanne Jolson

\*\*Next Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, the 10 am service will be a Service of the Word.

\*Our Next Reflections, our Sunday service at dusk, will be NEXT Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm – This month's Reflections will feature cellist, Elena Antontceva, originally from Russia. After graduating from the Far East Academy of Arts in Vladivostok, Russia, Elena worked at the Symphony Orchestra as both musician and soloist of the Philharmonic for 25 years in her home city. She participated in international festivals in China, Japan and Korea. Elena moved to Canada two years ago and she continues to perform here. Enjoy cello music in the beautiful candlelit ambiance of St. Luke's at dusk. The readings, prayers, and music of this special Reflection Time will calm your spirit and soothe your soul.

\*\*New Fridge and Stove in the Kitchen – We now have a new fridge and stove in the kitchen. We were able to fix one of the stoves, and with the almost \$3,200 donated we were able to buy a new fridge and stove. Thank you to everyone who made donations towards these new appliances.

Parish Office Transitions – The Hiring Team is pleased to announce that we offered **Neil Patterson** the position of Parish Administrator, and he accepted. We received a number of applications for this position and interviewed several other candidates as well as Neil. We have been impressed with Neil's work for us as the Interim Parish Administrator and the Hiring Team decided to offer the position to him on a permanent basis. We welcome Neil to this new role.

A Big Thank You to Yasser Youssef, owner of Fig Deli, 1551 Cedar Hill Cross Rd. who cooked and delivered our Celebration Sunday lunch. He provided a delicious meal for us and gave a great deal costwise! Please support Yasser and the Fig Deli in return for his neighbourly support of St. Luke's.

Thanks as well to the 1<sup>st</sup> Cedar Hill Scouts (Phillip, Erik, Parker, and Genessa) and their leaders, Jason Poilievre and Eric Zhelka, for their work at the lunch. They did the

setup, serving, and cleanup so that the rest of us could relax and really celebrate without having to work in the kitchen.

Our Sincere Thank You from the Stewardship Team to Everyone Came Out for the Celebration Sunday Service and Lunch – It was great to have the church so full again! We are also very thankful for all the commitments that people made regarding their offerings for 2024.

\*Givings Cards – Some extra copies of the Estimate of Givings Cards handed out on Celebration Sunday are on the table at the back of the church. If you didn't fill one out that Sunday, we would be very appreciative if you could fill out a card this week. If you wish to change the amount noted previously, please fill out another card and put the word Revised on it so that we know that this card replaces the one you filled out before.

Pre-Authorized Remittance Program (PAR) – A number of people noted on their givings cards that they would like to increase their PAR or start using PAR. To make a change or start using PAR, please send an e-mail to St. Luke's Givings e-mail (givings@stlukecedarhill.ca) and include the following information as noted. To make a change to PAR, include your envelope #, the date you would like the change to happen (eg December 1, 2023 or January 1, 2024, etc.), and the amount of the change. The PAR comes out of one's account on the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month but changes have to be sent in prior to the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month. To start using PAR, send an e-mail to St. Luke's Givings e-mail (givings@stlukecedarhill.ca) and a form to enrol will be sent to you. The Envelope Secretaries will follow up with everyone who indicated that they would like to change their PAR amount or start PAR in case they have any questions.

**Thank You to the Volunteers** who came out for the Cemetery Cleanup on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Eleven volunteers came, from St. Luke's and from the community. It was a beautiful day and we got a lot done! See the pictures at the **News page of St. Luke's website**.

Telling Your Faith Story – In our lead up to Celebration Sunday, we heard testimonials from various members of St. Luke's congregation. Thank you to everyone who stepped up to offer their stories. We know that some people are more comfortable writing their faith story than telling it in church. If you are one of those people, we would love for you to consider writing your faith story (about one page) to include in the next St. Luke's Prescription. If you have any questions, please talk to one of the Stewardship Team (Daniel Fournier, Sharon Hallsor, Tara Poilievre, or Barb Prescott).

The November Faith Tides 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.

**St. Luke's Players Panto Tickets –** A limited number of tickets for St. Luke's Panto, Beauty and the Beast, are available now through EventBrite. With plenty of traditional pantomime audience participation and huge helpings of laughter, this is a family show not to miss! Dates are: evenings at 7:00 pm on December 15, 16, 20, 21, and 22; matinees at 2:00 pm on December 16, 17, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30. See more information at the **Events page of St. Luke's website**.

\*Bring Home the Kitchen Campaign has been launched by the Shelbourne Community Kitchen to raise funds for the construction of a commercial kitchen and accessibility improvements. When the Kitchen moved to its current location, it could not afford to do all the improvements at once and the project was split into two phases. The Kitchen has already raised 64% of the total campaign goal through the generosity and unwavering support of community members, local businesses, and philanthropic organizations. With the campaign's launch, the Shelbourne Community Kitchen invites the community at large to contribute and become champions of this transformative initiative. To learn more about the Capital Campaign or make a donation, see more information at the News page of St. Luke's website.

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We hope you will visit again!

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### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY November 19th, 2023

Judges 4: 1-7 Psalm 123

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

Matthew 25: 14-30

#### **FLOWERS**

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

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