Welcome to St. Luke Cedar Hill

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 14
July 7, 2024 - 10:00 am
Holy Eucharist



Anointing of David, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. Unknown Byzantine Artist - From the Paris Psalter, 10th century.

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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 Rev. Daniel Fournier)

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn: CP 425 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (tune: Hymn to Joy)

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.

Invitation to Confession

Priest: Today's readings invite us to reflect on our own ability

to recognize the Lord Jesus

and God's prophets in our midst.

The voice of the prophet may come to us in words of a friend, a member of the faith community or even by someone that we may not particularly like.

If we don't like what we hear,

chances are we need to listen

and seek the Spirit's presence in our resistance.

We remember that God's message is often mitigated in human experience, and fear should not stop us from paying attention to the Spirit's whispers and nudges.

As we prepare our hearts and minds to receive the presence in Word and Sacrament, let us call to mind our mis-steps in our faith journey as we confess oir sin to our compassionate God.

Silence is kept.

Confession

All: Merciful God,

long-suffering, full of grace and truth, you create us from nothing and give us life. You give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism. You do not turn your face from us, nor cast us aside.

We confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbour.

We have wounded your love and marred your image in us.

Restore us for the sake of your Son, and bring us to heavenly joy, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Priest: 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.

Amen.

Priest: Glory to God in the highest,

All: and peace to God's 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.

God of the prophets, in every age you send the word of truth, familiar yet new.

Let us not be counted among those who lack faith, but give us vision to see Christ in our midst and to welcome your saving word.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: 2 SAMUEL 5: 1-5, 9-10

Reader: A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel.

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 48 Response: God shall be our guide for evermore.

Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised; in the city of our God is his holy hill.

Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion, the very centre of the world and the city of the great king.

God is in her citadels; he is known to be her sure refuge.

(Response)

Behold, the kings of the earth assembled and marched forward together.
They looked and were astounded; they retreated and fled in terror.
Trembling seized them there; they writhed like a woman in childbirth, like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them. (Response)

As we have heard, so have we seen, in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God; God has established her for ever. We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of your temple. Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to the world's end; your right hand is full of justice. *(Response)*

Let Mount Zion be glad and the cities of Judah rejoice, because of your judgements. Make the circuit of Zion; walk round about her; count the number of her towers. (**Response**)

Consider well her bulwarks; examine her strongholds; that you may tell those who come after. This God is our God for ever and ever; he shall be our guide for evermore. *(Response)*

SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 12: 2-10

Reader: A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God. AII:

Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn: CP 450 You Call Us, Lord, to Be

(tune: Rhosymedre)

THE GOSPEL: MARK 6: 1-13

Reader: The Lord be with you. And also with you. AII:

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ. AII:

At the end of the gospel:

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. AII:

Homily: The Rev. Daniel Fournier

An Affirmation of Faith (Based on Ephesians 3)

Leader: Let us declare our faith in God. We believe in God the Father, AII: from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. We believe in God the Son. who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high. We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Sitting, standing or kneeling, as is your custom.

In response to the words, "Caring God," 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...

Holy God, in Jesus you reached out to so many different people, with so many different needs, in so many different situations.

We thank you for all the ways you have reached out to us, in the embrace of prayer, in the energy of a song, in thought sparked by a sermon, and in the wisdom of Scripture or the words of a friend. Sometimes your healing brings comfort; sometimes it brings challenge and the call to respond. Hear us as we seek your comfort and your challenge for the world, for the church and for our own lives.

Bring comfort to those facing struggles this summer: those whose crops have withered by the extremes of weather; those who cannot find enough workers for their businesses and workers who can't find secure employment;

those whose housing is insecure, and any who are losing hope that things will ever improve.

Silence is held.

Caring God,

All: Hear our prayer.

Bring challenge to those whose decisions affect the well-being of the vulnerable, to those who guide planning for housing and employment, and those who respond to the changing climate and lives and livelihoods at risk.

May your wisdom and compassion guide them.

Silence is held.

Caring God,

All: Hear our prayer.

Bring comfort to those who are lonely or shut in, and to all who have lost beloved family members or friends in recent days.
Bring comfort to those who feel pain or anxiety without relief, and those who wait for diagnosis or life-restoring treatment.
Offer peace to those who know there is no treatment and wait in hope for your eternal welcome.

Silence is held.

Caring God,

All: Hear our prayer.

Bring challenge to those who want to make the world a better place, and to all who work within science, medicine, and the law to improve the quality of life for all people.

Give them a vision of their work that is both just and courageous. so that no part of society is neglected or mistreated.

Silence is held

Caring God,

AII: Hear our prayer.

> Comfort your church in places where ministries struggle, whatever the reason. And challenge your church to renew our vision for ministry so that our witness is faithful to your all-embracing love, expressed not only in words but also in the actions we take. Challenge us to embrace those who differ from us and yet have a place in your heart and your eternal care.

Keep silence

Caring God,

AII: Hear our prayer.

All these prayers, and those unspoken in our hearts,

we offer in the name of Christ Jesus.

AII: Amen.

The Peace

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

And also with you. AII:

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: **CP 546 God Moves in a Mysterious Way**

(tune: London New)

The Preparation of the Table

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: Holy God,

you ask of us to accept with faith

your word spoken by your messengers and your living Word, Jesus Christ.

Make us truly recognize

the humble coming of your Son

in these simple signs of bread and wine.

May the strength of his Spirit be stronger than our weakness. Make us live together in peace

and let us be your sign to the world

of your justice and love.

May this be our offering to you, our God for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

[Source: Anglican Church of Australia Trust Corporation. An Order for

Holy Communion 2009 - Eucharistic Prayer]

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: With all our hearts we praise you, faithful God.

In the beginning, you called light to shine in darkness,

you made living things to grow and flourish and you created human beings in your image.

You chose us in love,

guided us by your presence

and blessed us with your holy law. Yet we chose our own sinful ways. We broke your commandments, persecuted your prophets, forgot your wisdom and, time after time, refused to answer your call.

So you spoke an eternal word in a human voice in Jesus of Nazareth, son of Mary, Son of God. He called and people followed, leaving every other loyalty. He set us free to praise your holy name.

But hatred and violence shouted Jesus down. Betrayed and abandoned and nailed to a cross, he laid down his life for the world he loved, and broke the chains of evil and death. Then you turned our sorrow into joy. On the third day you raised him up to lead your people into life.

So we praise you, holy God, with angels and archangels and all your faithful people:

(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:

On the night before he died, Jesus gathered with his friends to share a meal and wash their feet, teaching one more lesson of love.

He took bread and blessed you and broke it. He gave it to them and said: "Take this and eat it. This is my body."

He took a cup of wine and blessed you and gave it to them. He said: "Take this and drink it. This is my blood, sealing God's promise to forgive your sins. Whenever you do this, do it in memory of me."

As we share these holy gifts, we remember our Lord Jesus.

For the love you taught us, the sacrifice you made for us and the hope you give us, we acclaim you, O Christ:

AII:

Dying you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory.

Priest:

And now, faithful God, send us your Spirit to feed us with the body and the blood of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Make us one body in Christ.
Send us as your messengers in the world and fill us with energy, courage and love.

Now to you, most holy God, through Christ your Son and in the Spirit's power, we bring our worship and our songs of praise. Blessing and honour and glory and power are 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:

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,

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

AII:

Priest: The table of bread and wine is now ready.

now and for ever. Amen.

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 59 Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him

(tune: Jesus Calls Us)

CP 657 Loving Spirit

(tune: Omni Die Dic Maria)

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

Priest: O God, our life, our strength, our food,

we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son.

By your Holy Spirit,

enliven us to be his body in the world,

so that more and more

we will give you praise and serve your earth

and its many peoples,

through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and 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 (Please be seated.)

Benediction (Please stand as you are able.)

Priest: Go now, and wherever people will hear you, proclaim the life-changing love of God.

Do not fear your weakness,

for when you are weakest, Christ's strength is known.

Travel lightly, live simply,

and honour those who welcome the gospel.

And may God be your protection and safe haven; may the power of Christ Jesus dwell in you; and may the Holy Spirit be your guide forever.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn: Glory and Praise to Our God (by Dan Schutte)

Refrain: Glory and praise to our God, who alone gives light to our days.

Many are the blessings he bears to those who trust in his ways.

We, the daughters and sons of him who built the valleys and plains, praise the wonders our God has done in ev'ry heart that sings. *Refrain*

In His wisdom He strengthens us like gold that's tested in fire. Though the power of sin prevails, our God is there to save. *Refrain*

Ev'ry moment of ev'ry day our God is waiting to save, always ready to seek the lost, and answer those who pray. *Refrain* God has watered our barren land, and spent His merciful rain.

Now the rivers of life run full for anyone to drink. *Refrain*.

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 The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean, The Most Revd James Richard Wong Yin Song - Primate. In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Bishop clergy and people of the Diocese of Brandon (Anglican); Bishop Larry Kochendorfer, the people and rostered ministers of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories (Lutheran). In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray for Anna, our Bishop, and for St. Margaret of Scotland, Galiano Island, and their priest, Reverend Canon Dr. Blair Haggart. We also pray for Pastor Lyle and Pastor Lyndon and for Lutheran Church of the Cross in their time of transition, and for the Diocese of the Yukon, and Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS
July 7th – July 14th
(**New Items, *Revised Items)

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.

- *The Church Office will be closed on Friday, July 12th when Neil takes one of his vacation days and will reopen on Monday, July 15th at 9 am.
- *The Church Office will be closed some other Fridays over the summer (as well as Friday, July 12th), when Neil takes some of his vacation days. The office will be closed: July 19th, and 26th, and August 16th, 23rd, and 30th.
- *Our Next Cemetery Cleanup will be This Saturday, July 13th from 9 to 11:30 am. Please bring gloves and, if possible, tools such as clippers, scrapers, rakes, or outdoor brooms. Many hands make light work!
- *Tour of the Cedar Hill Garden at St. Luke's The Shelbourne Community Kitchen invites you to a tour of the Cedar Hill Garden (the garden behind South Island Counselling Centre) at 3 pm on Thursday, July 18th. Come to see what they have in store for summer gardening. Over the past three years, the partnership between St. Luke's and The Kitchen has flourished in the form of fresh vegetables and herbs that have greatly impacted the way The Kitchen operates. Enjoy a refreshment as you hear about what is growing and what The Kitchen has planned for the coming months! A sign up sheet is at the back of the church. The tour is limited to 20 spaces so please sign up to let us know that you are planning to come.
- **Mark Your Calendars On Sunday, July 21st we will welcome our friends from Lutheran Church of the Cross for a combined worship service at St. Luke's.

Still Spaces Available for this year's Amazing Journey Day Camp, which will be held in the mornings, July 22nd to July 26th. Children born January 1, 2013 to June 30, 2020 are eligible to be campers. The Registration Form is available at the News page of St. Luke's website. Registration fees are \$55 for the first child, \$50 for the 2nd child, and \$45 for the 3rd child. St. Luke's joins with Church of the Cross each

summer for a week-long day camp hosted at one of the churches. This year's camp will be held at Church of the Cross and the theme will be "Mending God's World." We are also looking for Middle School students to be Leaders in Training and High School students to be Small Group Leaders. Registration final deadline is July 10th.

**Baking Needed for this year's Day Camp – Calling all bakers, we would love some baking for the Day Camp to serve during the daily snack time. Contributions of muffins, loaves such as banana bread or pound cake, or cookies would be appreciated. We are looking for snacks which aren't too sweet. Items can be baked ahead of time and put in the freezer at the church, labelled "For Day Camp", or dropped off closer to the day camp. Please let Barb Prescott know if you have baking to be put in the freezer or will be dropping off baking so that she can let the kitchen crew know what will be available.

**Evening Prayer with Music at St. Michael and All Angels in the Outdoor Worship Area — You are invited to a half-hour of prayer, readings and music held in the outside worship area at St. Michael and All Angels, 4733 West Saanich Road on Wednesday, July 10th at 5 pm. Bring a picnic supper to enjoy afterwards in the evening shade of the outdoor worship area and walk the labyrinth. If the weather is poor, the service will be moved indoors.

Calling All Photographers Themes for the Upcoming Weeks

A Note from Daniel: Friends, I am calling on your skills and talents in photography. We would love to use your photos for our bulletin covers. Photos will be chosen in relation to the theme of the Sunday readings. (See below.) I invite you to be imaginative with these words and themes.

- **July 14** King David dancing in celebration. Celebration with a big meal. Sharing food.
- July 21 Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while. Crowds of people Jesus preaching from boat (a man in a boat?)
- July 28 Jesus feeds the multitudes Jesus walks on water. People in a boat on a stormy sea.
- **Aug. 4** Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." (Image of Bread).
- Aug. 11 Therefore be imitators of God, live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us (Eph)/Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. John 6
- **Aug. 18** More on John 6 (I am the bread of Life Unless you eat of this bread)

Remember that most of these pictures will appear as greyscale (B/W) on the bulletin cover so please consider how they will appear if they were printed in black-and-white.

Please send your photos to <u>admin@stlukecedarhill.ca</u> and include your name and the Sunday the picture is for in the file name. Pictures should be a small to medium file size (eg 800 or 1200 px on the long side).

Please send your pictures by the Wednesday of the week preceding the particular Sunday. I look forward to receiving your pictures in the weeks ahead.

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We hope you will visit again!

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY JULY 14th, 2024

2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b-19 Psalm 24

> Ephesians 1: 3-14 Mark 6: 14-29

FLOWERS

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