

Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill
The Second Sunday of Advent
Pageant Sunday
December 8, 2024 – 10:00am



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We acknowledge that we gather with respect on the traditional territories of the lək̓ʷəŋən 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*)

Lighting of the Second Candle of the Advent Wreath

Please stand as you are able.

Reader: People of God: be glad!
Your God delights in you,
giving you joy for sadness
and turning the dark to light.
Be strong in hope therefore;
for your God comes to save.
You are God's children.

**All: Lord, make us one in the love of Christ
today and for ever.
Amen.**

The second candle is lit.

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: A voice cries out in the wilderness,
'Make straight the way of the Lord.'
So let us listen, and turn to the Lord
in penitence and faith.

Lord Jesus,
you were promised in times of great turmoil,
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Christ Jesus,
you were foretold by John the Baptist,
Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Priest: Lord Jesus,
you call us to prepare for your coming into our lives.
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

Priest: May almighty God,
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,
bring you his pardon and peace, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Opening Hymn: CP 109 When the King Shall Come Again

(tune: Tempus Adest Floridum)

The Collect of the Day

Priest: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: God of timeless grace,
you fill us with joyful expectation:
make us ready for the message that prepares the way,
so that with uprightness of heart and holy joy
we may eagerly await
the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Please stay seated throughout the pageant.

The Pageant

Introduction (Claire White)

Anthem: *My Lord, What A Morning* (African-American Spiritual)

Part 1: Mary and Joseph

CP 128: The Virgin Mary had a Baby Boy

**The Virgin Mary had a baby boy (x 3)
And they say that his name was Jesus.**

***Refrain:* He come from the glory,
He come from the glorious kingdom.
He come from the glory,
He come from the glorious kingdom.
O, yes, believer! O, yes believer!
He come from the glory,
He come from the glorious kingdom.**

**The angels sang when the baby was born (x 3),
And proclaim him the Saviour Jesus. *Refrain***

Part 2: The Animals

CP 139: The First Nowell

**The first nowell, the angel did say,
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.**

***Refrain:* Nowell (3x), born is the King of Israel.**

**They looked up and saw a star,
shining in the east, beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night. *Refrain***

Part 3: The Angels

CP 138: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The Herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King,
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies,
with the angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail, the incarnate deity,
pleased as one of us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Part 4: The Shepherds

CP 135: Shepherds in the Fields Abiding (v. 1 + 4)

Shepherds in the fields abiding,
tell us, when the seraph bright
greeted you with wondrous tiding,
what you saw and heard that night.
Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo (x2).

Thanks, good shepherds, true your story;
let us go to Bethlehem.
Angels hymn the king of glory;
carol we with you and them. *Refrain*

Part 5: The Wise Persons and The Star

We Three Kings of Orient Are (v. 1-4)

**We three Kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star:**

***Refrain:* Oh, star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect night.**

**Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again;
king forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign. *Refrain***

**Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a deity nigh;
prayer and praising, gladly raising,
worshipping God Most High. *Refrain***

**Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. *Refrain***

Part 6: Conclusion

CP 154: Joy to the World (v 1, 2, 4)

**Joy to the World! The Lord is come:
let all receive the King; let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing (x3).**

**Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns;
let us glad songs employ, while fields and floods,
rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy (x 3).**

**He rules the world with truth and grace;
and makes the nations prove the glories of his
righteousness
and wonders of his love (x3).**

Prayers of Intercession

Sitting, standing or kneeling, as is your custom.

Holy God, as once again we prepare for Christmas,
help us to find time in our busy lives
for quiet and thought and prayer,
that we may reflect upon the wonder of your love
and allow the story of the Saviour's birth
to penetrate our hearts and minds.
So may our joy be deeper, our worship more real,
and our lives worthier of all that you have done for us
through the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

We pray for the church:

IN THE WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN PRAYER CYCLE,
we pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of
Sudan and Revd Ezekiel Kumir Kondo - Primate.
In the Anglican-Lutheran-Moravian Cycle of Prayer,
we pray for The Acting Primate Archbishop Anne
Germond and the staff of the Primate's Office of the
Anglican Church of Canada (Anglican); National
Bishop Susan Johnson and the national staff of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (Lutheran);
The Rev. David E. Bennett, President of the Provincial
Elders' Conference of the Northern Province of the
Moravian Church in America (Moravian).

In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray for Anna, our Bishop, and for the Two Saints Ministry, St. Peter's Lakehill and St. David's Cordova Bay, and their priest, The Rev. Dr. Adela Torchia.

We also pray for Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyndon, and for the Territory of the People and Bishop Clara Plamondon.

For the wider Christian family
who will be celebrating this festival
in so many different ways,
and for those who dare not celebrate openly.
For Christians in countries where there is persecution.
For Christians in our own country,
with whom we will share our celebrations
For our Church family.

Grant that all who come into our church
this Christmas time may be enabled
to renew their relationship with you.
Help us all to be glad of your presence,
and to rejoice at the coming of Jesus.

May your blessing be upon all who worship with us,
give us grace to live as faithful members of your family,
that we may learn each day afresh
to love and serve you

All: God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for peace:
Give peace to the world
Give peace to the victims of war, the refugees,
the widowed and the orphans.
Give peace to family and friends;
to those who have quarreled
and need to be reconciled.
Give peace in our own divided hearts.

We know that without justice there can be no peace.
Let peace come when all people are respected,
regardless of race and religion.
Let peace come when trading weapons
of mass destruction is a crime.
Let peace come when the earth's resources
are used wisely for the common good.
Let peace come when money is used to serve
and not enslave the world.
Let peace come through the transformation of our lives
that we may do justice, love and kindness
and walk humbly with our God.

Your Son came as the Prince of Peace
and brought a message of Peace for all people.
Help us to be peacemakers in our own homes,
at our work or wherever we meet people,
so that the peace and goodwill of Christmas
can find a place in the hearts of all people.

All: God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for homeless people
and for refugees who have no country to call their own.
Let your blessing be with those who work
to help the homeless this Christmas,
and give to all of us the determination
to help where we can.

We pray for people who are lonely,
those who are lonely because they have lost a partner,
those who are lonely because no-one seems to care,
those who are lonely because of handicap or illness.
Let your presence be with those who are alone
at this season of friendship
and may we take your friendship to those
whom we know will be alone this Christmas.

God, in your mercy,
All: hear our prayer.

We pray for friends and family who are ill at this time,
and remember them in the quietness of our hearts.

Today we pray for: *(Names)*

We bring them to you in the confidence
that you love them and know their every need
and that your healing power is still the same today.

Bless all that is being done for their recovery
and answer our prayers as you see best.

God, in your mercy,
All: hear our prayer.

Gracious God,
accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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:

CP 91 People, Look East! The Time is Near

(tune: Besançon)

The Preparation of the Table

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: God our strength,
we are nothing without you.
Receive all we offer you this day
as you sustain us with your mercy;
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer:

[Source: Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006).]

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, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you,
almighty and merciful God,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.
You comforted your people
with the promise of the Redeemer,
through whom you will also make all things new
in the day when he comes
to judge the world in righteousness.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(From Common Praise # 719):

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
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: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you for the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son, Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

On the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
All: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember
your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and
resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.
All: Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us. Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people. Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High,
one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen. (*Sung 3 times - From Common Praise # 721*)

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 (*Setting: Land of Rest*)

**All: O Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world;
Have mercy on us, Lamb of God,
and grant us your peace.**

The Giving of Communion

Priest: This is the Lord's table.
The Lord Jesus invites us
to share this joyful feast.
From east and west, from north and south,
people will come and take their places
at the banquet in the kingdom of God.
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 96 Creator of the Stars of Night

(tune: Conditore Alme Siderum)

CP 94 Wait for the Lord, Whose Day Is Near

(tune: Wait for the Lord)

Prayer after Communion

Priest: Faithful God,
we thank you for feeding us
with this heavenly banquet.
Help us always to hear the prophet's call
to turn our hearts to you;
in the name of Jesus Christ the 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: Be people of peace.
Let peace live in your heart
and share the peace of Christ with all you meet.
Share peace by acting out of compassion and not fear.
Share peace by listening to all sides of the story.
Share peace by praying for our world.
In this Advent season,
we need to see, feel, and share peace.
As you go out into the wonder of God's creations,
share peace and hope with those you meet.
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

Sending Forth Hymn: CP 95 O Come, Divine Messiah

(tune: Venez, Divin Messie)

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.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS
December 8th - December 15th
(New Items, *Revised Items)**

***Please stay for a potluck lunch today after the 10 am service** – Park on Synod Road for easy access via the side door of the hall.

***Next Sunday, December 15th, Bishop Anna will visit St. Luke's for a 9:30 am service.** Note that there will **not be an 8 am service next Sunday.**

****The Men's Fellowship Group will meet on Wednesday, December 11th** at 6 pm at the Lake's Restaurant at the Howard Johnson Hotel on Elk Lake Drive. **If you will be attending, please advise Harry Felsing** via email or by phone.

***An Updated Christmas Bazaar Summary Sheet** is available at the **News page of the website**. This updated summary sheet provides a breakdown of the Square payments for each area, which makes a big difference to some of the areas, such as the Silent Auction, where most of the money received (\$778.70) was via the Square. **The Silent Auction total including the Square payments was \$1,149**. Please see the updated summary sheet which also includes money we are still receiving after the Bazaar. **The total from the Bazaar is now \$10,711.60**.

****“Help Wanted” for Sunday Morning Coffee Times** including baking, set up, and clean up. Volunteers have a choice to just set up or clean up or both. Baking is always welcome and thoroughly enjoyed at Coffee Time. Our Coffee Times after the 10 am services have become very popular and we can only continue if we have enough volunteers. **If you can help, please email Heather Simpson, Rector’s Warden (hsimpson@stlukecedarhill.ca)** or chat with her on Sunday. Dates needed now are the Sundays in January.

Planning Christmas activities with visiting family and friends? Keep in mind our **special Christmas services at St. Luke’s** – Christmas Eve: **Child-friendly service at 4 pm** with Christingle oranges for the children; **7 pm Family Communion service** with candles, carols, soloists, instrumentalists, and a choir. **Christmas Day: 10:00 am Family Communion Service**. All are welcome at all of these services. **Please note that there will not be a 10 pm service on Christmas Eve this year.**

****Invitation Cards in the Bulletins** – Please use the invitation card in today’s bulletin to **invite a friend or neighbour to the special services through Advent and over Christmas**. Or post the card on your fridge as a reminder of the services over

Christmas. Extra invitation cards are available on the table at the back of the church. Invitation cards for the Christingle service and Longest Night Service are also on the back table.

****Longest Night Service – Sunday, December 22nd, 7 pm –** This time of year can be **difficult** for many people because of loss or changes in our lives. **This service of light in the midst of darkness is an opportunity to come and enter gently into a quiet holy time, and is open to everyone.** You are welcome to invite a friend to come and share with you in this service of remembrance and hope.

****The Shelbourne Community Kitchen invites you to join their Donate & Double Your Impact campaign!** From December 1st to 31st, every dollar donated will be matched up to \$15,000. With inflation and rising food costs, the need for food security has never been greater and so far this year The Kitchen has registered more than 300 new participants, including seniors, families, and newcomers for support. This is our community's chance to make twice the difference. Every donation—big or small—will be doubled, amplifying the impact and helping The Kitchen meet the growing demand for support. See more information and a link to make a donation at the **News page of St. Luke's website.**

****The December 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. **This issue includes Brenda's article, "What price, a blanket?" which was originally published in the Fall issue of St. Luke's Prescription.** See more information on the **News page of St. Luke's website.**

***Christmas Stocking Project –** As we have done in previous years, we have chosen a World of Gifts Project through the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund as our Christmas Stocking Project. **We started our Christmas Stocking Project last Sunday, the first Sunday of Advent, and it will continue to Christmas Day.** Our project will be

buying goats for families in Kenya who are food insecure and have little or no income. You are invited **to drop your gold coins (Loonies or Toonies) into the Christmas stocking at the back of the church or to put a special donation into the collection plate labelled "Goats Project"**. Money designated in the collection or collected in the stocking from now to Christmas Day will be sent to the PWRDF to buy goats for families in Kenya.

****2025 Contributor Boxes** – Your box of envelopes for 2025 is available to be picked up from the back of the church. If you donate only via the PAR or by e-transfer, or just a couple of times a year, we didn't order a box for you this year.

A Note from the Stewardship Team – We are very thankful for the commitments people made regarding their offerings for 2025. Here is an update. **During this year's Stewardship Campaign, we have received 43 pledges with \$82,480 pledged to date.** Last year we received 42 pledges and \$80,084 was pledged. However, there still could be some pledges to come in for 2025. In addition, 13 people, who donate via the PAR, didn't make pledges. If their PAR donations stay at the same level next year, **their donations for 2025 would total \$19,416 for a total of \$101,896 committed.** While these aren't huge increases, each year's Stewardship Campaign invites us to examine our offerings as part of our spiritual practice.

****Donations for Flowers for Christmas** – The Altar Guild invites your **donations for flowers for the Christmas services.** Donations can be made in memory of a loved one, in celebration of a special event, or simply as a thanks offering. **Donations can be handed in to the office, or added to the collection plate.** If you would like a tax donation receipt for your donation, please use one of your donation envelopes, and mark "flowers " or Altar Guild on it. Please make cheques payable to St. Luke's. For more information, please call Ann Seguin.

St. Luke's Players Panto Tickets – Tickets for St. Luke's Panto, Camelot, 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 12, 13, 18, 19, and 20; matinees at 2:00 pm on December 14, 15, 21, 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30. See more information at the **Events page of St. Luke's website**. **Note that some performances are now sold out.**

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, 2024 or January 1, 2025, etc.), and the amount of the change. The PAR comes out of one's account on the 20th of the month but changes have to be sent in prior to the 10th 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 Treasurer 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 for your donations to the Compassionate Resource Warehouse** – Thanks to all who donated sewing notions, crochet cotton, knitting wool, and embroidery supplies. Tara delivered at least five big bags to her sister, Karen, to take to the Warehouse. Please note that the Compassionate Resource Warehouse now has enough of those items at this time.

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY December 15th, 2024

Zephaniah 3: 14-20
Canticle 3 (Isaiah 12: 2-6)
Philippians 4: 4-7
Luke 3: 7-18

FLOWERS

*Flowers at St. Luke's are coordinated by Ann Séguin.
Please contact Ann if you would like to make
a donation towards flowers at the Christmas services.
There are no flowers during Advent.*