

Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill
The Epiphany of the Lord
January 5, 2025



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*We acknowledge that we gather with respect on the traditional
territories of the ləkʷəŋən 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 Carol: CP 123 Once in Royal David's City

(tune: Irby)

Bidding Prayer

Priest: Brothers and sisters,
we are gathered to celebrate with joy
the appearance of God's glory in the world
through the birth of Jesus,
who is Emmanuel, God with us;
to reflect upon the visit of the magi
bringing homage to their King at his birth;
and, to hear the prophetic words of Anna and Simeon
revealing the Christ child as a light to lighten all people.
As we rejoice in this, the Word made flesh,
who called us out of darkness into light,
so we pray that his love and faithfulness
may be known in all the world.

Leader: In our prayers today we pray for the unity and mission
of Christ's Church throughout the world.

The year just ending has held sorrows for so many
in our community and around the world.

We remember dear ones who have died
and pray for those who look ahead
in loneliness or sadness.....

We pray for those who have faced challenges
in health, in their families or at work.....

As we face the year ahead,
so much around us is still uncertain.
We seek your strength and guidance
in each challenge we will face.

Draw near to each one who must confront illness, loss, economic hardship or changing circumstances....

We pray for wisdom and courage in the year ahead. Strengthen us as a congregation to be a lively and committed witness to your love.

Help us reach out to our community in faithfulness and service.

Guide leaders in our nation and around the world so that justice and peace may prevail, especially in troubled places and vulnerable lives. Show us all how to honour and protect your creation, even when that takes sacrifice on our part.

Priest: In all we are, in all we do, may God take and use us to spread the love, peace and compassion of Jesus; may our eyes be opened to see God's glory; and may we be equipped by the Holy Spirit to be God's blessing for all, now and forever more.

All: Amen.

Collect of the Day

Priest: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Carol: CP 132 Of Eternal Love Begotten *(tune: Divinum Mysterium)*

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: John 1: 1-14

Reader: A Reading from the Gospel of John.

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: *Arise, Your Light is Come* (text: R. Duck)

SECOND READING: Matthew 1: 18-23

Reader: A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Carol: We Three Kings of Orient Are

**We three kings of Orient are,
Bearing gifts, we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.**

*Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

**Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown him again,
King for ever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign. *Refrain***

**Frankincense to offer have I,
Incense owns a Deity nigh,
Prayer and praising, all men raising,
Worship him, 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**

**Glorious now behold him arise,
King, and God, and Sacrifice,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Earth to the heavens replies. Refrain**

Please be seated.

THIRD READING: Matthew 2: 1-12

Reader: A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Trio: *Air on the G-string* by J.S. Bach; Mary Byrne (flute),
Maria Ross (violin), and Matthew Robertson (bassoon)

FOURTH READING: Matthew 2: 13-18

Reader: A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

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 Carol: CP 156 The People That in Darkness Sat
(*tune: Dundee*)

FIFTH READING: Luke 2: 21-32

Reader: A Reading from the Gospel of Luke.

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Invitation and Peace

Priest: The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready.
It is the table of company with Jesus
and with all those 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 faith
and you who would like to have more.
You who have been to this sacrament often,
and you who have not been for a long time.
You who have tried to follow Jesus,
and you who have failed.
Come. It is Christ to invites us to meet him here.

As we prepare to come to the table
let us exchange a sign of peace with one another.

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

All: And also with you.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: CP 159 Brightest and Best
(*tune: Stella Orientis*)

The Preparation of the Table

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus,
who came among the poor
to bring the riches of your grace.
As you have blessed us with your gifts,
let them be a blessing for others.
With the trees of the field,
with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy
at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

[Source: Eucharistic Prayer 2, Book of Alternative Services - ACC (1985)]

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: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Redeemer.
He is your living Word,
through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary
and shared our human nature.
He lived and died as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will
he stretched out his hands in suffering,
to bring release to those who place their hope in you;
and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,
and to give up his life on the cross,
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.

By his resurrection he brings us
into the light of your presence.
Now with all creation we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

(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 and gracious God,
accept our praise,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread and gave you thanks,
saying, "Take, and eat:
this is my body which is broken for you."
In the same way he took the cup,
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.
When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we offer you this bread and this cup,
giving thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit
upon the offering of your holy Church.
Gather into one
all who share in these sacred mysteries,
filling them with the Holy Spirit
and confirming their faith in the truth,
that together we may praise you
and give you glory
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.
All glory and honour are yours,
Father and Son,
with the Holy Spirit
in the holy Church,
now and for ever.

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

Priest: As our Saviour taught us, let us 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: 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 158 Earth Has Many a Noble City
(tune: Stuttgart)

CP 376 Gloria, Gloria, in Excelsis Deo
(tune: Gloria)

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

Priest: Radiant God,
with our eyes we have seen your salvation,
and in this meal we have feasted on your grace.
May your Word take flesh in us,
so that we may be your holy people,
revealing your glory made known to us
in 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.)*

Closing Hymn: CP 160 As with Gladness Men of Old
(tune: Dix)

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 in Wales - The Most Revd Andrew John, Primate. **In the Anglican-Lutheran-Moravian Cycle of Prayer, we pray for** Sheilagh McGlynn, Youth Ministries Animator; the Rev. Canon Dr. Scott Sharman, Animator for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations (Anglican); **for** Deacon Gretchen Peterson, Assistant to the National Bishop, Youth and Leadership; Rev. Paul Gehrs, Assistant to the National Bishop, Justice and Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations (Lutheran); **and for** The Rev. Jason Andersen, president of the Western District Executive Board of the Moravian Church Northern Province (Moravian). **In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray for** Anna, our Bishop, and for Christ Church, Alert Bay, and their priest, Sheila Cook. **We also pray for** Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyndon, **and for** the Diocese of New Westminster, and Bishop John Stephens.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS
January 5th – January 12th
(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.

****Thank you from Sean Tiernay, Director of Worship** – I would like to express my sincere THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered and assisted during the busy Advent and Christmas season. It takes many volunteers and much dedication for St. Luke's to offer the incredible services during this important time in the church calendar – and we couldn't have done it without you. Thank you for your ongoing support of St. Luke's and the important Worship Ministry.

****A Note from Adrienne Lamothe** – Grateful thanks to my church family at St. Luke's for your concern and prayers for me. Thank you to Rev. Daniel and Rev. Joan, to Ann and my dear

sisters in the Altar Guild, and to all who prayed for me. May God bless you all.

A Big Thank You to Thrifty Foods Cloverdale for the donation of the the oranges we used for the Christingle Service. In the past, they have often given them to us at cost, but this year, they provided them for free, which was very generous!

***Our first Reflections service of 2025 will be next Sunday, January 12th at 4:30 pm** – Music for this Reflections will be provided by **flutist, Mary Byrne**. Enjoy 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. Please join us for a unique and uplifting service of beautiful music and inspirational words, conducive to meditative reflection and spirituality.

“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**.

****Mark Your Calendars – On Saturday, February 15th**, we will hold our **2025 Attic Treasures Vintage Market from 10 am – 4 pm**. This will be a multi-vendor market with vendors renting tables as they did last year. St. Luke's will also have a table with vintage items. To offer to help, please call Carol Turnham.

Save the Date of Sunday, February 23rd for our **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**, also known as our Annual Vestry Meeting. **The meeting will be held after the 10 am service** and will include a review of reports from 2024, voting on the budget for 2025, and the election of Parish Council members,

Synod delegates, and the Leadership Team members. **There will not be an 8 am service that morning.**

Parish Council for 2025 – If you would like to serve on Parish Council or know someone who would like to be on Parish Council, **please speak to one of the Nominations Committee members:** Rick Saville, Heather Simpson, or Carol Turnham.

****Reports for the Annual Meeting package are due in the Parish Office by Monday, January 27th.**

St. Luke's Christmas 2024 Prescription is available and the link to the online version was sent out by e-mail. Copies are available at the back of the church and from the parish office. Please let the Parish Office know if there is someone you would like a copy of the Prescription delivered to or mailed to.

***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 today's date or February 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.

St. Luke's Vision, Mission, and Actions



St. Luke's Vision

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

St. Luke's Mission

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



St. Luke's Actions: To achieve our Mission, we

- Engage in a vibrant practice of praise but also seek God's peace through prayer and contemplation
- Respect and appreciate the heritage of the first peoples on whose lands we gather and worship
- Nurture a sense of community and promote a culture of inclusion and belonging
- Honour the history of our sacred spaces
- Pursue social and spiritual understanding
- Embrace the values of kindness, openness and hospitality
- Offer compassionate pastoral care
- Base outreach on an attitude of caring and acceptance



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We hope you will visit again!

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY January 12th, 2025

Isaiah 43: 1-7

Psalm 29

Acts 8: 14-17

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

FLOWERS

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