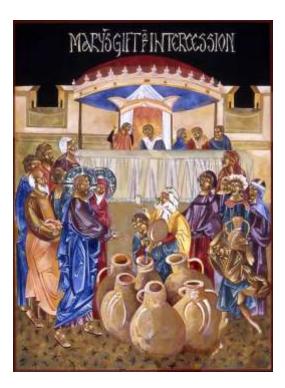
# Welcome to St. Luke Cedar Hill

Second Sunday after Epiphany January 19, 2025 - 10:00 am Holy Eucharist



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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.

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Prelude (please be seated)

Welcome and Introduction (The Rev. Daniel Fournier)

Please stand as you are able.

## Opening Hymn: CP 350 Stand Up and Bless the Lord

(tune: St. Thomas)

- 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

From the beginning of and throughout his ministry, Priest: Jesus revealed who he was. Today's first reading describes God's relationship with Israel in spousal terms, so it is not surprising that Jesus' first sign took place at a wedding feast. All that he did was essentially about God's unending love for us. Every aspect of life can speak to us of this deep, pervading, unifying love. How is that expressed in our own particular lives? As we prepare to enter into our Eucharistic celebration today, we call to mind our sins as we confess to our loving God.

Silence is kept.

#### Confession

- All: Merciful God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- Priest: May the God of love bring you back to himself, forgive you our sins, and assure you of his eternal love in 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 of steadfast love, at the wedding in Cana your Son Jesus turned water into wine, delighting all who were there. Transform our hearts by your Spirit, so that we may show forth the light of your love as one body in Christ.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

## The Liturgy of the Word

#### FIRST READING: ISAIAH 62: 1-5

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life. All: Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 36: 5-10 Response: We feast on the riches of your house, O Lord.

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you save both man and beast, O Lord. *(Response)* 

How priceless is your love, O God! your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings. They feast upon the abundance of your house; you give them drink from the river of your delights. *(Response)* 

For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light. *(Response)* 

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, and your favour to those who are true of heart. (*Response*)

## SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 12: 1-11

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

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 162 Sing of God Made Manifest</u> (tune: Salzburg)

## THE GOSPEL: JOHN 2: 1-11

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

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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: The Rev. Daniel Fournier

Anthem: Alleluia Canon by W. Boyce

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.

Let us pray with confidence as God's holy people for the needs of the Church, all families, and for our world...

In the Worldwide and Local Cycle of Prayer today we pray for: The Church in the Province of the West Indies - The Most Rev'd Howard Gregory – Primate. Locally we pray for Anna, our Bishop, and for Christ Church Cathdral, Victoria, and their rector, Jonathan Thomas. We also pray for Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyndon, and for the Diocese of the Territory of the People and Bishop Clara Plamondon.

O God, Jesus brought joy into lives that needed hope and a new beginning. We pray for all those who need a new beginning this year: Individuals trying to make a new start; Families trying to sort through difficulties; Groups hoping to accomplish good things for others; Refugees building new homes in a new land; Students and teachers beginning a new semester; Businesses and congregations renewing and rebuilding.

A silence is kept.

Show each one how much they matter to you, and renew their courage and resolve to make a fresh start.

God, in your mercy,

## All: Hear our prayer.

O God, Jesus changed water into wine to show us that you can accomplish extraordinary things through ordinary lives.

We pray for all those volunteering their energy and concern to make a difference for others in this community. We pray for our elected leaders and for all government workers trying to manage their responsibilities. We pray for those working for justice, raising awareness to problems in society and for the earth itself. And we pray for one another and for each good purpose we undertake with new resolve this year. Give us a glimpse of how our hands become your hands, blessed by the Spirit.

God, in your mercy,

#### All: Hear our prayer.

O God,

Jesus faced the suffering around him with compassion, reaching out to those in pain and grief with healing and hope. We remember before you those whose lives are wrapped in sorrow or despair, and those facing tragic death or critical illness...

(Names are read here.)

A silence is kept.

We remember those having to rebuild lives and communities after flooding, storms and fire, and all those burdened by pain or problems that seem to have no end...

A silence is kept.

Embrace each one with your comfort and courage, and show us what we can offer to make a difference.

God, in your mercy,

#### All: Here our prayer.

O God in whom we live and move and have our being, thank you for giving us the courage and commitment we need to follow Christ in good times and in hard times. Thank you for the strength we find together as part of your church and the gifts you give us in each other, gifts we can rely on as we plan for our ministry and mission in these ever-changing times. Help us trust in the promise of your love for us and energize us with your Spirit so that we can recognize the opportunities you give us to live out the grace and mercy we know in Christ Jesus.

All these prayers we ask in his name.

All: Amen.

#### Invitation and Peace (Please stand as you are able.)

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 349 All People That on Earth Do Dwell (tune: Old 100<sup>th</sup>)

## The Preparation of the Table

## Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: Living God, you have revealed your Son as the Messiah.
May we hear his word and follow it, and live as children of light.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
All: Amen.

#### **Eucharistic Prayer**

[Source: Eucharistic Prayer G - from Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England (2000) (including the Psalter as published with Common Worship)]

- 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: Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever. From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation. You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

(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: How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast.

> From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.

He broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, 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.

Christ is the bread of life:

## All: When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land. Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace. Bring us at the last with St. Luke and all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and 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: 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 70 Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts

(tune: Maryton)

## CP 53 Now the Silence

(tune: Now)

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

Priest: God of glory, you nourish us with bread from heaven. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that through us your light may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.

- 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: God bless your heart and mind, as you come to know the heart and mind of Christ. The Lord bless your work and your rest, as you remember Christ's work and rest for you. The Lord bless your hands and feet, as you become the hands and feet of Christ to others. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

#### <u>Closing Hymn:</u> <u>CP 460 Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining</u> (tune: Shine, Jesus, shine)

#### 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 Anglican-Lutheran-Moravian Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Rev. Dr. Eileen Scully, Director, and the staff of Faith, Worship, and Ministry (Anglican); for Bishop Carla Blakely, the people and rostered ministers of the Eastern Synod (Lutheran); and for The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and the ecumenical work and witness of our churches (Moravian).

#### THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS January 19<sup>th</sup> – January 26<sup>th</sup> (\*\*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. If you can help with the coffee set up in these first months of 2025, please let Barb Felsing know.

Mark Your Calendars – On Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup>.** If possible, please send your report by e-mail to <u>admin@stlukecedarhill.ca</u>.

\*\*Country Grocer Save A Tape Program Update – We have now collected another set of receipts, totalling \$5,000, and have received another \$50 gift card, bringing our total to date to \$700 in gift cards, which have been sold to parishioners. Well done, everyone! Please continue to collect your Country Grocer receipts and turn them in to Neil in the Church Office, put them in an envelope in the mail slot, or in the Country Grocer box in the narthex.

#### \*\*Karren Stinson Bursary for Lutherans and Anglicans based in Western Canada – Application Deadline:

March 31<sup>st</sup>. The Karren Stinson Bursary Fund celebrates the life of a parish worker at Lutheran Church of the Cross, the late Karren Louise Stinson. The purpose of this Bursary Fund is to give financial assistance to Lutherans and Anglicans based in Western Canada who are currently involved in postsecondary education leading to a vocation of service. The first Bursary was awarded in 1991. We invite applications for **this year's bursary of \$1000.** Persons who wish to be considered by the Bursary Committee must meet the following criteria:

- Be actively enrolled in full-time or part-time postsecondary studies.
- Be a Canadian citizen or have Permanent Resident Status in Canada.
- Have a permanent address in Western Canada (Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia, and the Yukon).
- Be an active member of a Lutheran or Anglican congregation.

To apply for the 2025 Karren Stinson Bursary, please visit the News page of St. Luke's website and follow the instructions given carefully. The Bursary is scheduled to be awarded in the late spring of 2025.

Thank you for your donations to the "Goats Project", towards buying goats for families in Kenya. Donations in the Christmas stocking and directed donations totalled \$700. We will send this to the PWRDF for their World of Gifts program. Our gift of \$700 will provide 7 Galla goats for families in need in Kenya.

**Chalking the Door** – As you leave today, **take a look above the church entrance door.** At the Fantastic Friday earlier this month, we "chalked the door" and asked God's blessing on the church building and all who enter this year. A piece of chalk and the information sheet with the blessing were handed out last week. If you didn't receive your take-home package with chalk and the information sheet the other Sunday, more are available at the back of the church.

The January 2025 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.

## "Speaking Anglican" - A New Feature

We'll add to this glossary of Anglican terms each week as space allows. (Adapted from: <u>https://bc.anglican.ca/being-</u> <u>anglican/people-of-islands-and-inlets/pages/terminology</u> and <u>https://bc.anglican.ca/being-anglican/overview/pages/diocesan-</u> <u>structure</u>)

**Canon** – (nope - not the deadly weapon kind but it does have two meanings)

- An article of church law. The canons and regulations of the Diocese outline the legal and procedural framework for the Diocese.
- An honourary title granted to a senior priest or an outstanding lay person.

**Churchwarden** (or just warden - nope, not the kind in a jail) Senior lay (not ordained) officers of a congregation. In some parishes, one warden is elected by the congregation and is called the People's Warden; the other is appointed by the incumbent and is often called the Rector's Warden. In other parishes, the members of the congregation elect both wardens.

**Diocese** – If you are new to the Anglican Church, you may be wondering about all this talk of 'the diocese' (pronounced "dieo-seas"). For some, "the diocese" may seem like an external entity, but a diocese is actually a geographical area under the jurisdiction of a bishop. 'The diocese' finds its expression in the local communities in which it serves, in the form of parishes and special ministries. In other words, we are one church not a confederation of individual parishes and ministries. As such, we are governed by a diocesan synod.

Unlike the United Church, a local Anglican church is not an independent congregation. Parishes in the Diocese of British Columbia are not corporations and therefore have no legal existence apart from the diocese. Parishes can be created, merged, and disestablished by the synod or the Diocesan Council. **Incumbent** – A cleric (ordained person) to whom the bishop has designated the care of a parish. Incumbents are appointed by the bishop on the recommendation of a parish selection committee.

Lay person (pl. Laity) – Members of the church who are not ordained bishop, priest or deacon.

**Parish** – Parishes (otherwise called churches) are caretakers commissioned with the sacred duty of stewarding the local expression of the Diocese, as long as it is able, with the knowledge that others will come after them to do the same or different ministry in that place on behalf of the whole church.

**Primate** – (Don't worry, everyone gets this wrong at first - it's pronounced more like primit than like the monkey). The current bishop of a national church.

**Rector** – A priest to whom the bishop has designated the care of a parish. Rector has the same meaning as incumbent (*I know, so why don't we just use one?*), but incumbent is the preferred term in a Canadian Anglican context.

**Vestments** – The distinctive clothing *(some call them funny dresses)* reserved for use in the liturgy, worn by the clergy and those serving at the altar. Variations in style and colour denote the office of the wearer and the church season or festival being celebrated.

**Vestry** – (ok, this one is really confusing)

- The room where clergy put on their vestments (see vestments above).
- The decision-making body of a congregation, elected from the lay (see lay above) members, also called the Parish Council.
- In some parts of Canada, such as here in BC, the annual meeting of parishioners is also called the Vestry Meeting.

More "Speaking Anglican" next week as space allows.

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We hope you will visit again!

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## **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY January 26th**, 2025

Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a Luke 4: 14-21

## FLOWERS

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God, in loving memory of dear husband Denis from Ann Séguin.

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