# Welcome to St. Luke Cedar Hill

Last Sunday after Epiphany (Transfiguration Sunday) March 2, 2025 – 10 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.

#### Art on the Front Page:

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Prelude (Please be seated.)

Welcome and Introduction (The Rev. Daniel Fournier)

Please stand as you are able.

#### Opening Hymn: CP 5 Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies (tune: Ratisbon)

- 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: Sisters and Brothers, on this Last Sunday after Epiphany in which the church recalls the event of the Transfiguration of our Lord we might imagine ourselves along side with Peter, James and John struck by the magnificence of what takes place.

> When Christ appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. As he is pure, all who have grasped this hope make themselves pure. So let us confess our sins that mar his image in us.

## Confession

All: Merciful God, In our sin we have

In our sin we have avoided your call. Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement; bind up our wounds and revive us; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# Absolution

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.

- Priest: The Lord be with you.
- All: And also with you.
- Priest: God of transfiguration, transform our hearts and minds so that we may hear your message, and fill the world with your glory; through Jesus Christ, the chosen one, who lives and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

#### All: Amen.

Please be seated.

# The Liturgy of the Word

# FIRST READING: EXODUS 34: 29-35

Reader: A reading from the Book of Exodus.

At the end of the reading:

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

#### PSALM 99 Response: The Lord our God is the Holy One.

The Lord is king; let the people tremble; he is enthroned upon the Cherubim; let the earth shake. The Lord is great in Zion; he is high above all peoples. Let them confess his name, which is great and awesome; he is the Holy One. *(Response)* 

"O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob." Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool; he is the Holy One. *(Response)*  Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his name, they called upon the Lord, and he answered them. He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them. *(Response)* 

"O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds." Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill; for the Lord our God is the Holy One. *(Response)* 

## SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 3: 12-4: 2

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 167 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here</u> (tune: Carlisle)

## THE GOSPEL: LUKE 9: 28-36 (37-43a)

Reader: The Lord be with you.

#### All: And also with you.

- Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
- 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: Jesus on the Mountain Peak (lyrics: B. Wren)

**The Apostle's Creed** (*Please stand as you are able.*) Leader: Let us confess the faith of our baptism as we say,

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### **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 Cycle of Prayer, we pray today for the Anglican Church of Burundi, The Most Revd Sixbert Macumi, Primate. Locally we pray for Anna, our Bishop, and for the Parish of Pender and Saturna Islands, and their Wardens and Council. We also pray for Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyndon, and for the Diocese of Caledonia and Bishop David Lehmann.

Revealing God,

you bless us with your presence and wisdom, and we marvel at the wonders of your love. You created a beautiful world that reveals your majesty. You sent your Son to show us how to live with compassion. Your Holy Spirit guides us on our way. Thank you for opening our eyes to your presence each day. Help us to recognize you not only in mountaintop experiences, but also in everyday tasks and in times of great challenge.

God, in your mercy.

#### All: Hear our prayers.

Loving God,

Much in this world needs the transformation only you can provide. Where there is violence, bring calm;

where there is poverty, send sustenance;

where there is confusion, bring wisdom; where there is chaos, create order; where minds and hearts are troubled, bring comfort; where pain is crippling, grant release. Move the hearts of the rich to share with those in need; and call the powerful to act with justice for those at risk. Give us all the will to work for the wellbeing of the earth and to live with respect for the fragile balances within your creation.

God, in your mercy.

## All: Hear our prayers.

Hear us now in this time of silence as we raise to you the names and situations on our hearts this day: *(add names here)* 

Hear the cries of all who suffer and bring each one hope of new life with you.

God, in your mercy.

## All: Hear our prayers.

Eternal God, we pray for your church around the world and for our congregation. Give your people the energy to shine wherever there is persecution, despair or discouragement. Bless each congregation with wisdom and vision, as we face the changes that we see around us. Renew our imagination and commitment to develop new forms of ministry and mission for the days ahead. Inspire us with greater delight in your mystery, and greater joy in seeking your presence. God, in your mercy.

# All: Hear our prayers.

We ask all these things through Christ Jesus, who revealed your will to us through your revolutionary love

#### 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 who 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 374 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (tune: Hyfrydol)

## The Preparation of the Table

#### Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: Holy God, receive all we offer you this day, and bring us to that radiant glory which we see in the transfigured face of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

#### **Eucharistic Prayer**

[Source: Eucharistic Prayer B - Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England (2000).]

- 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 and good, our duty and our joy. always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For on this day he revealed his glory before his chosen witnesses and filled with divine splendour the human flesh in which he is one with us. So he prepared his disciples to bear the scandal of the cross and showed that in the Church, his body, the same glory would be fulfilled that shone forth from him, its head. And so with joyful hearts we echo on earth the song of the angels in heaven as they praise your glory without end:

(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: Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

> Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 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.

Great is the mystery of faith: All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Priest: And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

> Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of St. Luke and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, 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 hymn during communion.

## Hymns during Communion:

CP 84 Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour (tune: St. Osmund)

<u>CP 376 Gloria, Gloria, in Excelsis Deo</u> (tune: Gloria)

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

Priest: Holy God,

we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. May we who are partakers of his table reflect his life in word and deed,

that all the world may know his power to change and save. We ask this in his name.

#### 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.)

Blessing (Please stand as you are able.)

Priest: Go now sure footed in faith with eyes wide open and waiting for God's glory to surprise you in unexpected ways.

> And the blessing of God Father, Son and Spirit Mystery, Sign and Hope be with you and those whose lives you touch now and always.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn: CP 381 Praise, My Soul

(tune: Praise, My Soul)

#### 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 Rt. Rev. John Organ, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Western Newfoundland (Anglican); for the dean, council, and congregations of the Georgian Bay and Huronia Areas of the Eastern Synod (Lutheran); for the people and ministries of New Dawn Moravian Church in Toronto.

#### March 2<sup>nd</sup> – March 9<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.

**Palm Crosses from Last Year** – A basket to collect your palm crosses from last year is **on the table at the back of the church**. The palm crosses from last year will be burned after the Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner (March 4<sup>th</sup>) to be used as ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> in the hall at St. Luke's – Doors will open at 5 pm. Grace will be at 5:30 pm. We have invited our friends at Church of the Cross to celebrate Shrove Tuesday with us this year. A sign up sheet is at the back of the church. Please sign the sheet to let us know you are planning to attend so that we know how many people to expect. Please bring your own plate and cutlery (the dishwashers thank you!), plus a topping to share. Everyone welcome!

Ash Wednesday Services – Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> – There will be a 10:30 am service at St. Luke's and a service at 7 pm at Church of the Cross. Please join us at either of the services as the two churches come together to mark the beginning of Lent. There will not be a Thursday morning service at St. Luke's on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

\*This Month's Fantastic Friday will be this Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 6:30 pm – Invite your friends, neighbours, children, and grandchildren to join in the fun and find out why these Fridays are fantastic! Dinner is included. For more information or to offer to help (always greatly appreciated!), please talk to Tara Poilievre, Barb Prescott, Sharon Hallsor, or Claire White.

\*Our Next Reflections, our Sunday service at dusk, will be next Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm and will feature cellist, Elena Antontceva, originally from Russia. After graduating from the Far East Academy of Arts in Vladivostok, she worked at the Symphony Orchestra as both musician and soloist of the Philharmonic for 25 years in her home city. She had a chance to work as a professor at the University of Art in Vladivostok, teaching young students how to play cello professionally. She participated in international festivals in China, Japan and Korea. She moved to Canada three years ago and continues to perform here. The readings, prayers, and music of this special Reflection Time will calm your spirit and soothe your soul. The next Reflections services in 2025 are on May 11<sup>th</sup> and June 8<sup>th</sup>. There won't be a Reflections service in April. The services in May and June will be at 7:00 pm.

\*Sacred Frontiers – A spiritual exploration/faith formation group for teens and their parents; adults considering baptism and/or confirmation; anyone who wants to be welcomed into St. Luke's from another denomination; anyone who would like to formally renew their baptismal commitment; anyone who has faith questions; anyone who wants to deepen their faith outside of Sunday morning. The group will meet weekly starting **next** Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> (the first Sunday in Lent) and will end on Pentecost Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, with a celebration of baptism and reaffirmation and welcome. The group will **meet in the church** from 1:00 to 2:30 pm. See more information at the News page of St. Luke's website.

\*Building a Mountain of Love for the Shelbourne Community Kitchen – The youth of St. Luke's are hosting a special fundraising event **during the month of February through to March 9**<sup>th</sup> in support of our local Shelbourne Community Kitchen. The youth want to build a mountain of nonperishable food in St. Luke's Church, by the font, and call this a "Mountain of Love". **Please bring your non-perishable donations of food to the church or the hall this Sunday or next Sunday.** Also please invite your friends and neighbours to contribute. Handouts to pass out to friends and neighbours are available on the table at the back of the church.

**Our Second Annual Attic Treasures Vintage Market on February 15<sup>th</sup> was a great success!** The event raised \$4,214 including \$1,150 from the rental of tables, \$1,624 from admission fees, and \$1,440 from St. Luke's table and the Silent Auction. Thanks to Carol Turnham for your leadership in this venture.

\*Fairway Market Community Shopping Cards – Thank you for using your Fairway Market Community Shopping Cards. In February, we received a payment of \$319.10, bringing our total to date to \$3,713.92, since we started taking part in this program in 2021. Please continue to use your reloadable Fairway Market Community Shopping Card so that St. Luke's can receive 5% from Fairway Market for every dollar loaded on the card. To join in this program, please pick up your reloadable card from St. Luke's Office. For more information, please contact St. Luke's Office, talk to Brenda Morgan, or visit the Fundraising page of St. Luke's website.

It's Spring in St. Luke's Cemetery and by this time of year, the Christmas arrangements still on the graves are looking out of place. If you placed an arrangement on a family grave before Christmas, could you please recover it before the beginning of March. The Cemetery Committee will remove any seasonal arrangements remaining on the graves in March.

Save the Dates for this Year's Amazing Journey Day Camp – July 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> in the mornings, 9 am to noon. 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 at St. Luke's. If you have children, grandchildren, or friends with children ages 4 through 11, please consider reserving this week for them to participate in the day camp. Children born January 1, 2014 to June 30, 2021 are eligible to be campers. We will also be looking for Middle School students to be Leaders in Training and High School students to be Small Group Leaders. Questions? Please talk to Tara Poilievre, Sharon Hallsor, or Barb Prescott.

**St. Luke's Is On Instagram –** Did you know that St. Luke's is now on Instagram? Thanks to Sahar Saeidbakhsh for setting up Instagram for us. You'll find the Instagram link in the top right corner of the home page of our website or at this link: <u>https://www.instagram.com/saint\_lukechurch/</u> Please follow St. Luke's on Instagram.

Karren Stinson Bursary for Lutherans and Anglicans based in Western Canada – Application Deadline: March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025 – 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 post-secondary education leading to a vocation of service. We invite applications for this year's bursary of \$1000. To apply for the 2025 Karren Stinson Bursary, please visit the News page of St. Luke's website and carefully follow the instructions given. The Bursary is scheduled to be awarded in the late spring of 2025.

# More "Speaking Anglican"

(From: https://bc.anglican.ca/being-anglican/overview/pages/ diocesan-structure)

**Diocesan Structure –** The diocese has two parallel structures which inter-relate. The two structures are: the Bishop and the parishes; and Synod and its committees.

Our diocese is officially named The Synod of the Diocese of British Columbia. It is often shortened to the Diocese of British Columbia, and recently the diocese applied for an official business name - The Diocese of the Islands and Inlets. You may come across any of these three names for the diocese.

The first structure is that of the bishop and the parishes. It's the original structure of a diocese—from Apostolic times to the 1840s, the bishop and the parishes (along with assorted archdeacons and rural deans) were all that made up a diocese.

The bishop has oversight of the parish and licenses clergy to the parish. The clergy have certain responsibilities within the parish, as do the wardens and parish council. To assist the bishop in their oversight, there are the offices of archdeacons and synod staff. The forty-five parishes in our diocese are organized into four regions.

The second structure is that of synod (pronounced "sinod"). Diocesan synods only made their appearance in the middle of the 19th century, so they are relatively recent church structures. Each parish or mission sends at least one delegate to Synod. All licensed clergy are members of Synod, as are a few officers of synod who are elected or appointed by the Bishop or by Synod itself. The Bishop is in a unique situation, being both part of Synod and apart from it, this resulting from the historical fact that in the 19th century the bishops were usually responsible for the creation of the synods.

If Synod is a creation of the Bishop, then diocesan council is a creation of Synod, as are the various committees that report to diocesan council, which acts as the "synod between synods". In other words, between synods, diocesan council makes decisions about the operation of the diocese.

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We hope you will visit again!

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## **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY March 9th, 2025**

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16 Romans 10: 8b-13 Luke 4: 1-13

## **FLOWERS**

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

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