

Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 12, 2020



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Organ Prelude: Prelude on *Rhosemydre*
by Ralph Vaughan-Williams

Welcome, Absolution and Confession
(The Rev. Daniel Fournier)

Priest: Welcome in the name of Christ.
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: Loving God, we have come to worship you.
Help us to pray to you in faith,
to sing your praise with gratitude,
and to listen to your word with eagerness;
through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Invitation to Confession

Priest: We could offer seeds of hope, but don't.
We could help a friend
with a difficult problem, but won't.
We could smooth the way for someone
stumbling through life, but can't.
Let us confess to our God, as we pray together,
saying,

Prayer Of Confession

**All: We know the seeds we have sown,
Harvesting God:
anger which springs from our flinty hearts;
bitterness which flows like a rushing river
into another's heart;
hurtful words which wrap their thorny briars
around a friend's kindness;
passion which poisons
an innocent relationship.**

**Forgive us, Loving God, and have mercy.
Your grace can turn our fallow hearts
into rich fields of love.
Your hope can smooth the rocks in our way,
so we can go to be reconciled to another.
Your love for us in Jesus Christ,
our Lord and Saviour,
can untangle the thorny mess
we have made of our lives.
Bless us with these gifts, we pray.
Amen.**

Absolution:

Priest: Now there is no condemnation!
God answers all our hurts, our wrongs,
our sins with salvation.
We are embraced in your love
and forgiven by your grace.
Thanks be to God!

All: Amen.

Hymn of Praise: CP 381 Praise, My Soul
(v. 1, 4-5; *tune: Praise my Soul*)

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise the everlasting King.**

**Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on:
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise the high eternal one.**

**Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face;
sun and moon bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise with us the God of grace.**

Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: God of the earth,
all creation awaits your gift of new life.
Prepare our hearts to receive your Word
so that it may grow within us
and yield a hundredfold harvest;
through Jesus Christ, the Sower
who, with you and the Holy Spirit,
lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever,
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55: 10-13

Reader: Daniel Fournier

Reader: A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The reading can be found here:

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=1498>

(Note – Scroll down to reading)

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 65: (1-8) 9:13

**To bless the earth God send us
from heaven's abundant store
the waters of the springtime,
enriching it once more.**

**The seed by God provided
is sown o'er hill and plain,
and then come gentle showers
to bless the springing grain.**

**God crowns the year with goodness;
the earth God's mercy fills;
the wilderness is fruitful,
and joyful are the hills.**

**With grain the fields are covered;
the flocks in pastures graze;
all nature joins in singing
a joyful song of praise.**

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

Reader: Joan Scandrett

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: A reading from the Holy Gospel
according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The gospel can be found here:

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(Note – Scroll down to reading)

At the end of the gospel:

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection: The Rev. Daniel Fournier

Hymn: CP 478 Almighty God, Thy Word is Cast
(v. 1, 2, 4, *tune: Albano*)

**Almighty God, thy word is cast
like seed into the ground:
now let the dew of heaven descend
and righteous fruits abound.**

**Let not the foe of righteousness
this holy seed remove:
but give it root in every heart,
to bring forth fruits of love.**

**Oft as the precious seed is sown,
thy quickening grace bestow,
that all whose souls the truth receive
its saving power may know.**

A Statement of Faith from the Iona Community

Priest: Let us share in this statement of Faith
from the Iona Community:

**All: We believe that God is present
in the darkness before dawn;
in the waiting and uncertainty
where fear and courage join hands,
conflict and caring link arms,
and the sun rises over barbed wire.
We believe in a with-us God
who sits down in our midst
to share our humanity.
We affirm a faith
that takes us beyond a safe place:
into action, into vulnerability
and onto the streets.
We commit ourselves to work for change
and put ourselves on the line;
to bear responsibility, take risks,
live powerfully and face humiliation;**

**to stand with those on the edge;
to choose life and be used by the Spirit
for God's new community of hope.**

The Prayers:

Now we offer to God our prayers for the church
and for the world, for one another and ourselves.

Tender and loving God,
you formed the earth to be a place of joy
and abundance for all your creatures.
For food in all its variety that we enjoy here on this island,
For the people who grow it, and those who harvest it,
we give you thanks.
We ask your blessing on this growing season,
and that through our just sharing of resources,
the needs of all may be met.

We pray for areas of our world
where there is drought or floods,
and for those places where corruption and greed
cause people to be without food security.

God of abundant life

Hear our prayer.

God of all the nations,
You gather people together in communities
to care for each other
and enjoy each other's company and creativity.
Yet the pandemic has revealed
there are so many vulnerable people,
so many places where resources are not shared fairly.
Where there is division,
bring unity and peace with justice;
Where people are distracted,
give wisdom to see what is important;
Where people are tired and anxious,
bring strength and courage.

God of abundant life

Hear our prayer.

God of compassion,
You call us to be communities held together
by concern and love for our neighbours.
By your Spirit, working among us,
may those who are discouraged or in distress find hope;
where people are lonely or isolated,
help us to fashion community;
where people are careless and unconcerned
for the well-being of their neighbours,
help them to look beyond their own needs.
In all that we do, may your compassion touch lives
with love, peace, and good-will.

God of abundant life

Hear our prayer.

God of new life,
we pray for our church
and for the many expressions
of communities who seek you in new realities.
Give wisdom, discernment and vision
to the leaders of St. Luke's,
as they plan for the church building to re-open.
May they find new hope and new joy
as they work towards this time.

God of abundant life

Hear our prayer.

Healing God,
we remember those who are facing illness this day;
those who are mourning the loss of loved ones;
those who are waiting for surgery or treatment;
those who have asked us to pray for them...
Surround them and those who love them with your peace.
And now in a time of silence,
we open to you our own hearts,
and the people and situations that we hold there...

And we thank you that you hear our prayers
and care for our concerns.

God of abundant life

Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Priest: In the words that 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 forever.
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.**

The Blessing

Priest: The love of the Lord Jesus
draw you to himself;
the power of the Lord Jesus
strengthen you in his service;

the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn: CP 565 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

(v. 1-3; *tune: Cwm Rhondda*)

**Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou are mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Caanan's side:
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.**

Dismissal

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Organ Postlude: Praeludium et Fuga tertii toni
by F.X. Murschhauser

St. Luke's relies on donations to keep offering these services while our doors are closed. You can make a gift by:

- Cheque (mail, drop off at the hall, or have it picked up)
- Credit Card (Canada Helps)
- Electronic Collection Plate (automatic debit)

Please visit the DONATE page at St. Luke's website for more information. Thank you for your donations.

Thank you to the Worship Team Members for this Sunday Service: Presider and Intercessions: Rev. Daniel Fournier and Joan Scandrett; Readers: Joan Scandrett and Daniel Fournier; Musicians: Daniel Fournier, Sharon McMillan, Susanne Reul-Zastre, Matthew Robertson, Maria Ross, and Joan Scandrett; Directing Service Framework, Planning Visual and Audio Elements of the Service: Daniel Fournier and Joan Scandrett; Online Video Production and Posting at Facebook: Daniel Fournier; Service Outline: Susanne Reul-Zastre, Daniel Fournier, Sharon McMillan, and Barb Prescott; Posting at the Website: Barb Prescott; Hymn Text Slides: Sharon McMillan; Member-at-Large: Maria Ross.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS – July 13 – July 18
(New Items, *Revised Items)**

****Our annual Amazing Journey Day Camp was held online this year and was enjoyed by all who attended and helped.** Thanks to our campers, volunteers, clergy, and staff for making this journey amazing again this year! Visit the **News page of St. Luke's website** to view the end of camp video.

St. Luke's Garden Tour Pictures for Next Prescription – So many people have been working in their gardens this year. We are planning to have "Garden Tour" in the next Prescription showing pictures of your gardens. Please send your Garden

Tour pictures to prescription@stlukecedarhill.ca Questions?
Please talk to Sharon McMillan or Barb Prescott.

The Deadline for the Summer Issue of St. Luke's Prescription will be FRIDAY, August 7th – Please drop your submissions into St. Luke's mailbox, send them by e-mail to St. Luke's Office (admin@stlukecedarhill.ca), or to Sharon McMillan (prescription@stlukecedarhill.ca). We'd love to receive your stories, poems, and photos. We'd like to hear how you were affected by the pandemic. Did it change what you usually do? A lot, not much? In what ways?

****Cleanup in St. Luke's Cemetery – Saturday, July 25th**, from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. Please drop in any time that morning. The buildings are closed so please bring your own drinking water, gloves, and tools. Jobs to be done include picking up sticks on the graves, weeding, and pulling out the speargrass which is mixed in with the California poppies. Come to spend some time outside physically distancing and help clean up the cemetery. Hope to see you then.

The Design for our 160th Anniversary T-Shirts has been chosen. Thank you to all those who submitted their wonderful creations! Please visit the **News page of St. Luke's website** for details.

Thrifty Foods Smile Cards – Thank you to everyone who has been using their Smile Cards. **This year's Thrifty's Smile Card Fundraiser Program has now started.** This year the money will go towards repairing some of our rock walls.

***St. Luke's Spring Fair Fund** – Thank you for continuing to make your regular donations and for your extra donations to the Spring Fair Fund. **As of July 5th including the donations from the Plant Sale, we have received \$4,231.35 towards the Spring Fair Fund (60% of our way to raising \$7,000).** Let's see if we can make up the \$7,000 of income we are missing because we weren't able to hold our Spring Fair this year. If you are making a donation to the Spring Fair Fund,

please note this on your envelope or your cheque, or choose Spring Fair Fund when you make a donation online through Canada Helps.

Thank You for your Support for the Ongoing Ministry of St. Luke's Church by writing a cheque, making a donation online through Canada Helps, and by signing up for ECP. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Please refer to the **DONATE page** at the website for more information.

Your donations by cheque can be sent in the mail, dropped off at the parish office, or picked up from your home. To mail a donation to St. Luke's, please send it to: St. Luke's Church, 3821 Cedar Hill Cross Rd., Victoria, BC V8P 2M6. **If you would like your donation picked up, please call St. Luke's Office (250-477-6741)** to arrange for someone to pick up your donation.

Changes at St. Luke's Office – Due to COVID-19, and the subsequent closure of our church buildings, Parish Council made the difficult decision to temporarily lay off our parish administrator in the middle of May. Bonnie will continue to receive her employment benefits during this time, and return to work as soon as it is feasible. In her absence, Daniel will be responding to messages left in the office. We hope that Bonnie is able to enjoy her time off from work, and we look forward to having her return in the near future.

While the office is closed, please leave a message on the office phone (250-477-6741) or e-mail (admin@stlukecedarhill.ca) or Daniel's e-mail (incumbent@stlukecedarhill.ca). Phone messages and e-mails will be checked and responded to regularly.

Please join us every Sunday on your electronic device (computer, phone, iPad, etc.) to watch our weekly liturgical service. The service will be posted at the St Luke's website (www.stlukesvictoria.ca) and Facebook page (www).

facebook.com/StLukeCedarHill). You don't have to be a Facebook member to access this link.

Cancelled: The 160th Anniversary Fundraising Concert that was planned for September has been cancelled. We hope to celebrate 161 years in 2021!

IN THE WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN PRAYER CYCLE, we pray for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea - The Most Revd Allan Migi - Archbishop of Papua New Guinea. In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray for the Very Rev. Ansley Tucker, the Diocesan Administrator; and for the Congregation of St. John Gualbert, Port McNeill. We pray for Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyle and Pastor Lyndon. We also pray for the Diocese of Caledonia - Bishop David Lehmann.

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We hope you will visit again!

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Program Director: Leslie Flynn contact the office

Wardens: Sharon Hallsor
 Sharon McMillan

WEEKLY LITURGICAL SERVICE:

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READINGS FOR SUNDAY July 19, 2020

Wisdom of Solomon 12: 13, 16-19

Psalm 86: 11-17

Romans 8: 12-25

Matthew 13: 24-30, 36, 43
