

Welcome to  
**St. Luke Cedar Hill**  
The Second Sunday of Advent  
December 6, 2020  
Morning Prayer



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Organ Prelude

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*Welcome: (The Rev. Daniel Fournier)*

Priest: Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

**Opening Hymn: On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry  
(CP 103)**

*Invitation to Confession*

Priest: Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy.

And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul.

Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace.

**All: Almighty and most merciful Father, We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And**

**there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

*The Absolution, or Remission of Sins*

Priest: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live, hath given power and commandment to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins.

He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.

Wherefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

*The Invitatory:*

Priest: O Lord, open thou our lips;

**All: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Priest: O God, make speed to save us;

**All: O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Priest: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

**All: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Priest: Praise ye the Lord;

**All: The Lord's Name be praised.**

*The Venite: Led by Choir*

O COME, let us sing unto the LORD:

**/ let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.**

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving,

**/ and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.**

For the LORD is a great God,

**/ and a great King above all gods.**

In his hand are all the corners of the earth:

**/ and the strength of the hills is his also.**

The sea is his, and he made it:

**/ and his hands prepared the dry land.**

O COME, let us worship, and fall down,

**/ and kneel before the LORD our Maker.**

For he is the Lord our God;

**/ and we are the people of his pasture,**

**and the sheep of his hand.**

TODAY, O that ye would hear his voice:

**/ 'Harden not your hearts as in the Provocation,  
and as in the day of Temptation in the wilderness;**

When your fathers tempted me,

**/ proved me, and saw my works.**

Forty years long was I grieved with that generation, and said,

**/ "It is a people that do err in their hearts,  
for they have not known my ways";**

Unto whom I swear in my wrath,

**/ that they should not enter into my rest.'**

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son,

**/ and to the Holy Ghost;**

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

**/ world without end. Amen.**

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 40: 1-11

Reader: *Sean Tiernay*

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

Click here for the reading:

[https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=49#hebrew\\_reading](https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=49#hebrew_reading)

*At the end of the reading:*

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 85: 1-2, 8-13**

Response: **“Show us your mercy, O Lord.”**

Lord, you were gracious to your land;  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.  
You forgave the offence of your people  
and covered all their sins. *(Response)*

I will listen to what the Lord God will say,  
for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful,  
that they turn not again to folly.  
Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land. *(Response)*

Mercy and truth are met together,  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other;  
Truth shall spring up from the earth  
and righteousness look down from heaven. *(Response)*

The Lord will indeed give all that is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.  
Righteousness shall go before him  
and direct his steps in the way. *(Response)*

**THE GOSPEL:** Mark 1: 1-8

Reader: *Sean Tiernay*

Reader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Reader: The gospel of Christ according to Mark.

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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*At the end of the gospel:*

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*The Benedictus: Led by Choir:*

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel;

/ for he hath visited and redeemed his people;

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us,

/ in the house of his servant David;

As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets,

/ which have been since the world began;

That we should be saved from our enemies,

/ and from the hands of all that hate us;

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers,

/ and to remember his holy covenant;

To perform the oath

    which he swore to our forefather Abraham,

/ that he would grant us

That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies

/ might serve him without fear,

In holiness and righteousness before him,

/ all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest:

/ for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord

to prepare his ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people  
/ for the remission of their sins;  
Through the tender mercy of our God;  
/ whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;  
To give light to them that sit in darkness,  
and in the shadow of death,  
/ and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son,  
/ and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
/ world without end. Amen.

### **Hymn: There's a Voice in the Wilderness (CP 106)**

Reflection: The Rev. Daniel Fournier

Priest: Let us confess our faith as we sing:

**All: I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth:  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
Born of the Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, dead, and buried:  
He descended into hell;  
The third day he rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
And sitteth on the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty;  
From thence he shall come to judge  
the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
The holy Catholic Church;  
The Communion of Saints;  
The Forgiveness of sins;  
The Resurrection of the body,  
And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

Priest: The Lord be with you;

**All: And with thy spirit.**

Priest: Let us pray.

Priest: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**All: Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Priest: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**All: Our Father who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive them that trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
Amen.**

Priest: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

**All: And grant us thy salvation.**

Priest: O Lord, save the Queen;

**All: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Priest: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

**All: And make thy chosen people joyful.**

Priest: O Lord, save thy people;

**All: And bless thine inheritance.**

Priest: Give peace in our time, O Lord;

**All: And evermore mightily defend us.**

Priest: O God, make clean our hearts within us;

**All: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

God of hope, you call us from the exile of our sin with the good news of restoration; you build a highway through the wilderness; you come to us and bring us home. Comfort us with the expectation of your saving power, made known to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is

perfect freedom: Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O Lord our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our Diocesan Administrator Ansley, our Bishop-Elect Anna, and Clergy, and all congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

*Advent Intercessions:*

God of Wisdom and Patience, in this season of Advent, we wait for your gifts of hope and peace to claim the world once more. We wait on you in prayer, knowing you hear us even before we speak. Prepare our hearts and minds to welcome the coming of your Son once again, and prepare our courage and conviction to follow the way of the Lord.

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Thank you for leading us on the Way, especially in these difficult days when the pandemic still threatens, and people are so divided. We are grateful that we can rely on your strength and comfort when so much around us has become uncertain. Comfort those who are troubled in mind or spirit as the days grow shorter. Strengthen the bodies and spirits of those who

are tired or suffering. Embrace those who are living with loss, and protect children and young people for whom the future seems confusing and unimaginable.

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

God who makes all things new, turn our lives upside down and shake out the unnecessary distractions of this season. Focus us on what is truly important and who truly matters to us. Turn our lives upside right so that our priorities and purposes match those we have learned from Jesus. Shape and reshape us until we conform to his way of living and his likeness.

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Turn us upside down, O God, so that we value what is hidden and small more than what is showy and grand. Open our eyes to the needs of the most vulnerable in our community and help us speak out with them and for them, even if we must challenge those who usually get their way. Turn us right side up, O God, so that we can see we have more than enough resources to share with those who have much less than they need day by day.

Hear us now as we name places, people, and situations that need your care: *(A silence is kept for 20 seconds)*

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer**

God, you are Alpha and Omega, our beginning and our end. Strengthen us with your Spirit to build your kingdom, here and now, now and always.

**Amen**

*A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom.*

Priest: Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three

are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

**All: Amen.**

*Benediction:*

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.

**All: Amen.**

*Dismissal*

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

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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Organ Postlude

**Thank you to the Worship Team Members for this Sunday Service:** Presider: Daniel Fournier; Intercessions: Joan Scandrett; Reader: Sean Tiernay; Musician: Susanne Reul-Zastre; Choir: Olivia Craster, Sharon McMillan, Joan Scandrett, and Daniel Fournier; Videographers: Sharon McMillan and Joan Scandrett; Service Planning, Service Outline, Online Video Production, and Posting at Facebook: Daniel Fournier; Proofreading and Posting at the Website: Barb Prescott; Beginning and Ending Slides: Sharon McMillan.

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**THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS – December 7 – December 13**  
**(\*\*New Items, \*Revised Items)**

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**\*This Sunday's service will be posted online.** Please join us on your electronic device (computer, phone, iPad, etc.) to watch the service. The service will be posted at the St. Luke's website ([www.stlukesvictoria.ca](http://www.stlukesvictoria.ca)) and Facebook page

([www.facebook.com/StLukeCedarHill](http://www.facebook.com/StLukeCedarHill)) on Sunday morning. You don't have to be a Facebook member to access this link.

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**If you prefer not to donate online, while we are not able to meet in the church at this time**, your donation 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.

**\*Coffee Time via Zoom will happen on Sunday mornings while the church is closed for in-person services** – Join us on **Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am for Coffee Time** in your home via Zoom. If you have questions, please e-mail Barb Prescott ([communications@stlukecedarhill.ca](mailto:communications@stlukecedarhill.ca)). Hope to see you there.

**Shine a Light on Youth Homelessness** –Threshold Housing hopes to spread awareness of the work they do and raise funds to continue being able to provide safe housing, support services, and community to at-risk youth. To raise funds to support their program, Threshold Housing has partnered with Silk Road Tea to create '12 Days of Tea' gift boxes. These gift boxes make the perfect gift during the holiday season and all proceeds go to Threshold Housing Society. See further information at **the News page of St. Luke's website**.

**\*The December issue of Diocesan Post** is available to read online at the link sent by e-mail or **from the News page of St. Luke's website**. You should also have received a paper copy in the mail.

**Thrifty Foods Smile Cards** – Thank you to everyone who has been using their Smile Cards. **We have now received a payment of \$172.50, bringing our total to date to \$802.75, which is almost 30% of the way to our project goal of \$2,800.00.** This year the money will go towards repairing some of our rock walls. If you don't yet have a Smile Card, please call the office and we will arrange to get one to you.

**Vivo Knife Stamps for the Shelbourne Community Kitchen** – When you shop at Thrifty Foods, collect the Vivo Kitchen Knife stamps at the checkout. Put your stamps into an envelope and drop it into the church mailbox at the hall. We will redeem the stamps for Vivo Kitchen knives to donate to the Shelbourne Community Kitchen. Questions? Please talk to Barb Prescott or call St. Luke's Office (250-477-6741).

**Calendars Available** – We have an extra copy of each of the calendars ordered this fall. The Canadian Church calendar is \$6.00 while the Anglican Church calendar is \$8.00. Please contact the parish office if you would like to purchase one.

**Order Your Anniversary T-Shirt Now** – Heather Simpson is taking orders for our anniversary t-shirts with the wonderful, colourful design chosen through the T-Shirt Design Contest earlier this year. T-shirts are available in sizes S-3XL at a cost of \$20 each. To order a t-shirt, please call (250-477-6741) or e-mail ([admin@stlukecedarhill.ca](mailto:admin@stlukecedarhill.ca)) St. Luke's Office and Bonnie will pass your message on to Heather. See the design and more information at **the News page of St. Luke's website.**

**An Update from Our Place** – Winter has arrived! Donations of sleeping bags and blankets and warm coats and boots, toques and socks, especially men's items, are greatly needed. With fewer shelter spaces available because of COVID space restrictions, the number of people forced to shelter outside has increased dramatically this year. Donations may be dropped off at 919 Pandora in Victoria from 6:30 am - 9:00 pm, seven days a week. Visit the Our Place website ([www.ourplace](http://www.ourplace))

[society.com](http://society.com)) or the News page of St. Luke's website for more information.

**IN THE WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN PRAYER CYCLE, we pray for** The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury) and The Rt. Revd. Carlos López-Lozano, Bishop of Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church. **In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray for** the Very Rev. Ansley Tucker, the Diocesan Administrator; the Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee, our Bishop-Elect; and for the Parish of St. Mary, Nanoose Bay, and their priest, Selinde Krayenhoff. **We also pray for** Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyle and Pastor Lyndon; and for Diocese of the Territory of the People and Bishop Lincoln McKoen.

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We hope you will visit again!

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### READINGS FOR SUNDAY December 13, 2020

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11

Psalm 126

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

John 1: 6-8, 19-28

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