

Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill
The Fifth Sunday of Easter,
May 2, 2021 10:00 am



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Welcome and Introduction (The Rev. Daniel Fournier)

Priest: Today's Gospel challenges the depth
of our relationship to Christ,
who calls himself the vine and us, the branches.
The immediacy of this relationship was palpable
among the early Christians.
But what is it for us?
We've been invited into something far deeper
and more intimate than our relationship
to our own family or someone we love.
How comfortable are we with this invitation?

Opening Hymn: WOV 726 Oh, Sing to God Above

(tune: Rosas)

**Oh, sing to God above
a hymn of joyful greeting,
a song of grateful love
in the new day's light repeating:
You made the sea and sky,
the sun and stars in splendour;
delight shone in your eye –
all your works were filled with wonder.**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Oh, sing to God above: Alleluia!

**Oh, sing to God above
a hymn of praise and blessing,
a song of grateful love,
hope and faith our hearts expressing:
creation lifts its voice
to tell your might and glory,
and we, too, will rejoice
to proclaim the saving story.**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Oh, sing to God above: Alleluia!

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Priest: May his grace and peace be with you.

All: May he fill our hearts with joy.

A Kyrie Confession

Priest: Lord Jesus, you call us to be branches on the vine that is you: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Christ Jesus, you call us to remain in this deep relationship: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Priest: Lord Jesus, you have promised that we will bear much fruit: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

**All sing: Glory be to God in heaven,
peace, goodwill to all the earth,
mighty God of all creation,
Father of surpassing worth.
We exalt you, we adore you,
we lift high our thanks and praise,
saints and angels bow before you,
here on earth our songs we raise.**

**Glory be to Christ forever,
Lamb of God and Lord of love,
Son of God and gracious Saviour,
you have come from heaven above.**

**On the cross you died to save us,
now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer, restore, forgive us,
in your promise firm we stand.**

**Holy One we now acclaim you,
Lord alone to you we call,
Holy One in faith we name you,
God most high, yet near to all.
Jesus Christ with God the Spirit,
in the Father's splendour bright,
for the peace that we inherit
glory be to God on high!**

The Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: O God, you give us the Son as the vine,
apart from whom we cannot live.
Nourish our life in his resurrection,
so that we bear the fruit of love
and know the fullness of your joy;
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: 1 John 4: 7-21

Reader: *Harry Felsing*

Reader: A reading from the First Letter of John.

The reading can be found here:

<https://lectionary.anglican.ca/nrsv/?date=2021-05-02>

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 36: 5-12

(Substituted as a response to the selected first reading.)

Response: “With you, O God, is the well of life, Alleluia.”

*Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens
and your faithfulness to the clouds.*

*Your righteousness stands like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep;
you, Lord, shall save both man and beast. (Response)*

How precious is your loving mercy, O God!

*All mortal flesh shall take refuge
under the shadow of your wings.*

*They shall be satisfied with the abundance of your house;
they shall drink from the river of your delights. (Response)*

For with you is the well of life

and in your light shall we see light.

*O continue your loving-kindness to those who know you
and your righteousness to those who are true of heart.
(Response)*

*Let not the foot of pride come against me,
nor the hand of the ungodly thrust me away.*

There are they fallen, all who work wickedness.

They are cast down and shall not be able to stand. (Response)

THE GOSPEL: John 15: 1-8

Reader: *Harry Felsing*

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The gospel can be found here:

<https://lectionary.anglican.ca/nrsv/?date=2021-05-02>

At the end of the gospel:

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection: The Rev. Daniel Fournier

An Affirmation of Faith

Priest: 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: *Led by Harry Felsing*
In response to the words, "Loving God",
the community prays, "Hear our prayer".

Lord Jesus Christ,
we draw near to you in prayer this day,
trusting that your love changes lives
and your resurrection brings hope

into the world God loves.
You have drawn near to us
and walk with us through every challenge.
We are so grateful for signs of hope
even in the midst of the pandemic,
for vaccine distribution and recovery plans,
for generosity and creativity offered
in so many surprising corners.
As we lay before you
the concerns on our hearts today,
draw near to those we name,
and bring the gift that is needed.

We lay before you, Lord,
those who are in the news headlines this week
and situations in the world where justice
and renewal are badly needed:

Loving God,

All: Hear our prayer.

We lay before you, Lord,
those who are in hospital or care
and all those who struggle with illness, pain
or health burdens of any sort:

Loving God,

All: Hear our prayer.

We lay before you, Lord, families under stress,
relationships that are strained,
and friends and neighbours
in need of reconciliation:

Loving God,

All: Hear our prayer.

We lay before you, Lord,
people seeking food, homes
or jobs in these hard times,
and those worried about economic recovery
from the pandemic:

Loving God,
All: Hear our prayer.

We lay before you, Lord,
those who face discrimination daily,
and who lack respect and opportunity
because of their identity,
or fear violence in their daily lives:
Loving God,

All: Hear our prayer.

God of Love,
we lay before you those we know,
relatives or friends who are facing difficult times.
In a time of silence we name them now.

(A time of silence is held...)

Loving God,
All: Hear our prayer.

Receive these prayers, O God,
and transform us through them,
that we may have eyes to see
and hearts to understand
not only what you do on our behalf,
but what you call us to do
so that your realm will come to fruition in glory.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Priest: Now we pray in the words
that our Saviour taught us:

**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.
And forgive us our sin
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: Go now, and love one another,
because love is from God.
Proclaim God's salvation to every generation.
Remain in Jesus Christ,
and like branches of a vine,
draw your life from him.

And may God the vine grower
tend you and make you fruitful;
May Christ Jesus abide in you and give you life;
And may the Holy Spirit cast out all fear
and fill you with God's love.

***All:* Amen.**

Closing Hymn: MS 112 Glory and Praise to Our God

Refrain:

**Glory and praise to our God,
who alone give light to our days.
Many are the blessings he bears
to those who trust in his ways.**

**We, the daughters and sons of Him
who built the valleys and plains,
praise the wonders our God has done
in every heart that sings. *Refrain***

**In His wisdom He strengthens us
like gold that's tested in fire.
Though the power of sin prevails,
our God is there to save. *Refrain***

**Every moment of every day
our God is waiting to save,
always ready to seek the lost,
and answer those who pray. *Refrain***

**God has watered our barren land,
and sent His merciful rain.
now the rivers of life run full
for anyone to drink. *Refrain***

Dismissal

Priest: Go in the the peace of Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude

Thank you to all who helped with this service: Presider: Rev. Daniel Fournier; Reader and Intercessions: Harry Felsing; Musicians: Olivia Craster, Daniel Fournier, Sharon McMillan, Susanne Reul-Zastre, Matthew Robertson, and Maria Ross; Videographer: Sharon McMillan; Service Planning and Service Outline: Daniel Fournier; Proofreading, Posting Bulletin and Livestream Link at the Website: Barb Prescott; Posting the Link at Facebook: Sharon McMillan; Printing Readings and Bulletins: Bonnie Watkins.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS – May 2nd – May 9th
(New Items, *Revised Items)**

***The service today (May 2nd) and the Sundays going forward will be livestreamed from the church** – Join the livestream link (www.stlukesvictoria.ca/live) to listen to the prelude starting at 10:00 am. The services will also be recorded to watch later.

Coffee Time via Zoom will start at 11:15 am after the livestreamed service. Watch for the link, which will be sent out by e-mail and join us in your home via Zoom. Hope to see you there.

***Save the Dates for the Amazing Journey Day Camp 2021**
We are planning a small group outdoor day camp this year so please save the dates: August 9 - 13. The registration form will be posted May 1st.

****The May issue of the Diocesan Post is now available online at the News page of St. Luke's website.** Print copies can be picked up from the parish office. Or please call the office (250-477-6741) to ask to have a copy delivered.

****Heads Up re a Cemetery Cleanup Morning – May 15th** from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. Please drop by 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.

Thrifty Foods Smile Card Program Extended to June 15th
St. Luke's has been fortunate for a number of years to receive funding for a Thrifty Foods Smile Card project. This year our project is the repair of the rock walls on the grounds. Usually each year's Smile Card Program finishes at the end of April. **This year's program has been extended to June 15th.** We have now received a payment for April in the amount of

\$150.67. So to date we have received \$1,708.91, which is 61% of our fundraising goal of \$2,800. Please continue to "load up" your Smile Card over the next six weeks, so that we can reach our fundraising goal before the program ends. For more information about using your Smile Card, visit the **Thrifty Foods Smile Card Fundraising page** at St. Luke's website.

2021 Plant Stand Fundraiser for the Shelbourne Community Kitchen – An informal Plant Stand is set up at the end of the driveway at 3597 Thistle St. **through to July 1st.** Visit the plant stand to buy some plants for this year or to drop off some extras. Questions? Please talk to Barb Prescott. See more information at the **Events page of St. Luke's website.**

Mark Your Calendars and Start Your Seeds for a Plant Sale, May 29th in the parking lot like our sale last year. The time will be 11 am – 2 pm with plants dropped off in the morning prior to 11 am. So think about perennials you can divide and pot or plant some seeds for plants to sell. See information at the **News page of St. Luke's website.**

Country Grocer Save A Tape Program – Please collect your Country Grocer receipts and turn them in to Bonnie at the Church Office, or mail them to the Church Office (or put in an envelope in the mail slot). Heather Simpson or Bonnie will tally the receipts into groups of \$1000. Once we have \$5000, Heather will take the receipts to Royal Oak Country Grocer and they will give us a Country Grocer Gift Card, 1% of \$5000=\$50. The money raised will be used towards an AED (automated external defibrillator) for the Church. We presently have an AED in the hall by the Church Office. See more information at the **News page of St. Luke's website.**

St. Luke's Anniversary T-shirts are now available to purchase at the church office. The t-shirts, with the wonderful, colourful design chosen through the T-Shirt Design Contest, are available in sizes S-3XL at a cost of \$20 each. As well as celebrating St. Luke's Anniversary, these t-shirts are a

fundraiser for St. Luke's. See more information at the **News page of St. Luke's website.**

Mark the Date for Synod 2021 – This session of Synod will be livestreamed via Zoom on Saturday, May 29th from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Our Synod Reps, Sharon Hallsor and Sharon McMillan, will be attending on behalf of St. Luke's. The proceedings will be available for all to watch at the Diocesan website.

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.

IN THE WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN PRAYER CYCLE, we pray for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East, The Most Rev. Michael Augustine Owen Lewis, Primate. **In the Canadian ACC/ELCIC Cycle of Prayer, we pray for** The Most Rev. Anne Germond, Bishop, and The Most Rev. Fred Hiltz, Assisting Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Missionary Area of Moosonee (ACC), and the dean, council, and congregations of the Winnipeg South Area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod (ELCIC). **In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray for** Anna, our Bishop, and for the parishes of St. Columba, Port Hardy, and St. John, Port Alice, and their priest Elaine Julian. **We also pray for** Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyle and Pastor Lyndon, and for the Diocese of Kootenay and Bishop Lynne McNaughton.



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We hope you will visit again!

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY May 9, 2021

Acts 10: 44-48

Psalm 98

1 John 5: 1-6

John 15: 9-17

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