Welcome to St. Luke Cedar Hill

Second Sunday in Lent March 5, 2023 - 10:00 am Holy Eucharist



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We acknowledge that we gather with respect on the traditional territories of the Esquimalt, Songhees and WSÁNEĆ people, the traditional custodians of these lands.

We are grateful for their hospitality.

Prelude (please be seated)

Welcome and Introduction (The Rev. Daniel Fournier)

Please stand as you are able.

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.

Opening Hymn: CP 347 The God of Abraham Praise

(tune: Leoni)

Invitation to Confession:

Priest: The act of confessing our sin

is not simply a recitation of our faults and wrongs, but also an opportunity to receive God's mercy

and share in that abundant grace. Confident of God's love for us.

let us offer our prayers, first in silence...

Silence is kept.

Priest: Forgiving God,

All: we have fallen short time and time again.

You have given us your word, both in scripture and in Son,

you have promised us your presence,

both in Spirit and in community,

and you have graced us with your kingdom,

both in teaching and in service.

Even so, we neglect, ignore,

and reject your purposes for us.

We do not love what you love.

We do not embrace what you embrace.

We do not defend

what you have called us to defend.

Have mercy on us, O God of all ages past and all hope for years to come. Forgive us for what we do and what we fail to do. And with your gifts, promises, and grace, continue working in our lives that we might receive full life in Jesus Christ, now and forevermore. Amen.

Absolution:

Priest: Almighty God have mercy upon you,

pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,

and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Priest: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

Faithful God, may we set our minds and wills to yours, and take up our cross, following Christ with confidence for the glory you reveal in him; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: Genesis 12: 1-4A

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

The reading can be found here: https://lectionary.anglican.ca/nrsv/?date=2023-03-05

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 121

Response: The Lord himself watches over you.

I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. (Response)

He will not let your foot be moved and he who watches over you will not fall asleep. Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep; *(Response)*

The Lord himself watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand, So that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. (**Response**)

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe.
The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore. (Response)

SECOND READING: ROMANS 4: 1-5, 13-17

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

The reading can be found here: https://lectionary.anglican.ca/nrsv/?date=2023-03-05

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn: CP 412 O God, Beyond All Face and Form (tune: Melita)

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 3: 1-17

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.

The gospel can be found here: https://lectionary.anglican.ca/nrsv/?date=2023-03-05

At the end of the gospel:

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: The Rev. Daniel Fournier

Anthem: God So Loved the World by J. Stainer; arr. R. Sumner

Please stand as you are able.

An Affirmation of Faith: (Based on Philippians 2: 6-11)

Priest: Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

All: Though he was divine,

he did not cling to equality with God,

but made himself nothing.

Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness. He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God has raised him on high, and given him the name above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Please be seated.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession:

In response to the words, "God, our Companion," the community prays, "Walk with us on the way."

Companion God, you are our keeper, shade in the heat of the world's troubles, light in every shadowed time of life. In all our comings and goings we are yours. And so we thank you for your care which sustains us, and offer you our trust for those things we can do nothing about. Thank you for the energy to focus on the things we can do day by day, putting our love and care to work in community and creation. By the power of your Spirit, bless us with the insight and passion to act in hope. May your wisdom guide us in all things.

Attentive God, we bring our concerns for the world to you in these uncertain times.

We think of Abraham and Sarah setting off to an unknown land and pray for people on the move: For those seeking safety and shelter, fleeing violence; For those settling into a new home or community; For those who must travel, whatever the conditions.

(silence)

God, our companion,

All: Walk with us on the way.

We think of the Psalmist looking to hills
And we pray for people seeking help:
For those seeking help for the earth itself
as its fragile balances are threatened;
For those seeking help to make ends meet
as bank balances are threatened;
For those seeking help for vulnerable people
to right the balance of justice.

(silence)

God, our companion,

All: Walk with us on the way.

We think of Nicodemus turning to Jesus with questions in his heart and we pray for people seeking answers: For those with health challenges, seeking diagnosis and treatment; For those researching problems and policies, seeking to better our common life; For those wondering if you exist, O God, wondering if you have a purpose for them.

(silence)

God, our companion,

All: Walk with us on the way.

We think of Jesus, calming his disciples amid their fears, challenging us all to follow him in love and faithfulness for he is our Companion on the way.

All: Amen.

The Peace: Please stand as you are able.

For the peace, please acknowledge your greeting of peace by a simple bow – with no physical contact.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: CP 507 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

(tune: Dennis)

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts:

Priest: God of wisdom,

may the light of the eternal Word, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,

guide us to your glory. We ask this in his name.

All: Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer:

[Source: Prayer is modeled on one found in the Apostolic Tradition of Hippolytus (early third century) Published in A New Zealand Prayer Book, 1989 Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia]

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: We give you thanks, O God, through your beloved servant Jesus Christ, through whom you have created all things.

> By the power of the Holy Spirit Christ was born of Mary, and shared our human nature.

With loving arms outstretched upon the cross for us, Jesus broke the chains of evil and destruction.

By the resurrection your will was fulfilled and you gathered a holy people to offer you praise.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim your glory, as we sing:

(From Common Praise # 735):

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full,
full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest,
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: To you indeed be glory, almighty God, because on the night before he died, your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:

Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: This cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for you; do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

God of hope and joy, we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. With this bread and this cup we proclaim the mystery or our faith:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come in glory.

Therefore, loving God, recalling now Christ's death and resurrection, we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration, that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son and be filled with your life and goodness. Strengthen us to do your work, and to be your body in the world. Unite us in Christ and give us your peace. May we praise you and give you glory through your First-born, Jesus Christ.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

All: Amen. (Sung 5 times - From Common Praise # 737)

The Lord's Prayer: Please stand as you are able.

AII:

Priest: In the words that our Saviour taught us, we pray:

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: (From Common Praise # 747):

All: Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world, give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Giving of Communion:

Priest: The table of bread and wine is now ready.
It is the table of company with Jesus,
and all 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 much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a while; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; Come.

It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

All: Thanks be to God.

At this time, we are only sharing bread for communion. Please follow the directions of the sidespeople as each section is invited to come forward to the Altar Rail. Please exit to the chapel side and return to your seat.

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.

Hymn during Communion: CP 66 And Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love

(tune: Unde et Memores)

Prayer after Communion: Please stand as you are able.

Priest: Compassionate God,

you have fed us with the bread of heaven.

Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage; may our fasting be hunger for justice;

our alms, a making of peace;

and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

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.

Benediction:

Priest: Just as God's Word was sent into the world

to heal and redeem,

so God sends you into the world this day to be light and love, healing and hope.

Go now to be light for the world!

And may the grace and peace of God the Creator,

the Redeemer, and the Sustainer

come upon you this day and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn: CP 484 In Christ There Is No East or West

(tune: McKee)

Dismissal:

Priest: 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 WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN PRAYER CYCLE, we pray for The Church of the Province of South East Asia, The Most Revd Melter Jiki Tais, Primate. In the Canadian Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Rt. Rev. Sandra Fyfe, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island (Anglican); The dean, council, and congregations of the Northern Area of the Eastern Synod (Lutheran). In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray for Anna, our Bishop, and for the Parish of Salt Spring Island – The Rev. Gyllian Davies – incumbent priest. We also pray for Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyle and Pastor Lyndon, and for the Diocese of Kootenay - Archbishop Lynne McNaughton.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS March 5th – March 12th (**New Items, *Revised Items)

- **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper February 21st Update Thank you to everyone who worked in the kitchen to cook and serve the sausages and pancakes and helped with the setup and cleanup. It was good to be able to share this meal with our friends from Church of the Cross. Thanks as well to everyone who made donations at the Pancake Supper. We received \$380 in donations: \$130 of this amount donated was used to cover the cost of the food and the remaining \$250 will be put towards our Earthquake Relief Fund for Turkey and Syria.
- ** St. Luke's Church will be holding its annual Spring Fair on Saturday, April 29th, from 10:00 am 2:00 pm. It will feature a Coronation Tribute area on the stage, where we will display, as well as sell Royal memorabilia. Please consider what you can donate to our sale, including this type of memorabilia, plants, vintage garments etc. as well as all the usual treasures and goodies. Thanks for your support for this major fundraiser. If you have questions, please talk to Carol Turnham.

- *Loonies for Lent for Earthquake Relief for Turkey and Syria We are collecting donations for those affected by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria and one way we are doing this is through a "Loonies for Lent" program. Please take a collection barrel (found at the back of the church or at the office "Opa bowls") and over the period of Lent donate any loose change (including loonies, toonies, notes whatever you can manage). You can also just write a cheque or put an IOU in the barrel and we will co-ordinate with you an e transfer later on. Bring your collection barrels back on Easter Sunday, having marked your name or envelope # on the barrel for tax receipt purposes.
- *Other Ways to Donate to the Earthquake Relief Fund If you would prefer to make a donation to Earthquake Relief in another way, you can make a donation to St. Luke's to be put towards Earthquake Relief by: Cheque or cash in your envelope (put it in the collection plate on Sunday, mail it, or drop off at the hall) please note on your cheque or envelope that it is for the Earthquake Relief; E-Transfer (from your bank account) note that it is for the Earthquake Relief; or Credit Card (Canada Helps) choose Earthquake Relief. Thank you for your support for this important program.
- *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 soon. The Cemetery Committee will remove any Christmas arrangements remaining on the graves in early March.
- **Daylight Saving Time Starts Next Weekend Don't forget to put your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday night. Otherwise you'll be late for the service on Sunday morning!
- **Greater Victoria Regional Meeting Saturday, March 25th, 10 am 12 noon at St. Peter, Lakehill These regional meetings are an important opportunity for all members of the diocese, but particularly synod delegates to be informed about

and have input into our shared work as Anglicans in this diocese. Clerical and lay synod delegates (including alternates) must make every effort to attend their regional meeting. The agenda includes: Election of Regional Lay Executive members; Election of Youth Delegates to Diocesan Synod (x2); Selection of Nominees for Regional Representatives to Diocesan Council (one clergy, one lay); Proposed Amendments to the Canons and Regulations; and a check-in time to hear how things are going in each parish. See more information at the **Events page of St. Luke's website**.

**The Game's Afoot or Holmes for the Holidays – Presented by St. Luke's Players. Evenings at 7:30 on March 15-18, 22-25 and Matinees at 2:00 pm on March 18, 19, 25, and 26. Billed as a murderous comedy, tickets for this play are available through EventBrite or at the door. See more information at the News page of St. Luke's website.

*Attention Crafters! The next Craft Night will be Thursday, March 16th, when the crafters will attend the St. Luke's Players play, The Game's Afoot. For more information, please talk to Joanne Jolson or Heather Simpson.

It's Time to Start Making Jams and Jellies for the Spring Fair, which will be on April 29th. If you need jars, or have extra jars, please call Pat Bates.

Save the Date for the 2023 Amazing Journey Day Camp – July 10th - 14th, in the mornings, 9 am to noon at St. Luke's. If you have children ages 4 through 11, please consider reserving this week for them to participate in the day camp. We will also be looking for Middle School students to be Leaders in Training and High School students to be Small Group Leaders. Watch for more information coming soon. Questions? Please talk to Tara Poilievre, Sharon Hallsor, or Barb Prescott.

Reusable Grocery Bags Needed by the Shelbourne Community Kitchen – The reusable grocery bag supply at the Shelbourne Community Kitchen is running very low and they want to do their part to reduce waste and save costs at the Kitchen. They will gratefully accept reusable grocery tote bags and paper or plastic bags, grocery-size only. Reusable bags can be added to the collection baskets for the Kitchen in the church and the hall.

*Country Grocer Save A Tape Program Update – Please continue to collect your Country Grocer receipts and turn them in to the Church Office. We now finished collecting for our 6th \$50 gift certificate and have started collecting for our 7th one! As of March 2nd, our total to date for this next gift certificate is \$1,726.40. Please keep dropping off your receipts so we can reach another \$5,000. See more information at the News page of St. Luke's website.

Fairway Market Community Shopping Cards – Thank you for using your Fairway Market Community Shopping Cards. We have received a recent payment of \$277,00, bringing our total to date to \$1,592.56, 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.

Level Ground Fundraiser Update – We received a payment in January in the amount of \$47.99 through this program. This payment is for the orders placed with Level Ground in last three months. Please continue (or start) to take part in this fundraising program to benefit St. Luke's when you buy coffee, tea, and dried fruit through Level Ground Trading. When you order online at Level Ground Trading, St. Luke's will receive 15%. ONLINE ORDERING IS EASY! Visit Shop at Level Ground (https://levelground.com/collections). At checkout, use the code StLuke to ensure the 15% comes to St. Luke's. The minimum order is \$40 for the 15% return to St. Luke's and this includes free shipping. For more information, visit the Fundraising page of St. Luke's website or talk to Barb Prescott.

St. Luke's Vision, Mission, and Actions



St. Luke's Vision

St. Luke's is a beacon in the community, illuminating many ways to encounter God.

St. Luke's Mission

We are supportive people of faith who welcome all with compassion and embrace a culture of community, with outreach as our cornerstone.



St. Luke's Actions: To achieve our Mission, we

- Engage in a vibrant practice of praise but also seeks God's peace through prayer and contemplation
- Respect and appreciate the heritage of the first peoples on whose lands we gather and worship
- Nurture a sense of community and promote a culture of inclusion and belonging
- Honour the history of our sacred spaces
- · Pursue social and spiritual understanding
- · Embrace the values of kindness, openness and hospitality
- Offer compassionate pastoral care
- Base outreach on an attitude of caring and acceptance



St. Luke's Mandate

To be a Christian community that seeks to serve by discerning new initiatives that present opportunities to support the community and to **BE AS ONE** as we express our faith through our actions*

- Build on partnerships with other churches, non-profits, and community groups
- Ensure that existing community programs are monitored, reviewed, and sustained, as appropriate
- Actively pursue ways and means to improve the fiscal health of St. Luke's church
- Share the inspirational beauty of the church building by opening it to the community
- Optimise the use of our physical plant to become a centre for the community (a Community Hub)
- Nurture diversity within the parish to reflect that of the broader community
- Embrace change as a path to the community connection that will enable us to grow our ministry and develop our faith

*BE AS ONE - Philippians 2:1-3, New Life Version: Are you strong because you belong to Christ? Does His love comfort you? Do you have joy by being as one in sharing the Holy Spirit? Do you have loving-kindness and pity for each other? Then give me true joy by thinking the same thoughts. Keep having the same love. Be as one in thoughts and actions. Nothing should be done because of pride or thinking about yourself. Think of other people as more important than yourself.



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Thank you for visiting today.

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We hope you will visit again!

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY March 12th, 2023

Exodus 17: 1-7

Psalm 95

Romans 5: 1-11

John 4: 5-42

FLOWERS

Flowers at St. Luke's are coordinated by Ann Séguin. There are no flowers during Lent.

Please contact Ann if you would like to make a donation towards flowers at the Easter services.