Welcome to St. Luke Cedar Hill

Fourth Sunday in Lent March 19, 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 620 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

(tune: St Peter)

Invitation to Confession:

Priest: One of the most irritating things in life,

in ourselves as well as in others,

is when we and people seem blind to what is evident:

Why don't they see? Why didn't I see this?

We are Christians, people with faith,

and in baptism Christ has given us eyes of faith.

Yet too often we are blind to God, to people,

to the things we should see about ourselves.

We ask our Lord in this Eucharist

to touch and open our eyes

to the deeper and beautiful realities of our faith.

As we prepare to celebrate this Eucharist, let us acknowledge our failures and ask the Lord for pardon and strength.

Silence is kept.

Priest: Holy God,

All: Father eternal, giver of light and grace,

we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,

in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.

Absolution:

Priest: May the Father of all mercies

Cleanse us from our sins, and restore us in his image

to the praise and glory of his name, 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.

Creator and Healer, you work your Sabbath will in the chaos of our life:

teach us the insight that gives true judgement and praises you wherever you are found, making miracles from spit and mud; through Jesus Christ, the Son of earth.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: 1 SAMUEL 16: 1-13

Reader: A reading from the First Book of Samuel

The reading can be found here: https://lectionary.anglican.ca/?date=2023-03-19

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

Response: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. *(Response)*

He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. *(Response)*

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. (Response)

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 5:8-14

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

The reading can be found here: https://lectionary.anglican.ca/?date=2023-03-19

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 352 Amazing Grace

(tune: New Britain)

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 9:1-41

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/?date=2023-03-19

At the end of the gospel:

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: The Rev. Daniel Fournier

Anthem: Have Mercy O Lord, arr. H. Hopson

Please stand as you are able.

An Affirmation of Faith:

(based in part on the Athanasian Creed)

Priest: This is the faith of the church, this is our faith: **All:** We believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist.

We believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again. You are with us now. You are God. You, O God, are Holy Spirit.

We believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world.

This is the faith of the Church.
This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Please be seated.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession:

In response to the words, "Shepherd God, fill us with your love," the community prays, "Lead us on your paths."

Let us bring the needs of the church, the world, and all in need, to God's loving care....

God, Shepherd of our Lives, We give you thanks for all the things you provide that make life good and full: For the rhythms of nature which water thirsty lands, producing food for all creatures; For energy to work and for community to share in the

For energy to work and for community to share in the produce of work.

Yet we are still thirsty in this land of plenty: thirsty for hope when work fails; thirsty for love when friends fail; thirsty for justice when sharing fails.

Shepherd God, fill us with your love **Lead us on your paths.**

AII:

God, Shepherd of our Lives, Thank you for the light you shine in a world filled with complexity to bring hope and increase understanding: Understanding to address human need and improve daily life; Understanding to deepen relationships and mutual respect: Understanding to tackle problems and seek solutions. And so we seek your light to lead us: the light of wisdom to bring people of different perspectives together; the light of courage to work for change in desperate situations; the light of hope to persevere when change is difficult.

Shepherd God, fill us with you love,

All: Lead us on your paths.

God, Shepherd of our Lives,
Thank you for the purpose and potential
you create for us in Christ:
For creating friendships and neighbourhoods
that support us,
For creating co-operation to accomplish goals
that seemed impossible,

For creating gratitude for the gifts we discover in each other.

And so we seek the gifts of the Spirit we need in these challenging days:

The gift of confidence to renew our ministries in humility and hope,

The gift of generosity to renew lives in need around us,

The gift of faith to trust you for a future we cannot yet see ourselves.

Shepherd God,

All: Lead us on your paths.

We offer these prayers and the unspoken prayers of our hearts in the name of Jesus Christ.

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 533 Jesus, Lover of My Soul (tune: Aberystwyth)

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts:

Priest: God of light,

your Word brings to us a new vision of your glory. Accept our offering of praise and thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

All: Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer:

[Source: Enriching Our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 3 - ECUSA

1998.]

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 truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks,

all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body.

Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

(From Common Praise # 735):

AII:

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: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honour your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Saviour Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat:
This is my Body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending,
Jesus took the cup of wine,
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them, and said:
"Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you
and for all for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine.
By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with St. Luke and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honour, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

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

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

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

AII: 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):

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. AII: 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 612 Healer of Our Every III

(tune: Healer of Our Every III)

Prayer after Communion: Please stand as you are able.

Priest: Creator of the universe,

through your goodness

we receive your Christ in word and sacrament.

May we always have faith in him,

Jesus the 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: May God, who comes to us in the things of this world, bless your eyes and be in your seeing.

May Christ, who looks upon you with deepest love, bless your eyes and widen your gaze.

May the Spirit, who perceives what is and what may yet be, bless your eyes and sharpen your vision.

May the Sacred Three bless you, this day and always.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn: CP 511 Lord Jesus, Think on Me (tune: Southwell)

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 Anglican Church of Southern Africa, The Most Revd Dr Thabo Makgoba - Archbishop. In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Rt. Rev. Mary Irwin-Gibson, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Montreal (Anglican); The Assistant to the Bishop and the staff of the Manitoba — Northwestern Ontario Synod (Lutheran). In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray for Anna, our Bishop, and for the parish of St. Anne & St. Edmund, Parksville - The Rev. Andrew Twiddy. We also pray for Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyle and Pastor Lyndon, and for the Diocese of Yukon - Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS March 19th - March 26th (**New Items, *Revised Items)

*Greater Victoria Regional Meeting – THIS SATURDAY, March 25th, 10 am – 12 noon at St. Peter, Lakehill – 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.

**Reflections, our Sunday afternoon service, will take place next Sunday, March 26th at 4:30 pm — This month's Reflections will feature local flutist, Soile Stratkauskas. Finnish-born Soile is the Founder and Artistic Director of the

Victoria Baroque music ensemble. She has performed with many prominent period instrument orchestras in the UK, including the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment and the Gabrieli Consort and Players, and has toured in Europe with these groups. Soile moved to Victoria in 2010 and has since established herself as the leading baroque flutist on the Canadian West Coast. Please invite your friends to join you for this month's special Reflections. The readings, prayers, and music of this Reflection Time will calm your spirit and soothe your soul.

*Thank you for your donations to Earthquake Relief for Turkey and Syria - So far we have received \$654 in donations including the money donated at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, donations at Fantastic Friday, and donations from parishioners in their envelopes. Also please continue to fill your Loonies for Lent boxes with any loose change (including loonies, toonies, notes - whatever you can manage). Extra Loonies for Lent boxes are available at the back of the church. Please take one if you don't have one yet. As well as filling your Loonies for Lent box, 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.

**Calling Those Who Would Like to Try Reading as well as regular readers – We need 14 readers for the Stations of the Cross service on Wednesday, April 5th at 7:30 pm. During this service we move around to the fourteen different stations and a passage (some short, some longer) is read at each station. If you haven't been a regular reader yet, this could be a time for you to try something new and sign up to read for this service. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church.

- **Palm/Passion Sunday Service Sunday, April 2nd Weather permitting, we will gather outside at St. Luke's prior to the 10 am service and have a Palm Procession into the church.
- **Holy Week Services A Stations of the Cross service will be held on Wednesday, April 5th at 7:30 pm. The Maundy Thursday service on April 6th will also be at 7:30 pm. There will not be a morning service on Thursday, April 6th. The Good Friday service will be at 10 am on April 7th.
- **Easter Vigil with Church of the Cross Holy Saturday, April 8th at 7:30 pm at Church of the Cross. We are pleased that we are able to again share the Easter Vigil service with Church of the Cross. We hope that many people from St. Luke's will attend.
- **Services on Easter Sunday will be at 8 am, 10 am, and 2:30 pm. The 8 am and 10 am services will be communion services. The 10 am service will feature special music including Ben Parker playing the trumpet, Erika Simpson singing a solo, and the choir singing an anthem. The 2:30 pm Celebrate Easter Family Service will be a short, child-friendly service, followed by an Easter Egg hunt.

A Thank You Note for our donation to the Victoria Performing Arts Festival is posted on the bulletin board in the hall. St. Luke's contributed \$300 towards awards for vocal performance in sacred music.

Save the Date for St. Luke's Spring Fair – Saturday, April 29th, from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. This year's Spring Fair will feature a Coronation Tribute area on the stage, where we will display and 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.

*The Game's Afoot or Holmes for the Holidays – Presented by St. Luke's Players. Evenings at 7:30 pm on March 22-25

and Matinees at **2:00 pm on March 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.**

The March Faith Tides (formerly the Diocesan Post) is now available online at the News page of St. Luke's website. Print copies are available in the church or from the parish office. Or please call the office (250-477-6741) to ask to have a copy delivered. See more information on the News page of St. Luke's website.

*Still time to send in submissions for the Easter Issue of St Luke's Prescription. Please send along your articles, photos, poems, and other creative endeavours to Sharon McMillan or Barb Prescott or to communications@stlukecedarhill.ca.

Shelbourne Community Kitchen – March Needed Items – For the month of March, the Kitchen's most needed items are: canned meat and fish, canned tomatoes, canned beans, and canned fruit. Of course, other food items are always welcome as well. Please keep dropping off your donations in the basket at the back of the church or the basket by the office in the hall and we'll keep taking them to the Kitchen.

It's Time to Make 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.

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.

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We hope you will visit again!

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY March 26th, 2023

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

Psalm 130

Romans 8: 6-11

John 11: 1-45

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.