

Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill
Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 17, 2024 - 10:00 am
Holy Eucharist



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*We acknowledge that we gather with respect on the traditional
territories of the ləkʷəŋən peoples, known in our day as the Esquimalt
and Songhees Nations, 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 505 Be Thou My Vision

(tune: Slane)

Invitation to Confession

Priest: Sisters and Brothers, as Lent progresses,
we come closer to the heart and meaning
of the Gospel:
that Jesus must suffer and die for new life to happen.
There is nothing here about rules, practices,
theological formulae or perfection.
Jesus embraced what is painful and frightening
to achieve life on our behalf.
Those of us who call ourselves Christian
must be willing to walk the same road.

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross
so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness;
by his wounds we have been healed.
Let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept.

Priest: Lord Jesus, you showed us
that whoever loves his life must lose it:
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Christ Jesus, you said
that whoever serves you must follow you:
Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Priest: Lord Jesus, you gave yourself willingly on our behalf:
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

Priest: May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive you your sins
and make you holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

God of glory,
your revelation through Jesus Christ
calls into your covenant of love.
Enable us now to reflect your love,
so that barriers erected by sin may be broken down,
and all people may be drawn to you;
through him who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 31: 31-34

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 51: 1-13

Response: *Create in me a clean heart, O God.*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness;
in your great compassion blot out my offences.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin. **(Response)**

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight. **(Response)**

And so you are justified when you speak
and upright in your judgement.
Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,
a sinner from my mother's womb. **(Response)**

For behold, you look for truth deep within me,
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed. **(Response)**

Make me hear of joy and gladness,
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.
(Response)

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
Give me the joy of your saving help again
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit. **(Response)**

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 5: 5-10

Reader: A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

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 529 God, My Hope on You is Founded

(tune: Michael)

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 12: 20-33

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.

At the end of the gospel:

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: The Rev. Daniel Fournier

Anthem: *Lead Me Lord* by S.S. Wesley

Please stand as you are able.

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

Leader: 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.****

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Sitting, standing or kneeling, as is your custom.

*In response to the words, "God, in your mercy,"
the community responds with "**Hear our prayer**":*

Let us pray with confidence as God's holy people
for the needs of the Church, all families,
and for our world...

Steadfast God,
amid many changes and challenges around us,
we are grateful that you are with us.
You understand our fears;
you support and guide us;
and you give us courage to face whatever lies ahead.
Thank you for the gift of faith,
a solid rock to support us,
and so we trust that you keep working,
in ways seen and unseen,
for goodness to prevail.

God, in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayer.

Loving God,
in this time of when there is much to be anxious about,
we pray for the world you love.
Send your healing Spirit
to bring peace with justice to the troubled places.
Bring care and comfort
to those who have been hurt in conflict,
wisdom to those who seek to end hostilities,
and courage to those
who advocate for the most vulnerable.

God, in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayer.

Send your healing Spirit to mend relationships
between religious groups and cultural groups
who find themselves in tension or turmoil.
We pray for mutual respect to grow
between people who look at each other with suspicion,
and among people
who have painful histories with each other.
Open our hearts and minds to those
whose situations and concerns we don't understand,
and bring your gift of reconciliation to us all.

God, in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayer.

Send your healing Spirit to people we know
and to the earth you love.
We remember before you friends in grief... *(pause)*
those suffering illness
and all waiting for treatment... *(pause)*
those facing difficulty at work or finding work... *(pause)*
disagreements in our church or community... *(pause)*

concerns about the environment we depend on...
(*pause*)

All: God, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for the continuing ministry of the Church
in our neighbourhoods and around the world.
As we move toward our celebration
of Christ's resurrection,
send your healing Spirit
to raise our hearts and our hopes
with the promise of new life in Christ.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and sustain in us all a willing spirit.

All: God, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

All these prayers, those spoken,
and those too deep for words,
we pray through Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

All: **Amen.**

The Peace (*Please stand as you are able.*)

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

All: **And also with you.**

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: CP 436 I Bind Unto Myself Today

(*tune: St Patrick's Breastplate*)

The Preparation of the Table

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: God our provider,
you have not fed us with bread alone,
but with words of grace and life.
Bless us and these your gifts,

which we receive through your bounty,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

*[Source: Eucharistic Prayer 2 - The Book of Alternative Services.
1985. The Anglican Church of Canada]*

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 and praise, almighty God,
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Redeemer.
He is your living Word,
through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary
and shared our human nature.
He lived and died as one of us,
to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will
he stretched out his hands in suffering,
to bring release to those
who place their hope in you;
and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,
and to give up his life on the cross,
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.
By his resurrection he brings us
into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

(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: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on the night he was handed
over to suffering and death,
took bread and gave you thanks,
saying, "Take, and eat:
this is my body which is broken for you."
In the same way he took the cup,
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.
When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we offer you this bread and this cup,
giving thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit
upon the offering of your holy Church.
Gather into one
all who share in these sacred mysteries,

filling them with the Holy Spirit
and confirming their faith in the truth,
that together we may praise you
and give you glory
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours,
Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit
in the holy Church, now and for 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:

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 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.

Please follow the directions of the sidespeople as the congregation is invited to come forward to receive the bread and wine.

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 hymns during communion.

Hymns during Communion:

CP 616 Father of Heaven, Whose Love Profound

(tune: Rivaulx)

CP 579 O Lord My God

(tune: O Lord my God)

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.**

Announcements (*Please be seated.*)

Benediction (*Please stand as you are able.*)

Priest: Go now, to serve Christ and follow him.
Let your old life fall like a grain of wheat into the earth
so that you may bear much fruit
as you allow God to reshape your heart
and live in obedience to the law written within you.

And may God centre you in truth
and steady your spirit.
May Christ renew your joy and strengthen your will.
And may the Spirit teach you God's hidden wisdom
and fill you with songs of rejoicing.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn: He Who Would Valiant Be

(tune: Monks Gate)

**He who would valiant be 'gainst all disaster,
let him in constancy follow the Master.
There's no discouragement shall make him once relent
his first avowed intent to be a pilgrim.**

**Who so beset him round with dismal stories,
do but themselves confound - his strength the more is.
No foes stall stay his might, though he with giants fight:
He will make good his right to be a pilgrim.**

**Since, Lord, thou dost defend us with the Spirit,
we know we at the end shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away! I'll fear not what men say,
I'll labour night and day to be a pilgrim.**

Dismissal

Leader: 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 in Wales - The Most Revd Andrew John – Primate. **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); and the elimination of racial discrimination (Together). **In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray for** Anna, our Bishop, and for St. Andrew, Sidney, and their priest, Rev. Kelly Duncan. **We also pray for** Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyle and Pastor Lyndon, and for the Diocese of New Westminster and Bishop John Stephens.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS
March 17th – March 24th
(New Items, *Revised Items)**

Please stay for Coffee Time this Sunday after the 10 am service – Park on Synod Road for easy access via the side door of the hall.

****Thank you to Kathleen Patterson** who made the delicious simnel cake for us which we enjoyed last Sunday during Coffee Time.

****Thank you for all your donations for the load for Burundi,** which the Compassionate Resource Warehouse is putting together. Karen Felsing filled her car full of donations last Sunday after church.

****Men's Fellowship Group will meet Wednesday, March 20th, 7 pm** at the White Spot on Quadra Street. Please advise Harry Felsing if you plan to attend.

***Palm/Passion Sunday Service Next Sunday, March 24th** – 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, March 27th at 7:30 pm**. The **Maundy Thursday** service on **March 28th will also be at 7:30 pm**. There will not be a morning service on Thursday, March 28th. The **Good Friday** service will be at **10 am on March 29th**.

Easter Vigil with Church of the Cross – Holy Saturday, March 30th at 7:30 pm at Church of the Cross. We are pleased that we are able to 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 (March 31st) 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** offered by Ben Parker (trumpet), Erika Pryer (vocal solo), Mary Byrne (flute), St. Luke's Choristers (anthem), and St. Luke's Bell Choir (Muriel Ali, conductor). **The 2:30 pm Celebrate Easter Family Service will be a short, child-friendly service**, followed by an Easter Egg hunt.

****Donations for Flowers for Easter** – The Altar Guild is requesting **donations toward flowers** to decorate the church for Easter. Donations can be made in memory of a loved one, in celebration of a special event, or as a thanks offering. Please **contact Ann Séguin or the church office by March 26th** to make a donation for flowers for Easter.

***Fabric Needed** – Brenda Morgan is making tea-cosies for the Craft Group to sell at the Spring Fair, and she is requesting **interesting, unusual cotton fabric** from anyone who has extra material at home that they don't need. Batting would be particularly useful, and thread would not go amiss either. Please **contact Brenda** for more information.

****Donations in Special Purpose Envelopes** from now until the end of April will be put towards some **improvements to the youth/children's room downstairs in the church**, such as installing windows in the doors as part of Safe Church policies. Thank you in advance for your help with these improvements.

Calling All Bakers – We would love some cookies or squares to put in the freezer to use for the Sunday coffee times and Fantastic Fridays. **Cookies and squares can be dropped off on Sunday mornings during coffee times or brought to the hall when the office is open to put in the freezer**. Please contact Barb Prescott if you have any questions.

A Note From Genessa Poilievre – I need your help. I am taking part in 3 big adventures this year which require fundraising to cover the cost. I am going on an 8-day Ukulele

trip to the USA, a 3-day band trip to Vancouver, and an 8-day Scouting Adventure at Camp Barnard in Sooke. **I am raising funds to help pay for these adventures by collecting refundable cans and bottles.** If you would like to help, please bring your empty refundable cans and bottles to church on any Sunday or call us to arrange for us to pick them up. If you aren't sure what is refundable, you can check at <https://bottledepot.ca/we-recycle/beverage-containers/> Thank you for your help, Genessa.

Save the Date for St. Luke's Spring Fair – Saturday, April 27th, from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Now is the time to think of items you could make for the sale, such as craft items, jams and jellies, or baking which could be frozen. Thank you in advance for your help with this major fundraiser and community event. If you have questions, please talk to Carol Turnham.

****Jams and Jellies for the Spring Fair –** It's time to make jams and jellies for the Spring Fair, which will be April 27th. Please leave extra canning jars at the back of the church. **Call Pat Bates for more information.**

***They Promised Her The Moon – Presented by St. Luke's Players.** This compelling drama, about the challenges of sisterhood and fighting for the greater good, is based on a true story. Performances in **the evenings are at 7:30 pm on March 20th – 23rd. Matinees are at 2:00 pm on March 17th, 23rd, and 24th.** Tickets are \$18, available through EventBrite or at the door. See more information at the **Events page of St. Luke's website.**

The March Faith Tides 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.**

Save the Dates for this Year's Amazing Journey Day Camp – July 22nd – 26th in the mornings, 9 am to noon. St. Luke's

joins with Church of the Cross each summer for a week-long day camp hosted at one of the churches. **This year's camp will be held at Church of the Cross.** If you have children, grandchildren, or friends with children ages 4 through 11, please consider reserving this week for them to participate in the day camp. **Children born January 1, 2013 to June 30, 2020 are eligible to be campers.** We will also be looking for Middle School students to be Leaders in Training and High School students to be Small Group Leaders. Stay tuned for more information on our theme and activities.

***The Last Resort at the Chapel Gallery St. Matthias Anglican Church – Today, March 17th, 12 – 4 pm.** In 2022, Arifin Graham created a portfolio of black and white photographs of the people and places of Lahaina and Maui. With the destruction of Lahaina by fire in 2023, the images offer a glimpse of a rich, complex community, and a reminder of what we're at risk of losing in the time of climate change. See more information at the **Events page of St. Luke's website.**

We Together 2024 Conference – April 12th – 13th at St. John the Divine in Victoria and the Baumann Center. **We Together** is a regular (once every other year) diocesan conference to remind us of the ways we are connected and that we are stronger together. Registration is now open. Visit the **Events page of St. Luke's website** for more information and to register.

Archbishop Linda Nicholls Will Visit the Diocese April 19th – 24th – Events to note include: 4 pm Choral Evensong at Christ Church Cathedral on April 21st and Meet Our Primate at St. Peter Lakehill on Tuesday, April 23rd from 10 am to 12 noon. Registration is required for this event. See more information at the **Events page of St. Luke's website.**

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

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We hope you will visit again!

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY March 24th, 2024

Mark 11: 1-11
Isaiah 50: 4-9a, Psalm 31: 9-16
Philippians 2: 5-11
Mark 14: 1-15: 47

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.***