

Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill
Third Sunday in Easter
April 14, 2024 - 10:00 am
Holy Eucharist



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*We acknowledge that we gather with respect on the traditional
territories of the ləkʷəjən 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: 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.

Opening Hymn: CP 348 The Living God Be Praised

(tune: Leoni)

Invitation to Confession

Priest: Sisters and Brothers,

celebrating Easter is more than belief;
it involves action on our part.

If we really believe that Christ is risen and among us,
it will be reflected tangibly in how we live.

It may be expressed differently in each of us,
but it will be evident.

Luckily, his final words to us are about repentance
and forgiveness, so we don't need to be perfect.

But if we truly believe,
those who encounter us will know it.

As we prepare to enter into the stories
of today's liturgy, let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept.

Priest: Most merciful God,

**All: Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

**In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

Absolution

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on you,
Forgive you your sins,
and bring you to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

(Common Praise tune # 425)

All: **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: Let us pray.

O God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread.
Open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in his redeeming work,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: ACTS 3: 12-19

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Acts.

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 4

Response: *The Lord does wonders for the faithful.*

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
"You mortals, how long will you dishonour my glory;
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?" (**Response**)

Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful;
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed. **(Response)**

Offer the appointed sacrifices and put your trust in the Lord.
Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!"
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.
(Response)

You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep;
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **(Response)**

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 3: 1-7

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of John.

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 405 Alleluia No 1

(tune: Alleluia No 1)

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 24: 36b-48

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.

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: *I Will Sing* by L.C. Crouch

Please stand as you are able.

The Apostles' Creed

Leader: Let us together profess the faith of our baptisms
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 Thanksgiving and Intercession

Sitting, standing or kneeling, as is your custom.

In response to the words,

“In the name of Christ our Risen Saviour,”

*all respond with “**Reveal to them your risen presence**”:*

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

God our Maker, Source of Easter power and hope,
you have walked with your faithful people
through many generations,
people facing challenge and uncertainty,
people seeking your purpose and promise.
We still face challenges and uncertainty,
even with Easter in our hearts.

Walk with us

and with those for whom we pray for this day,
so that your resurrecting power
may lead us in lives of faithfulness.

All: In the name of Christ our Risen Saviour
Reveal to them your risen presence.

We pray for children and young people
who must think about the future in uncertain times,
facing threats old and new.

Give them hope rooted in the knowledge
that their lives matter to you.

Show them how to make a difference in the world,
whatever threats they face as they grow.

All: In the name of Christ our Risen Saviour
Reveal to them your risen presence.

We pray for people for whom age or experience,
illness or disability create barriers
to full participation in your world.

Surround each one in pain or despair
with your comfort and renew in each one
a sense of dignity and purpose.
Show them how much they matter to you and to us.

All: In the name of Christ our Risen Saviour
Reveal to them your risen presence.

We pray for all those facing grief and any kind of loss.
Give them strength and comfort.
We pray for communities challenged by forces
beyond their control:
natural disasters and environmental threats,
conflict and violence, and economic hardship.
Give courage to those facing these challenges,
and wisdom to those who lead,
so that wellbeing may be restored
and hope for the future prevail.

All: In the name of Christ our Risen Saviour
Reveal to them your risen presence.

As signs of deepening spring emerge,
we pray for your creation,
for creatures losing habitat and unique species at risk,
for oceans clogged with plastic,
and the earth aching for moisture
as the climate warms.
Jesus, you are the firstborn of all creation.
Help us to honour you
by caring for the earth and its fragile balances
in the ways we live and the priorities we set.
In these ways, too, we would be your disciples.

All: In the name of Christ our Risen Saviour
Reveal to them your risen presence.

All these prayers,
those spoken and those in our hearts
we offer in the name of Christ our Risen 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 343 When All Thy Mercies, O My God

(tune: St Stephen)

The Preparation of the Table

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.

Day by day you shower us with blessings.

As you have raised us to new life in Christ,

give us glad and generous hearts,

ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,

through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

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: All thanks and praise

are yours at all times and in all places,

our true and loving God;

through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,

the Wisdom from on high

by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world

and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;

You brought forth all creatures of the earth

and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing,
all you create is a sign of hope for our journey.
And so as the morning stars sing your praises
we join the heavenly beings and all creation
as we shout with joy:

(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: Glory and honour are yours, Creator of all,
your Word has never been silent;
you called a people to yourself,
as a light to the nations,
you delivered them from bondage
and led them to a land of promise.
Of your grace, you gave Jesus
to be human, to share our life,
to proclaim the coming of your holy reign
and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.
Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
you have freed us from sin,
brought us into your life,
reconciled us to you,
and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us
Jesus took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
gave it to his friends and said:
“Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:
“Drink this, all of you:
this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,
poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us:
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,
longing for Christ’s coming in glory,
and presenting to you these gifts
your earth has formed and human hands have made,
we acclaim you, O Christ:

**All: Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Priest: Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts of bread and wine
that they may be to us
the Body and Blood of your Christ.
Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power,
may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ,
and in the fullness of time gather us
with St. Luke and all your people
into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
we worship you our God and Creator
in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you 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 70 Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts

(tune: Maryton)

CP 647 Spirit of the Living God

(tune: Living God)

Prayer after Communion *(Please stand as you are able.)*

Priest: Life-giving God,
in the mystery of Christ's resurrection
you send light to conquer darkness,
water to give new life
and the bread of heaven to nourish your people.
Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection,
so that we may show your glory to all the world,
through Jesus Christ, our risen 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: We have eaten together with the risen Christ.
Go out then, as witnesses of these things.
Attend to your heart,
worship with integrity,
trust in the Lord.
Proclaim forgiveness and healing in his name to all.

And may God raise you from death to life,
from brokenness to perfect health.
May Christ Jesus cast out your fear and doubt.
And may the Holy Spirit give your heart joy,
even as the bread and wine give your body life.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn: Glory and Praise to our God

(by D. Schutte)

Refrain: Glory and praise to our God,
who alone gives light 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 ev'ry 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*

Ev'ry moment of ev'ry 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 spent His merciful rain.
Now the rivers of life run full
for anyone to drink. *Refrain*

Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God, Alleluia.

Postlude

Thank you to all who assisted with today's service.

IN THE WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN PRAYER CYCLE, we pray for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia - The Most Revd Don Tamihere and The Most Revd Sione Uluilakepa – Primates. **In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer, we pray for** The Most Rev. Anne Germond, Archbishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Algoma (Anglican); The congregations of the Southern Manitoba area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod (Lutheran); and climate justice and healthy relationships with the earth (Together). **In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray for** Anna, our Bishop, and for St. Columbia, Port Hardy and St. John, Port Alice, and their priest, Rev. Christine Muise. **We also pray for** Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyle and Pastor Lyndon, and for the Diocese of Caledonia, and Bishop David Lehmann.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS
April 14th – April 21st
(New Items, *Revised Items)**

***Please stay for Coffee Time this Sunday after the 10 am service** – Coffee time today will be in the Sequoia Lounge. On **Sunday, April 28th**, there will be a special **“Farewell” Coffee Time** for **Olivia Craster** who's moving at the end of the month.

***This month's Reflections will be this afternoon at 4:30 pm in the church featuring cellist, Elena Antontceva**, originally from Russia. After graduating from the Far East Academy of Arts in Vladivostok, Russia, she worked at the Symphony Orchestra as both musician and soloist of the Philharmonic for 25 years in her home city. She had a chance to work as a professor at the University of Art in Vladivostok, teaching young students how to play cello professionally. She participated in international festivals in China, Japan and Korea. She moved to Canada two years ago and she continues to perform here. The readings, prayers, and music of this special Reflection Time will calm your spirit and soothe your soul. **Reflections services in 2024 are on the 2nd Sunday of the month.**

***Old Cemeteries Society Tour of St. Luke's Cemetery – Next Sunday, April 21st starting at 2 pm.** This tour will feature the stories of the amazing women who are resting in St. Luke's Cemetery. The descendants of these women will tell their stories. **Charge for the tour is \$5** (cash please).

****A Family Service will be held next Sunday Afternoon, April 21st, at 4 pm in the church** – This service is especially for children, but is open to all ages. The service will include lots of singing as well as movement.

The April Faith Tides** is now available online at the **News page of St. Luke's website**. ***This issue includes an article about St. Luke's Reflections Services. 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**.

OEB Breakfast Company Certificates are available in the church. Bring the OEB Breakfast Company certificate to the OEB Victoria location, 856 Yates Street, and receive \$10 off your meal. In addition, **\$5 will be donated to the Shelbourne Community Kitchen.** The certificate is good for 8 weeks from their opening day of March 24th. **OEB** stands for: **O**utstanding People; **E**mbracing Evolution, and **B**old Food Integrity. See more information at the **News page of St. Luke's website.**

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. **Call Pat Bates for more information.** Pat says that the jam and jelly makers have enough jars so extra jars can be given to the Shelbourne Community Kitchen. Please put extra jars in the Shelbourne Community Kitchen baskets in the church or the hall and they will be taken to The Kitchen.

Plants for the Spring Fair – With the onset of spring and warmer weather, if you are dividing plants or planting seeds, please **consider doing a few extra for our plant stall** at the Spring Fair. We have extra pots if you need them, or if you need help with dividing, **please call Noreen.**

Spring Food Drive for the Shelbourne Community Kitchen – March 15 – April 15 - The Kitchen is inviting community members including all of us at St. Luke's to **join in their annual Spring Food Drive Campaign.** Donation suggestions include: canned beans (chickpeas, black beans, and kidney beans are great!); canned fruit and vegetables; cans of fish or meat; instant meals; granola bars and cereal; pasta and pasta sauce; peanut butter; oil/vinegar; juice, coffee, herbal tea; rice, oats,

and other grains. **Please continue to fill the basket at the back of the church and in the hall** to help keep the Kitchen Pantry Program shelves stocked for the months to come with healthy food for families. See more information at the **News page of St. Luke's website**.

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.

Fabric Needed – Brenda Morgan is making tea-cosies for the Craft Group to sell at the Spring Fair, and she is requesting **interesting, unusual 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.

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.

***RCCO Organ Crawl** – The Victoria Chapter of the RCCO presents a unique way to celebrate International Organ Day, a walkable tour of three historic pipe organs. **Next Saturday, April 20th 9:30 am -12:30 pm.** Tour starts at Church of Our Lord, 626 Blanshard Street. See more information at the **Events page of St. Luke’s website.**

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.**

Calling All Photographers

A Note from Daniel: Friends, I am calling on your skills and talents in photography. Beginning after Easter, we will be using your photos for our bulletin covers. Photos will be chosen in relation to the theme of the Sunday readings. (See below.) I invite you to be imaginative with these words and themes.

April 21 Good Shepherd Sunday - Sheep

April 28 Horse and Carriage, Water - Stream or Grapes / vines / branches

May 5 Word of God - Bible - Love - Abide in Love

May 12 Ascension Sunday - Sky - Edge of cliff and sky - Clouds against blue sky

May 19 Pentecost Sunday - Flames - Holy Spirit - Tongues of Fire - Dove - birds

Remember that most of these pictures will appear as greyscale (B/W) on the bulletin cover so please consider how they will appear if they were printed in black-and-white.

Please send your photos to admin@stlukecedarhill.ca and include your name and the Sunday the picture is for in the file name. Pictures should be a small to medium file size (eg 800 or 1200 px on the long side). **Please send your pictures by the Wednesday of the week preceding the particular Sunday.** I look forward to receiving your pictures in the weeks ahead.

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY April 21st, 2024

Acts 4: 5-12
Psalm 23
1 John 3: 16-24
John 10: 11-18

FLOWERS

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