

Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill
Fourth Sunday in Easter
April 21, 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: 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 354 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
(tune: Nettleton)

Invitation to Confession

Priest: Sisters and Brothers,

we may sometimes wonder where we “belong”
in a world that seems so wrought by division.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus uses the ancient,
but still powerful, image of the good shepherd
who knows and protects his flock.

Easter celebrates that we have been made one people
by his death and resurrection.

Baptism and Eucharist intensify our place in this body.

Nothing could be more unifying than that.

As we prepare to enter into the stories

of today’s liturgy, let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept.

Priest: Shepherding God,

**All: 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.

Shepherd of all,
by laying down your life for your flock
you reveal your love for all.

Lead us from the place of death
to the place of abundant life,
so that, guided by your care for us,
we may rightly offer our lives
in love for you and our neighbour.
We ask this through Christ our Lord,

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: ACTS 4: 5-12

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 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: 1 JOHN 3: 16-24

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 519 The Lord's My Shepherd *(tune: Crimond)*

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 10: 11-18

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: *My Shepherd is Lord* by H. Oxley

Please stand as you are able.

An Affirmation of Faith (Based on “A Liturgical Affirmation”,
from *A New Zealand Prayer Book*)

Leader: Let us affirm our faith in God.

**All: You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.**

You are our God. We worship you. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Sitting, standing or kneeling, as is your custom.

*In response to the words, “God, in your mercy,”
all respond 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...

Gracious and loving God,
as a shepherd cares for the flock,
so you care for each one of us.
Move in our hearts and minds,
our congregations and communities,
and lead us to care for one another
for the sake of Jesus, our Good Shepherd.

Today we thank you for the gift of rest.
We pray for all those who are tired from work or worry.
Grant rest to restore those who are exhausted
by the challenges they face,
and all those who are weary
from the responsibilities they carry.

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

God our Guide,
thank you for the gifts of truth and wisdom.
We pray for those who cannot discern truth
in the midst of conspiracy theories,
and for places where authorities distort reality
for their own ends.
Grant wisdom and common sense
to all who make decisions
in the midst of misinformation.

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

God our Strength,
thank you for the ways you refresh our souls.
We pray for those
whose lives are burdened by economic challenges.
We remember all in the midst of any sort of difficulty,
those who are sick, in pain, or facing death,
and those who are bereaved
by the loss of someone dear.
Be their source of healing and peace.

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

God our Shield and Defender,
thank you for staying with us
when we face danger or death.
We pray for all those who live in fear:
prisoners, exiles and refugees,
victims of oppression, racism, and hatred,
and those who face the threat of violence
day after day.
Be their steady companion and source of courage.

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

God our Provider,
thank you for all the ways
you fill our cup to overflowing.
Show us how we can be part of your redeeming work
in caring for the earth
and sharing what we have
with those in any kind of need.

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

Hear us as we offer our prayers
in the name of Christ Jesus.

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 520 The King of Love My Shepherd Is
(tune: Dominus Regit Me)

The Preparation of the Table

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: God of loving care,
you spread before us the table of life,
and give us the cup of salvation to drink.
Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and our shepherd.

All: Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

[Source: Eucharistic Prayer E. from Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England (2000)]

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 indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.
For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in women and men
the image of your glory.
He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.
And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels
and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

(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: We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died
he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life
and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Christ is the bread of life:

**All: When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

Priest: Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with St. Luke, and all the saints,
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
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:

**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 85 Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless
(tune: St. Agnes)

CP 568 Nothing Can Trouble
(tune: Nada te turbe)

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

Priest: God of steadfast love,
watch over the Church
redeemed by the blood of your Son.
May we who share in these holy mysteries
come safely to your eternal kingdom,
where there is one flock and one shepherd.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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: Go in peace and love and care for another
the name of the Lord;
and may God lead you to places of rest and renewal;
may Christ Jesus give you life in abundance;
and may the Holy Spirit
fill your hearts with gladness and generosity,
both now and forevermore.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn: He Leadeth Me

(tune: He Leadeth Me)

**He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.**

Refrain: **He leadeth me! He leadeth me!
By his own hand he leadeth me!
His faithful follower I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me!**

**Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,
sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
by waters calm, o'er troubled sea,
still 'tis his hand that leadeth me. *Refrain***

**Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,
nor ever murmur nor repine
content, whatever lot I see,
since 'tis my God that leadeth me. *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 of Australia - The Most Revd Geoffrey Smith – Primate. **In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer, we pray for** The Rt. Rev. Todd Townshend, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Huron (Anglican); The congregations of the Western Manitoba area of Manitoba of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod (Lutheran). **In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray for** Anna, our Bishop, and for St. Columbia, Tofino and their wardens and congregation. **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

April 21st – April 28th

(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. **Next Sunday, April 28th**, there will be a special **“Farewell” Coffee Time** for **Olivia Craster** who's moving at the end of the month.

***Old Cemeteries Society Tour of St. Luke's Cemetery – Today, 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 today at 4 pm – We will hold the service outside if the weather permits.** Come and help celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday. This service is especially for children, but is open to all ages. The service will include lots of singing as well as movement.

***St. Luke's Spring Fair is this Saturday, April 27th, from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm.** Be sure to tell your friends! **Our thanks to all the convenors and helpers who will be in charge of**

the many stalls, but we could use your help too, please!

We will arrange and price items on Friday from 9:00 am onwards. Saturday, we will open the doors to the public from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. The Food Truck “Come and Get It” will be selling snacks and lunch items during the sale (a portion of the proceeds from the Food Truck will go to the Shelbourne Community Kitchen). But bring a bag lunch on Friday if you are helping. Please bring donations to the hall basement any weekday morning or Thursday evening. Plants and home baking can be brought on Friday. This is a fun event for the whole community. Please call me with any questions or to offer your help. **Thanks so much, Carol Turnham.**

***Plants for the Spring Fair** – If you are dividing plants, please **consider doing a few extra for the plant stall** at the Spring Fair. We have extra pots if you need them, or if you need help with dividing, **please call Noreen Saville.**

****Thank You from Brenda** – “All fabric donations were very gratefully received, but for now, I have enough to keep me quite busy.” So please **no more fabric donations at this time.**

***Archbishop Linda Nicholls Will Visit the Diocese April 19th – 24th** – Events to note include: 4 pm Choral Evensong at Christ Church Cathedral today 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.**

****Our next Fantastic Friday will be Friday, May 3rd from 4:30 to 6:30 pm in St. Luke’s Hall** – This Fantastic Friday will be a **woodworking Fantastic Friday.** Invite your friends, neighbours, children, and grandchildren to join in the fun and find out why these Fridays are fantastic! For more information or to offer to help (always greatly appreciated!), please talk to Tara Poilievre, Barb Prescott, or Sharon Hallsor.

****Some Work Completed Recently in the Cemetery** – For a number of years, we have wanted steps by the shed to provide

easier access to the graves in the upper terrace area (Rows M and N). We had been using a cement block there, which was a temporary solution. Finally, we now have two steps in that area. Christopher Barclay also repaired the dry stone wall on the north end of the cemetery that was bulging, and the broken concrete caps on several other walls. **If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of repairing the dry stone wall, creating the stairs, and other miscellaneous repairs in the cemetery (totalling just over \$5,000), St. Luke's would be most grateful.** Please make your tax receiptable donation by putting **cash or a cheque** (payable to St. Luke's Church) in your envelope and noting on the envelope that the **donation is for the cemetery**. Another option is to visit **the Donations for the Upkeep of St. Luke's Cemetery link at the cemetery page (<https://www.stlukesvictoria.ca/programs/st-lukes-historic-cemetery>)** to find out how to make a tax receiptable donation using a credit card or by e-transfer.

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.**

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 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.

Calling All Photographers

A Note from Daniel: Friends, I am calling on your skills and talents in photography. We would love to use 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 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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We hope you will visit again!

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY April 28th, 2024

Acts 8: 26-40
Psalm 22: 24-30
1 John 4: 7-21
John 15: 1-18

FLOWERS

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Marina on our 62nd Wedding Anniversary
from Barry Westhaver.

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