

Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill
Fifth Sunday in Easter
April 28, 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 450 You Call Us, Lord, to Be
(tune: Rhosemydre)

Invitation to Confession

Priest: Sisters and Brothers,
today's Gospel challenges the depth
of our relationship to Christ,
who calls himself the vine and us, the branches.
The immediacy of this relationship was palpable
among the early Christians. But what is it for us?
We've been invited into something far deeper and
more intimate than any other relationship in our lives.
How comfortable are we with this invitation?
God knows us completely and we come to God
as one from whom no secrets are hidden,
to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

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,
you give us the Son as the vine,
apart from whom we cannot live.
Nourish our life in his resurrection,
so that we bear the fruit of love
and know the fullness of your joy;
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord,
who lives 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 8: 26-40

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 22: 24-30

Response: *All the ends of the earth shall turn to the Lord.*

My praise is of him in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows
in the presence of those who worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:

"May your heart live for ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

(Response)

For kingship belongs to the Lord; he rules over the nations.
To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust fall before him. **(Response)**

My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him;
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn
the saving deeds that he has done. **(Response)**

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 4: 7-21

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 466 How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

(tune: Repton)

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 15: 1-8

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: *The Fountain in My Garden* by M. Fairbank

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, "Loving God,"
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...

Christ Jesus,
we draw near to you in prayer this day,
trusting that your love changes lives
and your resurrection brings hope
into the world God loves.

You walk with us through every challenging time,
and we give you thanks for every sign of hope
in a world that is often on edge
and the future seems uncertain.

May we abide in your love.

Loving and Listening God,
we bring you our prayers for others,
friends and enemies, neighbours and strangers alike.
We pray for people who are struggling with illness,
loneliness, grief or sadness:

Silence...

May they abide in your love.

Loving God,

All: Hear our prayer.

We pray for people in countries and communities
where it is not safe to live out their faith or express
their views openly.

Silence...

May they abide in your love.

Loving God,

All: Hear our prayer.

We pray for victims of discrimination
and acts of hatred,
and those who fear violence day by day.
Silence...

May they abide in your love.
Loving God,
All: Hear our prayer.

We pray for journalists and advocates for justice
who live under threat for telling the truth.
Silence...

May they abide in your love.
Loving God,
All: Hear our prayer.

We pray for churches,
local organizations and businesses
struggling under the pressure of economic challenges.
Silence...

May they abide in your love.
Loving God,
All: Hear our prayer.

We pray for our families, friends and for ourselves,
as well as those in the news
whose situations tug at our hearts.
Silence...

May they abide in your love.
Loving God,
All: Hear our prayer.

Christ Jesus, we believe that you hear our prayers
and will be faithful to our requests and concerns.
We offer all these prayers in thanksgiving.
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 446 Word of God, Come Down to Earth

(*tune: Liebster Jesu*)

The Preparation of the Table

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: Lord our God, loving Father,
you planted your Son among people
as the true vine of faithful love.
Let him give himself to us today
as our bread of strength
and pour for us the wine of fidelity,
that we may live in him and he in us,
and that we may bear fruits
of unity and love
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

[*Source: Eucharistic Prayer 5, The Book of Alternative Services, ACC.*]

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,
for the gift of a world full of wonder,
and for our life which comes from you.
By your power you sustain the universe.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest: You created us to love you with all our heart,
and to love each other as ourselves,
but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son,
you bring healing to our world
and gather us into one great family.
Therefore, with all who serve you
on earth and in heaven,
we praise your wonderful name, as we sing:

(From Common Praise # 735):

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full,
full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.**

Congregation may sit or kneel at this time.

Priest: We give you thanks and praise, loving Father,
because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us
you showed us how much you love us.
He cares for the poor and the hungry.
He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back
but overcame hatred with love.
On the cross
he defeated the power of sin and death.

By raising him from the dead
you show us the power of your love
to bring new life to all your people.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest: On the night before he gave up his life for us,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them,
saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it:
this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends,
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and eternal covenant,
which is shed for you and for many,
so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in memory of me."

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest: Gracious God,
with this bread and wine
we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus,
and we offer ourselves to you in him.
Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts,
that we may know the presence of Jesus
in the breaking of bread,
and share in the life
of the family of your children.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest: Father, you call us to be your servants;
fill us with the courage and love of Jesus,
that all the world may gather in joy
at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father,
through Jesus, our Lord,
in the power of the Holy Spirit,
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 412 O God, Beyond All Face and Form

(tune: Melita)

CP 82 Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

(tune: Hallelujah! We sing your praises)

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: Go now, and love one another,
because love is from God.
Proclaim God's salvation to every generation.
Remain in Jesus Christ,
and like branches of a vine, draw your life from him.

And may God the vine grower
tend you and make you fruitful;
May Christ Jesus abide in you and give you life;
And may the Holy Spirit
cast out all fear and fill you with God's love.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn: Make a Joyful Noise all the Earth!

(by L. Good)

***Refrain: Make a joyful noise all the earth!
Worship your God with gladness.
Make a joyful noise all the earth.
Come to this place with a song!***

**Know that your God has made you.
Know it's to God we belong.
And come to this place with joyfulness and praise.
Worship your God with a song! *Refrain***

**Enter these gates, thanks giving.
Enter these courts with praise.
Sing thanks to your God and bless the holy Name.
Worship your God with a song! Refrain**

**Ages through endless ages,
seasons of endless years,
the love of our Maker ever shall endure.
Worship your God with a song! 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 Church of Bangladesh - The Most Revd Samuel Sunil Mankhin – Primate. **In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer, we pray for** The Most Rev. Anne Germond, Bishop, the Most Rev. Fred Hiltz, Assisting Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Victoria Matthews, Episcopal Administrator, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Moosonee (Anglican); and the congregations of the Winnipeg area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod (Lutheran). **In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray for** Anna, our Bishop, and for St. Dunstan, Gordon Head, and their interim minister, Heather Robinson. **We also pray for** Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyle and Pastor Lyndon, and for the Diocese of the Yukon, and Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS
April 28th – May 5th
(New Items, *Revised Items)**

****Thank you to our amazing volunteers** for all your help in making this year's Spring Fair a success, from set up to take down and everything in between. Your donations and all your work before, during, and after the Fair are very much appreciated. Carol Turnham.

***Please stay for Coffee Time today after the 10 am service** – Park on Synod Road for easy access via the side door of the hall. **Today, April 28th**, there will be a special **“Farewell” Coffee Time** for **Olivia Craster** who's moving at the end of this month.

***Fantastic Friday will be this 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.

****Save the Date for our first Cemetery Cleanup this spring**, which will be on **Saturday, May 11th from 9 to 11:30 am**. Many hands make light work!

****Our Next Reflections, our Sunday afternoon/evening service, will be on Sunday, May 12th at 7:00 pm** – Note the later time for May and June. The May Reflections will feature **the music of Taize and will include a variety of musicians**. The readings, prayers, and music of this special Reflection Time will calm your spirit and soothe your soul.

****Registration Will Open May 1st for This Year's Amazing Journey Day Camp**, which will be held **in the mornings, July 22nd to July 26th**. Children born January 1, 2013 to June 30, 2020 are eligible to be campers. **The Registration Form will**

be available at the News page of St. Luke's website. Early Bird Registration fees available until June 15th are \$45 for the first child, \$40 for the 2nd child, and \$35 for the 3rd child. 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 and the theme will be "Mending God's World."** We will also be looking for Middle School students to be Leaders in Training and High School students to be Small Group Leaders.

****Level Ground Fundraiser Update** – We received a payment this month in the amount of **\$71.18**, bringing our total to date to **\$360.25**. For more information, visit the **Fundraising page of St. Luke's website** or talk to Barb Prescott.

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.**

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). 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.

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.

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.**

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.

- 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 May 5th, 2024

Acts 10: 44-48

Psalm 98

1 John 5: 1-6

John 15: 9-17

FLOWERS

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