

Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill

Fifth Sunday in Lent
April 6, 2025 – 10 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.*

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Prelude (*Please be seated.*)

Welcome and Introduction. (*The Rev. Daniel Fournier*)

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn: CP 537 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

(*tune: Cross of Jesus*)

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.

Invitation to Confession

Priest: In this season of Lent,
as we make our way to the cross,
we strive to follow Christ's example:
to admit betrayal and fear that are part of life,
to embrace trust in God and love for humanity.
Let us open our hearts, minds, and souls
to the One who loves us without condition,
trusting that we will receive grace and mercy.

Silence is kept.

**All: Almighty God,
long-suffering and of great goodness:
I confess to you,
I confess with my whole heart my neglect**

**and forgetfulness of your commandments,
my wrong doing, thinking, and speaking;
the hurts I have done to others,
and the good I have left undone.
O God, forgive me, for I have sinned against you;
and raise me to newness of life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution:

Priest: The almighty and merciful Lord
grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: Creator God,
you prepare a new way in the wilderness
and water the desert.
Help us to recognize your hand
working miracles beyond our imagining.
Open our hearts to be transformed
by the new thing you are doing,
so that our lives may proclaim
the extravagance of your love for all,
and its presence in Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 43: 16-21

Reader: A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 126

Response: *The Lord has done great things for us.*

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy. **(Response)**

Then they said among the nations,
"The Lord has done great things for them."
The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed. **(Response)**

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses of the Negev. **(Response)**

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.
Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy,
shouldering their sheaves. **(Response)**

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 3: 4b-14

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

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 605 Have Mercy, Lord, on Us
(tune: St. Bride)

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 12: 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: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* by G. Martin

Please stand as you are able.

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

Priest: 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 Intercession

Sitting, standing or kneeling, as is your custom.

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

IN THE WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN PRAYER CYCLE,
we pray today for Iglesia Anglicana de Chile, The
Most Revd Enrique Lago Zugadi, Primate. **Locally we**
pray for Anna, our Bishop, and for the Parish of St.
Christopher & St. Aidan, Cowichan Lake, and their
priest, the Rev. Selinde Krayenhoff. **We also pray for**
Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyndon, **and**
for the Diocese of Caledonia Bishop David Lehmann.

O God, in whom we live and move and have our being,
we come to you in prayer,
trusting that you are with us in the ups and downs,
the joys and sorrows of these challenging days.

We give you thanks
for every sign of your presence with us,
for every unexpected kindness,
every word of comfort or encouragement,
every sign of courage in the face of injustice,
every hopeful step towards reconciliation amid conflict,
and healing in the face of disease or danger.
Thank you for your presence with us in all things.

In this unpredictable world, we pray for those
whose lives are caught up in reckless terror
or planned oppression,
and for those living in places
where they are afraid to walk freely;
we remember all who find the uncertainty of our times
overwhelming and discouraging:

(Name troubled places here)

(Silence)

May those living in fear find courage
to go on in your company.

All: Merciful God, hear us as we pray.

As the stories of Jesus turn us toward the cross,
O God, we pray for those
who also walk the road of suffering.
We remember before you those whose lives
have been plunged into sorrow or despair
through tragic death,
through critical illness or chronic pain,
and through complicated problems
that seem to have no end:

(Name those we are praying for here)

(Silence)

May all these know your comfort and compassion.

All: Merciful God, hear us as we pray.

O God, the stories of Jesus
show us that he faced the clamour of many demands
and the pressure of many critics.
We pray for all those who are exhausted these days,
juggling more demands and fewer resources
in their work or at home,
for those who cannot seem to get it right,
whatever they do,
and for all those facing
unfair criticism and expectations
in the responsibilities they bear on behalf of others.

(Silence)

May all these be strengthened
by your Spirit of justice and mercy.

All: Merciful God, hear us as we pray.

O God, we need the embrace of your presence,
each in our own way.
Anoint us with your Spirit of healing and hope,
and bring peace to our lives and this world you love.

God of Grace, receive these prayers
and the unspoken prayers of our hearts.
We offer our prayer in Christ Jesus.

All: Amen.

Invitation and Peace *(Please stand as you are able.)*

Priest: The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready.
It is the table of company with Jesus
and with all those 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 faith
and you who would like to have more.
You who have been to this sacrament often,
and you who have not been for a long time.
You who have tried to follow Jesus,
and you who have failed.
Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

As we prepare to come to the table
let us exchange a sign of peace with one another.

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

All: And also with you.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: VU 111 As the Sun with Longer Journey *(tune: Picardy)*

**As the sun with longer journey
melts the winter's snow and ice,
with its slowly growing radiance
warms the seed beneath the earth,
may the sun of Christ's uprising
gently bring our hearts to life.**

**Through the days of waiting,
watching in the desert of our sin,
searching on the far horizon
for a sign of cloud or wind,
we await the healing waters
of our Saviour's victory.**

**Praise be given to the Maker
of the seasons' yearly round:
to the Speaker through the Spoken
in their living Breath of love
as the ever turning seasons
roll to their eternal rest.**

The Preparation of the Table

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: Eternal God,
your only Son suffered death upon the cross
to bring the world salvation.
Accept the praise and thanksgiving
we offer you this day,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

[Source: Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 3 - Eucharistic Prayers, Services of the Word, and Night Prayer Supplementary to The Book of Alternative Services. 2001.]

Priest: May God 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 and good,
our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
For on this day he revealed his glory
before his chosen witnesses
and filled with divine splendour
the human flesh in which he is one with us.
So he prepared his disciples
to bear the scandal of the cross
and showed that in the Church, his body,
the same glory would be fulfilled
that shone forth from him, its head.
And so with joyful hearts we echo on earth
the song of the angels in heaven
as they praise your glory without end:

(From Common Praise # 719):

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
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.
Great is the mystery of faith:

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

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, Mary, Martha, Lazarus,
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 3 times - From Common Praise # 721*)

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 (*Setting: Land of Rest*)

**All: O Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world;
Have mercy on us, Lamb of God,
and grant us your peace.**

The Giving of Communion

Priest: 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 80 We Hail Thee Now, O Jesus

(tune: St. Christopher)

CP 616 Father of Heaven, Whose Love Profound

(tune: Rivaulx)

Solo during Ablutions: *Andante from Sonata 6 in b-minor*
by G.F. Handel, Mary Byrne (flutist)

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

Priest: Merciful God,
you have called us to your table
and fed us with the bread of life.
Draw us and all people to your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

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.)*

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

Priest: When we see the body of Christ
still broken in this world,
may we meet it with lavish grace
and pour ourselves out with extravagant love.
And as you go,
may the blessings of the God of life,
the Christ of love,
and the Spirit of grace
be upon you this day and forevermore.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn: CP 551 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

(tune: Olivet)

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 Anglican-Lutheran-Moravian Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Most Rev. Anne Germond, Metropolitan, and the people and clergy of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario (Anglican); **for** the congregations of the Eastern area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod (Lutheran); **and for** the Rt. Rev. J. Christian Giesler, Bishop of the Unity residing in the Northern Province (Moravian).

April 6th – April 13th
(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 at the Shelbourne Community Kitchen.

Sacred Frontiers – A spiritual exploration/faith formation group for teens and their parents; adults considering baptism and/or confirmation; anyone who wants to be welcomed into St. Luke's from another denomination; anyone who would like to formally renew their baptismal commitment; anyone who has faith questions; anyone who wants to deepen their faith outside of Sunday morning. **The group is meeting weekly, each Sunday and will end on Pentecost Sunday, June 8th**, with a celebration of baptism and reaffirmation and welcome. The group is meeting in **the church from 1:00 to 2:30 pm**. See more information at the **News page of St. Luke's website**.

****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, April 16th at 7:30 pm**. The **Maundy Thursday** service on **April 17th will also be at 7:30 pm**. There will not be a morning service on Thursday, April 17th. The **Good Friday** service will be at **10 am on April 18th**.

****Easter Vigil with Church of the Cross – Holy Saturday, April 19th 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 (April 20th)** 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** by Koshi Thompson (trumpet), Erika Pryer (vocal solo), 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 invites your **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 Tuesday, April 15th** to make a donation for flowers for Easter.

****Invitation/Services Card in Today's Service Bulletin** – Please use the invitation/services card tucked in today's service bulletin to post on your fridge to **remind you of all the services** (in-person, livestreamed, and recorded) or to give to a friend or neighbour to invite them to the Holy Week and Easter Services. **More cards are available on the table at the back of the church.**

****Early Bird Registration is now open for this year's Amazing Journey Day Camp**, which will be held **July 7th – 11th** in the mornings, **9 am to noon at St. Luke's**. St. Luke's joins with Church of the Cross each summer for a week-long day camp hosted at one of the churches. If you have children, grandchildren, or friends with children ages 4 through 11, please consider registering them to participate in the day camp. **Children born January 1, 2014 to June 30, 2021 are eligible to be campers.** The registration form can found at the **News page of St. Luke's website**. Early Bird Registration Fees are 1st child - \$50; 2nd child - \$45; 3rd and additional child - \$40. We are also looking for **Middle School students to be Leaders in Training and High School students to be Small Group Leaders**. Questions? Please talk to Tara Poilievre, Sharon Hallsor, or Barb Prescott.

Save the Date for St. Luke's Spring Fair – Saturday, April 26th, from 9 am – 2 pm. 9 am to 10 am will be for Early Bird shoppers, with an entry fee of \$10. There will be no charge from 10 am – 2 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.

Plants for the Spring Fair – With the spring around the corner, if you are dividing plants or planting seeds, please consider doing a few extras 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 Saville.**

****Save the Date for the International Pipe Organ Day: Saturday, April 26th, 1 - 3 pm:** Drop by the **church** and try out (yes, that means **you get to play**) our 2-manual Casavant Pipe Organ to **help Victoria become the Pipe Organ Capital of Canada** by setting a record for the most people playing a pipe organ that day! Your friendly organist, Susanne, will share her knowledge and raise awareness of the pipe organ, its music and the Royal Canadian Organists training programs and scholarships. **This is a FREE event**, so bring your kids or grandkids to create some awesome sounds! **Lutheran Church of the Cross is also participating in this event**, so check out their 2-manual Spilker/Smalley pipe organ across the street.

****Rug/Latch Hooking Supplies Needed** – Have you ever done rug/latch hooking? Do you have extra tools or cut pieces you no longer need? We are looking for spare supplies for our Summer Day Camp in July. If you, or anyone you know, has any you could donate, please talk to Tara Poilievre. Thank you.

***A Weekly Lenten Series** – Lent is the season of 40 days leading up to Easter. This season is a time of intentional reflection when we make space in our lives for God to change our hearts in preparation for the new life that awaits us in the resurrection we celebrate at Easter. This year the Diocesan Office is sharing brief videos in a series called Staying

Grounded in Times of Chaos. A new video is released every Wednesday between now and Holy Week. **The first four videos can be found at the News page of St. Luke's website.** In this week's video, Craig Hiebert speaks about the Ignatian Examen, the practice of prayerfully paying attention.

****The March and April 2025 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.

****Nominations are Open for the Order of the Diocese of British Columbia** – The Order of the Diocese of British Columbia honours and gives special recognition to members of the diocese (and in the case of honorary awards, those not part of the diocese) who have given outstanding service over a significant period of time in their baptismal ministry. The deadline to submit completed forms is April 30th. More information can be found at the **News page of St. Luke's website.**

****The Restoration of Notre-Dame de Paris** – A talk and visual presentation by Philippe Villeneuve, Lead Chief Architect of Notre-Dame de Paris, **Tuesday, April 8th, 5:45 - 7:30 pm at Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria.** This event is free and open to all in order to support the ongoing fundraising efforts for Notre-Dame Cathedral. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to meet the Lead Chief Architect who oversaw the restoration of Notre-Dame de Paris. Philippe Villeneuve will present an insider's view of the disaster that struck the almost 900-years old monument and its reconstruction. Stunning visuals will be presented. See more information at the **Events page of St. Luke's website.**

St. Luke's Is on Instagram – Did you know that St. Luke's is now on Instagram? Thanks to Sahar Saeidbakhsh for setting up Instagram for us. You'll find the Instagram link in the top right corner of the home page of our website or at this link: **https://www.instagram.com/saint_lukechurch/** Please follow St. Luke's on Instagram.

The Date of Easter

Source: <https://www.anglican.ca/ask/faq/easter/>

The Council of Nicea in 325 set the celebration of Easter as the first Sunday after the first full moon following the spring equinox (March 21). The earliest possible date for Easter is March 22 and the latest is April 25.

Calculation of Easter dates has always been complex and most people in previous centuries consulted tables prepared by church scholars. Similar calendars/tables are still found at the beginning of many printed prayer books. The date of Easter is a key date for calculating all of the moveable feasts that are connected with it e.g. Ascension and Pentecost so it is extremely important to know the correct date and to be able to have the date several years in advance.

Today the Western and Eastern (Orthodox) Churches celebrate Easter on a different date. This difference is based on the reform of the secular calendar undertaken by Pope Gregory XIII in 1582. The Gregorian reform of the calendar meant the immediate “loss” of 10 days in 1582 in order to correct problems with the Julian Calendar worked out by Julius Caesar in 46 B.C. (England did not adopt the Gregorian Calendar until 1752 and then lost 12 days in September.)

The “Orthodox Churches, even though most of them have adopted the Gregorian Calendar for fixed feasts, still calculate Easter according to the Julian Calendar, and, as their calculation of the Paschal full moon is five days later than the astronomical full moon, their Easter sometimes coincides with the Western date, but is often one, four or five weeks later”. In the period 2001-2025 the Eastern and Western dates for Easter were the same in seven years.

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY April 13th, 2025

Luke 19: 28-40

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Psalm 31: 9-16

Philippians 2: 5-11

Luke 22: 14-23: 56

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.***
