

Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill

Good Friday
A Celebration of the Lord's Passion

April 18, 2025
10:00 am



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*We acknowledge that we gather with respect on the traditional
territories of the lək̓ʷəŋən peoples, known in our day as the Esquimalt
and Songhees Nations, the traditional custodians of these lands.
We are grateful for their hospitality.*

Statement on the Lectionary Readings for Holy Week and Easter

Throughout Christian history, references to “the Jews” in scripture—particularly in John and Acts—have been used to perpetuate negative stereotypes and falsely assign blame for the death of Jesus. These references gloss over significant distinctions among religious leaders, such as Pharisees, scribes, and Sadducees, and obscure the fact that Jesus and his disciples were themselves Jews. As Christians, we confess and lament the history of anti-Judaism associated with these texts. We renounce the evils of violence and discrimination against Jewish people. We strive for mutual understanding, respect, and partnership with Jewish neighbors and commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation among people of all faiths.

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

Please stand as you are able.

Priest: All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned every one to his own way,

**All: And the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.**

Priest: Christ the Lord became obedient unto death,
All: even death on a cross.

Priest: Almighty God,

**All: our heavenly Father,
we have sinned
in thought and word and deed;
we have not loved you
with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours
as ourselves.
We pray you of your mercy,
forgive us all that is past,
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

Almighty God,
look graciously, we pray, on this your family,
for whom our Lord, Jesus Christ,
was willing to be betrayed
and given into the hands of sinners,
and to suffer death upon the cross;
who now lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 52: 13 - 53: 12

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 22

All sing: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?



SECOND READING: HEBREWS 4: 14-16, 5: 7-9

Reader: A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn: CP 192 Were You There (v. 1, 2, 3, 5)

(tune: Were You There)

Please be seated for the reading of the Passion Narrative.

PASSION NARRATIVE: John 18: 1 - 19: 42

Music during the Passion Narrative: *Teneramente*
by Adolphus Hailstork, Mary Byrne (flute)

Reflection: The Rev. Daniel Fournier (*Please be seated*)

Anthem: *My Jesus, I Love Thee* by P. Sjolund,
Mary Byrne (flute)

The Solemn Intercessions

Intercessor:

Let us pray for the one holy catholic
and apostolic Church of Christ
throughout the world:
for its unity in witness and service,
for all bishops and other ministers
and the people whom they serve,
for the bishop and the people of this diocese,
for all Christians in this community,
for those about to be baptised,
that God will confirm the Church in faith,
increase it in love,
and preserve it in peace.

We pray to you, O God.

All sing: Lord, have mercy.



Silence

Priest: Faithful and compassionate God,
your Spirit guides the Church and makes it holy;
hear the prayers we offer,
that in the particular ministry
to which you have called us,
we may serve you faithfully,
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All: Amen.

Intercessor:

Let us pray for all nations
and peoples of the earth,
and for those in authority among them:

For Charles, our King,
and the members of the Royal Family;
for Prime Minister Mark Carney
and for the government of this country;
for Premier David Eby
and the members of the legislature;
for the mayors of the Capital Regional District,
and those who serve with them on the councils,
for all who serve the common good,
that by God's help they may seek justice and truth,
that all might live in peace and harmony.

We pray to you, O God.

All sing: Lord, have mercy.



Silence

Priest: Faithful and compassionate God,
kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace,
and guide with your wisdom those in authority,
that justice, peace, and freedom may increase,
until the earth is filled
with the knowledge of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All: Amen.

Intercessor:

Let us pray for all who suffer:
for people who are hungry and the homeless,
the those who are deprived of the necessities of life;
for all who are abused and oppressed,
for those who are sick,
for those who are wounded and handicapped,
for those who live in loneliness and in fear,
for those who struggle with confusion,
doubt, and despair,
for all who are sorrowful and bereaved,
for prisoners, and all at the point of death,
that God's love will comfort and sustain them,
and that we may be stirred up to minister to them.

We pray to you, O God.

All sing: Lord, have mercy.



Silence

Priest: Faithful and compassionate God,
 the comfort of all who sorrow,
 the strength of all who suffer,
 hear the cry of all who call on you in any trouble;
 grant them the joy
 of receiving your help in their need,
 giving us, we pray, the strength to serve them,
 through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All: Amen.

Intercessor:

Let us pray for all
 who do not believe the gospel of Christ:
 for those who have never heard
 the message of God's love in Christ,
 for those who have lost their faith,
 for those who are indifferent to Christ,
 for those who actively oppose Christ
 by word or deed,
 and persecute Christ's disciples,
 for those who in the name of Christ
 have persecuted others,
 that God will open their hearts to the truth,
 and lead them to faith and obedience of God's ways.

We pray to you, O God.

All sing: Lord, have mercy.



Silence

Priest: Faithful and compassionate God,
you create and love all the peoples of the earth;
may your good news be so lived and proclaimed,
that all are brought home to your presence,
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All: **Amen.**

Intercessor:

Let us commit ourselves to God,
and pray for the grace of a holy life,
that with all who have died in the peace of Christ,
and with those whose faith is known to God alone,
we may enter the fullness of life
in the joy of Christ's resurrection.

We pray to you, O God.

All sing: Lord, have mercy.



Silence

Priest: God, our refuge and strength,
accept the fervent prayers of your people,
and bring to fulfilment your plan for all creation,
through Jesus Christ,
who is alive with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn: CP 184 My Song Is Love Unknown

(tune: Love Unknown)

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Meditation on the Cross of Jesus

The Cross is carried into the church.

Priest: This is the wood of the cross,
on which hung the Saviour of the world.

All sing: Come let us worship.



We sing this two more times while the cross is carried down the aisle.

Veneration of the Cross

Please be seated. At this time, we invite you to come forward one by one and pause for a moment before the cross, place your hand on the wood (or another sign of reverence); then return to your place.

Music during the Veneration:

Vocal Duet: *Behold the Cross* by Bob Hurd;
Daniel Fournier and Joan Scandrett

At the conclusion of the veneration, please stand as you are able.

Priest: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

**All: Because by your holy cross
you have redeemed the world.**

Priest: O Saviour of the world,
by your cross and precious blood
you have redeemed us.

All: Save us and help us, we humbly pray.

Hymn: CP 196 Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended
(tune: Herzliebster Jesu)

Priest: And now, as our Saviour taught us,
we are bold to say:

**All: Our Father who art in heaven
hallowed be thy name
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever.
Amen.**

Closing Prayer

Priest: Send down your abundant blessing,
O Lord, upon your people
who have devoutly recalled
the death of your Son
in sure and certain hope
of the resurrection.
Grant them pardon; bring them comfort.

May their faith grow stronger
and their eternal salvation be assured.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

*The service ends in silence. You are invited to stay for a time and
ponder all that you have heard and read. There is no dismissal this
day as we leave in silence.*

You are welcome to join us for refreshments up in the hall.

UPCOMING SERVICES

April 19 – Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil at Church of the Cross

Service starts at 7:30 pm

April 20 – Easter Services at St. Luke's

8 am Communion Service

10 am Communion Service with special music
(livestreamed and recorded)

2:30 pm Family Service and Easter Egg Hunt

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

April 20th – April 27th

(New Items, *Revised Items)**

St. Luke's Spring Fair – Next Saturday, April 26th, from 9 am – 2 pm. This year's Spring Fair will feature plants and garden art, jewellery, antiques and collectibles, crafts and creations, books, toys, home baking, jams and jellies, silent auction, vintage clothing and accessories, white elephant, Mother's Day gifts, and more! 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. 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 need some help with dividing or some pots (we have extra pots), **please call Noreen Saville.**

***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.

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We hope you will visit again!

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