# Welcome to St. Luke Cedar Hill

Fifth Sunday of Easter May 18, 2025 – 10 am Holy Eucharist



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We acknowledge that we gather with respect on the traditional territories of the lekwenen peoples, known in our day as the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, the traditional custodians of these lands.

We are grateful for their hospitality.

#### Music selections

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Prelude (Please be seated.)

Welcome and Introduction. (The Rev. Daniel Fournier)

Please stand as you are able.

### Opening Hymn: CP 450 You Call Us, Lord to Be (tune: Rhosemydre)

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.

All sing - Gloria: (Common Praise tune # 425):
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!

#### **Collect of the Day**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

God of glory,
whose Beloved took the shadowed road of death
and found life in the darkness:
may his love be our law,
so that, undimmed by fear,
we may witness to the power of new birth,
through Jesus Christ, the first-born from the dead.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

#### The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: ACTS 11: 1-18

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 148**

Response: O praise the name of the Lord.

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights.
Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host.
Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars. (Response)

Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.
Let them praise the Name of the Lord; for he commanded, and they were created.
He made them stand fast for ever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away. (Response)

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps; Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will; Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars; Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds; (Response)

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world; Young men and maidens, old and young together. Let them praise the Name of the Lord, for his Name only is exalted, his splendour is over earth and heaven. (*Response*)

He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near him. (*Response*)

**SECOND READING: REVELATION 21: 1-6** 

Reader: A Reading from the Revelation to 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 434 The Love of Jesus Calls Us (tune: Aurelia)

**THE GOSPEL: JOHN 13: 31-35** 

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: Our God, Creation's Loving Source, text: J. Patterson

Please stand as you are able.

The Apostles' Creed (Please stand as you are able.)

Leader: Let us confess the faith of our baptism 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 Intercession**

Sitting, standing or kneeling, as is your custom.

Let us pray with confidence as God's holy people.

IN THE WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN PRAYER CYCLE, we pray today for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East, The Most Revd Hosam Naoum, Primate. Locally we pray for Anna, our Bishop, and for St. John the Baptist, Cobble Hill, and their rector, Rev. Canon Dr. John Alfred Steele. We also pray for Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyndon, and for the Diocese of Kootenay and Bishop Lynne McNaughton.

Creating God, you have given us so many wonders in this world you created.

We thank you for spring sunshine and refreshing rain; for colours exploding in blossoms opening, grass greening, and gardens sprouting. Thank you for all the signs of new life around us this Easter season.

Make the earth fruitful in this growing season, so that food will be plentiful for the hungry.

Generous God,

#### All: Hear our prayer.

God of new life,

We pray that we might learn to care for our planet as your gift.

We pray for scientists and all those who work tirelessly to teach us how to look after the environment. Renew their energy for the responsibilities they carry. We pray for leaders in government, business and communities, that they will make care for the earth a priority for the sake of generations yet to come. Inspire each of us to do all we can,

no matter how small or insignificant our efforts may seem, to walk more respectfully on the face of your creation.

Generous God,

#### All: Hear our prayer.

God of the small and insignificant as well as powerful and influential, we thank you for our families and friends who offer us love and encouragement as we move through life.

We pray for those families and communities whose lives have been disrupted by war and conflict, who worry about safety each day and what the future will hold for them.

Keep a brief silence, adding more specific prayers as needed.

Guide all those with decision-making power to consider the lives of the vulnerable as very precious, and make policies that protect the future for them.

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Generous God.

All: Hear our prayer.

God of the vulnerable,
we pray for all those whose future is uncertain:
for those who are facing illness
or waiting for treatment,
for those mourning the loss of someone dear,
and for those who feel lonely or discouraged.
(Names are read here.)

Generous God.

All: Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are homeless or unemployed, for all who know hunger or despair, and for those facing danger or discrimination every day. Empower us with your Spirit to reach out to those in need, in this community and in places distant from us, so that we can make your love tangible in their lives.

Generous God,

All: Hear our prayer.

God of our Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for this community that gathers in Jesus' name each week for the warmth and welcome offered here, for friendship and faithfulness discovered, for learning and leadership shared with each other. Thank you for the hope that rises in us through the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Make us expressions of that hope to each other and to the world you love for Jesus' sake.

Generous God.

All: Hear our prayer.

All this, we pray in the name of our Risen Christ.

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:

#### **CP 404 The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing**

(tune: The Trumpets Sound)

#### The Preparation of the Table

#### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Priest: Gracious God,

you show us your way and give us your divine life.

May everything we do

be directed by the knowledge of your truth.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

All: Amen.

#### **Eucharistic Prayer**

[Source: Eucharistic Prayer 2 - The Book of Alternative Services

1985.]

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: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,

through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,

our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word,

through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

(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: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

AII:

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for 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:

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 sides people 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 56 I Am the Bread the Bread of Life

(tune: Picket Wood)

#### CP 72 Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed

(tune: Jesu, Meine Zuversicht)

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

Priest: God of love,

in this eucharist we have heard your truth

and shared in your life.

May we always walk in your way, in the name of Jesus Christ the 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.)

Blessing (Please stand as you are able.)

Priest: Christ has given us a new commandment:

that we love one another, as Christ has loved us.

By this, everyone will know that we are Christ's disciples.

if we share that love with the world.

And through this love, all things will be made new.

Go now, and do as Christ commands.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

### Closing Hymn: VU 820 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 Anglican-Lutheran-Moravian Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Rt. Rev. William Cliff, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Ontario (Anglican); for the Assistant to the Bishop and the staff of the Saskatchewan Synod (Lutheran); and for The Rt. Rev. Kay Ward, Bishop of the Unity residing in the Northern Province (Moravian).

## May 18<sup>th</sup> - May 25<sup>th</sup> (\*\*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.

- \*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 (including today) in the church from 1:00 to 2:30 pm, each Sunday until Pentecost Sunday, June 8th. See more information at the News page of St. Luke's website.
- \*\*The Church Office will be closed Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> for Victoria Day. The office will reopen at 9:00 am on Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.
- \*\*A Thank You from Gillian Bloom Thank you to everyone who came to my party on May 6<sup>th</sup>. It was so special to see so many people that I knew helping me celebrate my 85<sup>th</sup>. I especially want to thank those who arrived early to set up, the kitchen helpers so ably directed by Sandra, and those who stayed late to clear everything up. It would not have been possible without your help. It was a very special day! Thanks again.

- \*\*Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the Vintage Fashion Show and Tea last Saturday. What a fun and joyful occasion that was! Thanks also to Carol Turnham for all her organizing of the event and writing of the script, which told St. Luke's history from 1860 1980, and to all the members of Vintage Fashion Showcase, who presented the fashions throughout the years. Thanks to everyone who helped with the set, serving, and clear up. St. Luke's is very blessed to have so many wonderful volunteers, who help with events such as this.
- \*\*Thank you from Sandra Lindberg to all volunteers that helped at the Fashion Show in the kitchen, setting up tables, dressing the tables, serving guests. The biggest challenge was cleaning up in both the hall and kitchen.
- \*\*Fairway Market Community Shopping Cards Thank you for using your Fairway Market Community Shopping Cards. This week we received a payment of \$197.00, bringing our total to date to \$3,910.92, since we started taking part in this program in 2021. Please continue to use your reloadable Fairway Market Community Shopping Card so that St. Luke's can receive 5% from Fairway Market for every dollar loaded on the card. To join in this program, please pick up your reloadable card from St. Luke's Office. For more information, please contact St. Luke's Office, talk to Brenda Morgan, or visit the Fundraising page of St. Luke's website.

The May 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.

Stock Up the Shelves for the Shelbourne Community Kitchen extended until May 30<sup>th</sup> – The Kitchen renovations are now complete but their Pantry shelves are empty. Your monetary donation or donation of food would be appreciated.

See more information at the **News page of St. Luke's website**.

Early Bird Registration is now open for this year's Amazing Journey Day Camp, which will be held July 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> 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 be found at the News page of St. Luke's website. Early Bird Registration Fees are 1<sup>st</sup> child - \$50; 2<sup>nd</sup> child - \$45; 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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.

**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: <a href="https://www.instagram.com/saint\_lukechurch/">https://www.instagram.com/saint\_lukechurch/</a> Please follow St. Luke's on Instagram.

#### **The Anglican Communion**

https://www.anglican.ca/ask/faq/ac/

The Anglican Communion consists of "over 70 million members" organized in "38 self-governing Churches made up of about 500 dioceses, 30,000 parishes and 64,000 individual congregations in a total of 164 countries. While the Anglican Communion does not rank among the biggest groupings of Christians, it is, after the Roman Catholic Church, arguably the most widespread".

In 1930 resolution 49 of the Lambeth Conference described the Anglican Communion as "a fellowship, within the one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, of those duly constituted dioceses, provinces or regional Churches in communion with the See of Canterbury. It consists of "particular or national Churches [who] promote within each of their territories a national expression of Christian faith, life and worship." The resolution described a common liturgical heritage and concluded: "they are bound together not by a central legislative and executive authority, but by mutual loyalty sustained through the common counsel of the bishops in conference."

An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church defines the Anglican Communion as follows: "The Churches in communion with the See of Canterbury throughout the world. Member churches exercise jurisdictional independence but share a common heritage concerning Anglican identity and commitment to scripture, tradition, and reason as sources of authority. Churches in the Anglican Communion continue to reflect the balance of Protestant and Catholic principles that characterized the via media of the Elizabethan Settlement."

Unity and co-operation within the Communion are facilitated by a number of bodies including four which are sometimes referred to as the Instruments of Communion (see separate FAQ on this subject), namely: The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Primates' Meeting, the Lambeth Conference and the Anglican Consultative Council.

### Largest Diocese in the Anglican Communion

https://www.anglican.ca/ask/faq/largest-diocese/

What is the largest diocese in the Anglican Communion? There are two answers to this question.

The largest diocese in the Communion, in terms of land mass, is the Diocese of the Arctic in the Anglican Church of Canada. The diocese of the Arctic covers 1.5 million square miles of the northernmost region of North America.

The largest diocese in the Communion, in terms of area, is the Diocese of Polynesia, in the Anglican Church of Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. The Diocese of Polynesia includes an area of 11.5 million square miles in the South Pacific.

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#### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY May 25th, 2025

Acts 16: 9-15 Psalm 67

Revelation 21: 10, 22-22: 5

John 14: 23-29

#### **FLOWERS**

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