

Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill
Ascension of the Lord
May 12, 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 377 To the Name of Our Salvation

(tune: Oriel)

Invitation to Confession

Priest: Sisters and Brothers, on this feast of the Ascension, we remember that Christ's ascension marks the definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain. This feast reminds us that like the first disciples, we are not to dally "looking up at the sky," but are to get busy proclaiming the glory of God's kingdom by the witness of our lives. As we now prepare to celebrate this holy event, we ponder our day to day lives and call to mind those times we have failed in the proclamation of our faith.

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.

Almighty God,
your Son Jesus Christ
ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord.
Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of his peace,
and bring the whole of creation to worship at his feet,
who is alive 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 1: 1-11

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 47

Response: *God has gone up with a shout.*

Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with a cry of joy.
For the Lord Most High is to be feared;
he is the great king over all the earth. **(Response)**

He subdues the peoples under us,
and the nations under our feet.
He chooses our inheritance for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves. **(Response)**

God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of the ram's horn.
Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our king, sing praises. **(Response)**

For God is king of all the earth;
sing praises with all your skill.
God reigns over the nations;
God sits upon his holy throne. **(Response)**

The nobles of the peoples have gathered together
with the people of the God of Abraham.
The rulers of the earth belong to God,
and he is highly exalted. **(Response)**

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 1: 15-23

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

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 247 Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise
(tune: Ascension)

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 24: 44-53

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.

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: *Look the Sight is Glorious* by W. Owen

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.

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

O God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer of all life,
you have begun the work of creating a new world,
a world where justice is known,
where freedom and healing are available to all people.
We are grateful for the seeds you have sown.
We pray for the places in the world
that are caught up in violence,
where people are held captive
or struggle under oppressive powers,
and where sickness prevails
and medical resources are scarce.

Silence...

Grant each one courage and perseverance
through your Spirit.

**All: May people everywhere find the fullness of life
you intend for us all.**

God of human connections,
you have begun the work
of creating a new community,
one where love is shared
and all find a sense of belonging.
We are grateful that we belong to you.
We pray for groups who are made to feel
like they don't belong,
for families caught up in tension or strife,
and for those who feel that no one seems to care.

Silence...

Grant each one courage
and comfort through your Spirit.

**All: May people everywhere find the fullness of life
you intend for us all.**

God of the earth and its wonders,
you have begun the work of making a new creation,
a creation where all that has been broken
is being restored,
where all that has been distorted is made right,
and what has been damaged is renewed.
We are grateful for your power of renewal.
We pray for the earth,
the places where its natural balances are threatened
and species put at risk by human exploitation.

Silence...

Send your healing Spirit to renew the earth
and make us wiser stewards.

**All: May creatures everywhere know the fullness of life
you intend for us all.**

God of this life and new life,
as you work towards making all things new,
we pray for renewal in our churches and ministries,
for leaders tired out by their responsibilities,
and for church members who aren't sure
how to make a contribution.

Silence...

Send your energizing Spirit to gather the church
in ways both familiar and new.

**All: May your servants in every church
know the fullness of life you intend for us all
and be empowered to bear witness
to Jesus in refreshing ways.**

All these prayers we offer 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 491 The Head That Once Was Crowned

(*tune: St. Magnus*)

The Preparation of the Table

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: Blessed be God,
by whose grace creation is renewed,
by whose love heaven is opened,
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Eucharistic Prayer

[Source: Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England (2000): Eucharistic Prayer B - The Archbishops' Council of the Church of England.]

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 and good,
our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ the King of glory.
Born of a woman,
he came to the rescue of our human race.

Dying for us,
he trampled death and conquered sin.
By the glory of his resurrection
he opened the way to life eternal
and by his ascension,
gave us the sure hope
that where he is we may also be.
Therefore the universe resounds with Easter joy
and with choirs of angels
we sing for ever to your praise:

(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: Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us
the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Priest: And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice
made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of St. Luke, St Matthias,
and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

By whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty 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 70 Jesus, the Joy of Living hearts

(tune: Maryton)

Only in God Will My Soul Be at Rest

(by J. Foley)

**Refrain: Only in God will my soul be at rest,
from him comes my hope, my salvation.
He alone is my rock of safety, my strength,
my glory my God.**

**Trust in him at all times, O people,
and pour out your hearts.
God himself is a refuge for us
and a stronghold for our fear. Refrain**

**Many times have I heard Him tell of
His long-lasting love.
You yourself, Lord, reward all who
labour for love of Your name. Refrain**

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

Priest: Gracious God,
you have raised our humanity in Christ
and have fed us with the bread of heaven:
mercifully grant that,
nourished with such spiritual blessings,
we may set our hearts in the heavenly places;
through Jesus Christ our 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: People of God,
let us not just stand here, gazing into heaven
as the disciples did after they saw Jesus leave.
Instead, let's take up the mission Jesus left us:
to be his witnesses,
to tell everyone we meet who Jesus is,
and how he has changed us.
And may the grace of God,
the love of Jesus Christ,
and the presence of the Holy Spirit
go with us all.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn:

CP 84 Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour
(*tune: St. Osmund*)

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 Burundi - The Most Revd Sixbert Macumi – Primate. **In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer, we pray for** The Rt. Rev. William Cliff, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Ontario (Anglican); The Assistant to the Bishop and the staff of the Saskatchewan Synod (Lutheran). **In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray for** Anna, our Bishop, and for St. George the Martyr, Cadboro Bay, and Rev. Christine Conkin. **We also pray for** Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyle and Pastor Lyndon, and for the Territory of the People, and Bishop Clara Plamondon.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

May 12th – May 19th

(**New Items, *Revised Items)

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.

***This Month's Reflections will be this evening, Sunday, May 12th at 7:00 pm –** Note the later time for May and June. This month's Reflections will feature **Tapestry, St. Luke's Taizé Ensemble, along with music and prayers in the style of Taizé.** The readings, prayers, and music of this special Reflection Time will calm your spirit and soothe your soul.

****Wear Red for Pentecost, next Sunday, May 19th** – There will also be special music on Pentecost Sunday at the 10 am service. Trumpeter Ben Parker will play solos for the prelude, before the first reading, and for the postlude. Dr. Mary Byrne will play a flute solo during Ablutions.

****On Trinity Sunday, May 26th**, St. Luke's Bell Choir will provide special music at the 10 am service.

****Family Barbeque on Sunday, May 26th from 4 – 7 pm** outside behind the hall – Instead of Family Services at 4 pm on the third Sunday of the month in May and June, you are invited to a Family Barbeque on May 26th. **Enjoy a relaxing, social time for parents, grandparents, and friends to connect and for teens and children to have fun together.** Burgers will be provided. Please talk to Barb Prescott or Sharon Hallsor for more information.

Registration Has Opened 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 is 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.

****Fairway Market Community Shopping Cards** – Thank you for using your Fairway Market Community Shopping Cards. This week **we received a payment of \$272.95, bringing our total to date to \$2,639.01, 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.**

Level Ground Fundraiser Update – We received a payment in April 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 for Your Donations Towards the Recent Work in the Cemetery** – The work included repairing the dry stone wall, creating stairs to the area by the shed, and some miscellaneous repairs (totalling just over \$5,000). **Thank you for donations we have received to date towards these repairs (\$530).** To make a tax receiptable donation, **please put 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.

****Help Needed** – The floor on the stage needs to be replaced. We have received several estimates for vinyl plank flooring. The labour for the installation is a major cost. **It was suggested that there may be parishioners who have worked with this type of flooring and could install it.** Please talk to one of the wardens, Heather or Brenda, if you could help in this way.

****Food Truck Donation to the Shelbourne Community Kitchen** – Thank you to David Gittens for bringing his food truck, Come and Get It, to the Spring Fair. **He donated \$125 from the proceeds to the Shelbourne Community Kitchen.**

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.**

Funding for Life Society is holding a Fundraiser on Saturday, May 25th from 12 noon to 3 pm at the Saanich Fairgrounds. Mark your calendar and plan to attend the family fun event. Funding for Life is a new charity set up to help provide access to funding for treatments and resources not currently covered under Medicare in Canada. For more information, e-mail gail@fundingforlife.ca, call 250-920-5225, or visit fundingforlife.ca

Calling All Photographers Themes for the Upcoming Weeks

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 19** Pentecost Sunday: Flames – Holy Spirit – Tongues of Fire – Dove – Birds
- May 26** Trinity Sunday: Trillium flower or other three petal flowers
- June 2** Fields of Grain or Grain stems
- June 9** Random – Non specific
- June 16** Seeds/Mustard seed or conceptually abstract. What does faith look like? Take a picture of faith.
- June 23** Boat and windstorm at sea – stormy sea
- June 30** Jesus healing a woman and a child. What could that look like as a photo? Use your imagination.
- July 7** From Paul, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness” or Jesus sends disciples – two by two... Entering a house – welcome...

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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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY May 19th, 2024

Acts 2: 1-21

Psalm 104: 25-35, 37b

Romans 8: 22-27

John 15: 26-27, 16: 4b-15

FLOWERS

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