

Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill
Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 21, 2021
A Service of the Word



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Prelude: *Chorale Preludes* by Max Reger

Welcome, Absolution and Confession
(The Rev. Daniel Fournier)

Priest: The grace of Christ Jesus,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

Priest: Our Lenten journey is drawing soon to its end.
Often the road has been stony and hard.
Sometimes we have stumbled and even fallen.
But God has been our guide
and we have no cause to be alarmed.
God is faithful to us, even when we turn away
and follow our own path.
Today we rejoice in God's faithful love,
and ask for strength
and look for signs of hope and new life.
And again we are drawn together
to celebrate the life
that is ours in Christ Jesus.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Confession and Absolution:

Priest: Compassion and forgiveness
belong to the Lord our God,
though we have rebelled against him.
Let us then renounce our wilfulness
and ask his mercy
by confessing our sins in penitence and in faith.
(Silence)

Lord God, our maker and our redeemer,
this is your world and we are your people:
come among us and save us.

We have wilfully misused your gifts of creation;
Lord, be merciful:

All: Forgive us our sin.

Priest: We have seen the ill-treatment of others
and have not gone to their aid;
Lord, be merciful:

All: Forgive us our sin.

Priest: We have condoned evil and dishonesty
and have failed to strive for justice;
Lord, be merciful:

All: Forgive us our sin.

Priest: We have heard the good news of Christ,
but have failed to share it with others;
Lord, be merciful:

All: Forgive us our sin.

Priest: We have not loved you with all our heart,
nor our neighbours as ourselves;
Lord, be merciful:

All: Forgive us our sin.

Priest: Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Opening Hymn: Just As I Am
CP 615 Tune: Woodworth

Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou biddest me come thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not
to rid my soul of one dark blot,
to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am – thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down —
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: God of glory,
your revelation through Jesus Christ
calls into your covenant of love.
Enable us now to reflect your love,
so that barriers erected by sin
may be broken down,
and all people may be drawn to you;

through him who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever

All: Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Reader: Kathleen Patterson

Reader: A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah

Click here for the reading:

<https://lectionary.anglican.ca/nrsv/?date=2021-03-21>

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51: 1-13

Response: "**Create in me a clean heart, O God.**"

*Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness;
according to the abundance of your compassion
blot out my offences.*

*Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin. (Response)*

*For I acknowledge my faults
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
So that you are justified in your sentence
and righteous in your judgement. (Response)*

*I have been wicked even from my birth,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.
Behold, you desire truth deep within me
and shall make me understand wisdom
in the depths of my heart.*

*Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean;
wash me and I shall be whiter than snow. (Response)*

*Make me hear of joy and gladness,
that the bones you have broken may rejoice.
Turn your face from my sins
and blot out all my misdeeds. (Response)*

*Make me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence
and take not your holy spirit from me.
Give me again the joy of your salvation
and sustain me with your gracious spirit. (Response)*

*Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins
lest they get dominion over me;
so shall I be undefiled,
and innocent of great offence.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. (Response)*

THE GOSPEL: John 12: 20-33

Reader: *Kathleen Patterson*

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.*

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At the end of the gospel:

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Homily: The Rev. Daniel Fournier

An Affirmation of Faith

Priest: Let us affirm our faith:

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.

From Traveling to Easter with Jesus as our Guide, posted on the website of Patmos Abbey – The Order of Saint Columba.

Prayers of Intercession: Led by Kathleen Patterson
*In response to the words, “Gracious God”,
the community prays, “Hear our Prayer.”*

Steadfast God,
in the midst of unending change and challenge,
we give you our thanks
for your presence to sustain us.
While we find it hard to understand
why things happen,
we are grateful that you are with us.
You understand our fears;
you support and guide us;
and you give us courage to face the unknown.
We give thanks
that you intend goodness for us;

that your gift of faith is a solid rock
which supports us;
and that prayer gives us
the hope you keep working in ways
seen and unseen for goodness to prevail.
Gracious God,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Loving God,
in this time of uncertainty
when there is much to be anxious about,
we pray for the world you love.

Send your healing Spirit
to guide countries and communities
as they respond to COVID-19.

Bless the work of medical researchers
and frontline health care workers
in this stressful time.

Bless the plans to offer vaccine to all who want it
and give us patience and common sense
as we wait our turns for vaccination.

Gracious God,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Send your healing Spirit to bring peace
with justice to the troubled places,
(Here you can name any places currently in the news...)

Bring care and comfort to those
who have been hurt in conflict,
wisdom to those
who offer leadership in their communities,
and courage to those
who advocate for the most vulnerable.

Gracious God,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Send your healing Spirit to mend relationships
between religious groups and cultural groups
who find themselves in tension or turmoil.

We pray for mutual respect to grow between peoples
who look to each other with suspicion
and among people
who have experienced
painful histories with each other.
Open our hearts and minds
to those whose situations
and concerns we don't understand
and bring your gift of reconciliation to us all.

Gracious God,

All: Hear our prayer.

Send your healing Spirit to people we know
and the earth you love.

We remember before you our friends in grief...

(Hold a brief pause)

relationships marked by tension...

(Hold a brief pause)

those facing difficulty at work or finding work...

(Hold a brief pause)

disagreements in our church or community...

(Hold a brief pause)

concerns about the environment we depend on...

(Hold a brief pause)

Gracious God,

All: Hear our prayer.

We pray for the continuing ministry of the church
in our neighbourhoods and around the world.

As we prepare to celebrate Easter

and Christ's resurrection,

help us plan safely and creatively.

Send your healing Spirit

to raise our hearts and our hopes

with the promise of new life in Christ.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation

and sustain in us a willing spirit.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Priest: And now we pray through Jesus Christ,
our Lord, who taught us to pray, saying:

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.
And forgive us our sin
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 forever.
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.

Benediction:

Priest: The holy mystery we call God
is a refuge for the oppressed,
a refuge for times of trouble.
Go, embraced by the Source
of life, love and hope;
following in the way of Jesus,
just and compassionate;
encouraged by the Spirit
of grace and wisdom.

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: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

CP 386 Tune: Rockingham

**When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord that I should boast,
save in the cross of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

Dismissal

Priest: Go forth in peace to love and serve Christ.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude: *Postlude and Fugue in D-Minor* by Anton Bruckner

Thank you to the Worship Team Members for this Sunday Service:

Presider: Daniel Fournier; Reader and Intercessions: Kathleen Patterson; Musicians: Susanne Reul-Zastre, Daniel Fournier, Sharon McMillan, Olivia Craster, Joan Scandrett, and Matthew Robertson; Videographer: Sharon McMillan; Service Planning and Service Outline: Daniel Fournier; Proofreading, and Posting Bulletin and Livestream Link at the Website: Barb Prescott; Posting the Link at Facebook: Sharon McMillan.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS – March 22 - 28

(New Items, *Revised Items)**

****This Sunday's service and the services for Palm Sunday (March 28th) and Easter Sunday (April 4th) will be livestreamed from the church starting at 10:00 am. The Good Friday (April 2nd) livestream service will start at 9:55 am.** The link to the services will be at our website (www.stlukesvictoria.ca/live) and will be sent out ahead. The services will also be recorded to watch later.

****Services for Stations of the Cross (Wednesday, March 31st) and Maundy Thursday (Thursday, April 1st) will be recorded and posted around 6 pm on each of those days. Watch for an e-mail with a link on those days.**

Coffee Time via Zoom will start at 11:15 am after the livestreamed service. Watch for the link, which will be sent out by e-mail and join us in your home via Zoom. If you have questions, please e-mail Barb Prescott (communications@stlukecedarhill.ca). Hope to see you there.

****Donations for Flowers For Easter Would Be Appreciated**

– We invite your donations for flowers for the Easter service and for other Sunday services. Altar Guild members are now arranging small floral bouquets for the livestream and recorded services. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of flowers, your donation would be most appreciated. Donations can be made in memory of a loved one, in celebration of a

special event, or simply as a thanks offering. If you would like a tax donation receipt for your donation, please use one of your donation envelopes, and mark "flowers " or Altar Guild on it. Please make cheques payable to St. Luke's. For more information, please contact Ann Séguin via the Parish Office.

****Mark Your Calendars and Start Your Seeds** – For a Plant Sale, May 29th in the parking lot like our sale last year. The time will be 11 am – 2 pm with plants dropped off in the morning prior to 11 am. So think about perennials you can divide and pot or plant some seeds for plants to sell. See information at the **News page of St. Luke's website**.

****St. Luke's Car Rally Easter Egg Hunt will happen on Easter Sunday, April 4th.** Clues will be online from 12 noon – 3 pm. See information at the **News page of St. Luke's website**.

Current Restrictions Will Remain through April 12th – Bishop Anna believes that the best path forward at this time, given the uncertainty, is for parishes to continue with online Holy Week and Easter services as planned. Please expect that current diocesan restrictions around onsite worship will remain in place through April 12th. See more information at the **News page of St. Luke's website**.

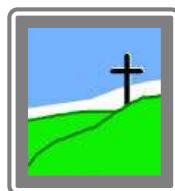
***A Lenten Study and Discussion Time** will be held Thursday mornings at 10:30 am throughout Lent. The next Lenten Discussion Time will be on March 25th. Watch Bishop Anna's Renew Lenten Video each Wednesday, then join us for a discussion time on Thursday morning. A link to each week's video will be posted at **the News page of St. Luke's website** on Wednesday morning. A Zoom Link will be sent out on Thursday morning. See more information at the **Events page of St. Luke's website**. If you have questions, please e-mail Barb Prescott (communications@stlukecedarhill.ca). Hope to see you there.

The Shelbourne Community Kitchen is On the Move! The Kitchen is pleased to announce that they have secured a location for a new expanded facility. The new premises will be located at 3787 Cedar Hill Rd, on the lower level of the Lutheran Church of the Cross. The entrance to the new facility will be on Cedar Hill Cross Road. Read more about their upcoming move at the **News page of St. Luke's website**.

Thank You for your Support for the Ongoing Ministry of St. Luke's Church by writing a cheque, making a donation online through Canada Helps, and by signing up for ECP. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Please refer to the **DONATE page** at the website for more information.

IN THE WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN PRAYER CYCLE, we pray for The Church of England, The Rt. Rev. Stephen Cottrell, Primate of England. **In the Canadian ACC/ELCIC Cycle of Prayer, we pray for** The Rt. Rev. Mary Irwin-Gibson, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Montreal (ACC) and Deacon Michelle Collins, Assistant to the Bishop and the staff of the Manitoba – Northwestern Ontario Synod (ELCIC). **In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray for** Anna, our bishop, and the Parish of Pender and Saturna Islands, and their priest Ellen Willingham. **We also pray for** Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyle and Pastor Lyndon, and for the Diocese of Caledonia and Bishop David Lehmann.

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WEEKLY ONLINE LITURGICAL SERVICE:

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY March 28, 2021

Mark 11: 1-11

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Psalm 31: 9-16

Philippians 2: 5-11

Mark 14: 1-15: 47
