

Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill
Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 26, 2023 - 10:00 am
Holy Eucharist



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*We acknowledge that we gather with respect on the traditional territories
of the Esquimalt, Songhees and WSÁNEĆ people,
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: 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.

Opening Hymn: CP 551 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

(tune: Olivet)

Invitation to Confession:

Priest: Today's liturgy is a strong statement of our faith
in the resurrection, not only of that of Jesus
but also our own.
Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead;
Jesus himself rose from death to life.
Yet, is it not true that at times we do not live
a full life because we are afraid,
we dare not to commit ourselves to one another,
and we do not live according to the Gospel?
The Gospel calls us today
to come out of the tombs of our hardness of heart,
out of the graves of our fears,
of everything that keeps us imprisoned.
Let us heed the Lord's call to life,
to rise with him to joy and love and freedom.
As we prepare to celebrate
the mystery of Christ's love,
let us acknowledge our failures
and ask the Lord for pardon and strength.

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 the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Priest: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

God of all consolation,

your Son comforted the grieving sisters,

Martha and Mary,

for your breath alone brings life to dry bones

and weary souls.

Pour out your Spirit upon us,

so that we may face despair and death

with the hope of the resurrection and faith

in the One who called Lazarus forth from the grave.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 37: 1-14

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

The reading can be found here:

<https://lectionary.anglican.ca/nrsv/?date=2023-03-26>

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 130

Response: The Lord shall redeem us from all our sins.

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice;
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

(Response)

If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss,
O Lord, who could stand?

For there is forgiveness with you;
therefore you shall be feared.

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;
in his word is my hope. ***(Response)***

My soul waits for the Lord,
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning. ***(Response)***

O Israel, wait for the Lord,
for with the Lord there is mercy;
With him there is plenteous redemption,
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins. ***(Response)***

SECOND READING: ROMANS 8: 6-11

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

The reading can be found here:
<https://lectionary.anglican.ca/nrsv/?date=2023-03-26>

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 489 From the Falter of Breath
(tune: Iona Boat Song)

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 11:1-45

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.

The gospel can be found here:
<https://lectionary.anglican.ca/nrsv/?date=2023-03-26>

At the end of the gospel:

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: The Rev. Daniel Fournier

Anthem: *Create in Me a Clean Heart*, arr. T. Pearce

Please stand as you are able.

An Affirmation of Faith: *(New Zealand Prayer Book)*

Priest: Let us declare 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.**

Please be seated.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession:

*In response to the words, "Merciful God,"
the community prays,*

"Bring your compassion to this world once more."

Let us bring the needs of the church, the world,
and all in need, to God's loving care....

God of the loving heart,
thank you that in Christ, you call each of us by name
and unite us in his body, the Church.

Give us love enough to make a difference in your world, and trust enough to follow even when the way ahead us is a challenge.

Merciful God,

All: Bring your compassion to this world once more.

God of peace and promise,
in Christ you call us to love our enemies
and to be peacemakers in the word you love.
We pray today for people and places divided by
ancient bitterness and current hostility,
(especially we remember ...
add places/situations in the recent news...)

Merciful God,

All: Bring your compassion to this world once more.

O God of the bruised and broken,
we are grateful that, in Christ,
you have taken up the cross and know by heart
the things that bring us suffering and pain.
We pray today for all those in need of healing and
comfort, whatever the source of their pain....

Merciful God,

All: Bring your compassion to this world once more.

O God of the lonely and sorrowing,
in Christ you faced the loss we know
when loved ones die or when friends let us down.
We remember before you
those who grieve the loss of their beloved
and those who face a lonely future....

Merciful God,

All: Bring your compassion to this world once more.

O God of hope and new possibility,
in Christ you opened the way into the future for us
through the power of your redeeming love.
Give us the courage we need to face our future,
assured of your presence and power to sustain us.

Merciful God,

All: Bring your compassion to this world once more.

We offer all that we are and all that we hope for
through Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

The Peace: *Please stand as you are able.*

*For the peace, please acknowledge your greeting of peace
by a simple bow – with no physical contact.*

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

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: CP 491 The Head That Once Was Crowned
(tune: St Magnus)

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts:

Priest: Giver of life,
your Son has destroyed the power of death
for all those who believe in him.
Accept all we offer you this day
and strengthen us in faith and hope;
through Jesus Christ, the Lord of the living.

All: Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer:

[Source: The Book of Alternative Services, The Anglican Church of Canada, 1985. Eucharistic Prayer 2.]

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: 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 # 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: 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.

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

At this time, we are only sharing bread for communion. Please follow the directions of the sidespeople as each section is invited to come forward to the Altar Rail. Please exit to the chapel side and return to your seat.

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 hymn during communion.

Hymn during Communion:
CP 76 Thee We Adore, O Hidden Saviour, Thee
(tune: Adoro Te)

Prayer after Communion: *Please stand as you are able.*

Priest: God of all that lives,
your Son Jesus has reassured us in this Eucharist
that he is the resurrection and the life
and that we have eternal life already now
if we believe in him.

May his body and blood nourish this life in us
and make it grow day after day
that we may live his life to the full
and with him make it a gift
to brighten the lives of others.
Let him lead us to your life of unending joy.
We ask this in the name of Jesus 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.**

Benediction:

Priest: May God Almighty direct our days in his peace,
and grant us the gifts of his blessing.
May he deliver us in all our troubles,
and establish our minds in the tranquility of his peace.
May he so guide us through things temporal
that we finally lose not the things eternal.
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: CP 537 In the Cross of Christ I Glory
(tune: Cross of Jesus)

Dismissal:

Priest: 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 WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN PRAYER CYCLE, we pray for The Anglican Church of South America - The Rt Revd Nicholas James Quested Drayson - Primate. **In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer, we pray for** the theological colleges and training programs within the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada: The Atlantic School of Theology, Montreal Diocesan Theological, College, and Queen's College (Anglican); The congregations of the Northwestern Ontario area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod (Lutheran). **In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray for** Anna, our Bishop, and for the parish of St. Barnabas, Victoria - The Rev'd Canon Dr Travis O'Brian and honorary assistants: Rev'd Canon Dr Martin Brokenleg, the Rev'd Walter Donald, the Rev'd Elaina Hyde-Mills, the Rev'd Canon Dr Kim Murray, the Rev'd Canon Peter Shurvin, and the Rev'd Edwin Taylor. **We also pray for** Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyle and Pastor Lyndon, and for the Territory of the People – (Interim) Bishop Jane Alexander

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

March 26th - April 2nd

(New Items, *Revised Items)**

***Reflections, our Sunday afternoon service, will take place TODAY, March 26th at 4:30 pm** – This month's Reflections will feature local flutist, **Soile Stratkauskas**. Finnish-born Soile is the Founder and Artistic Director of the Victoria Baroque music ensemble. She has performed with many prominent period instrument orchestras in the UK, including the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment and the Gabrieli Consort and Players, and has toured in Europe with these groups. Soile moved to Victoria in 2010 and has since established herself as the leading baroque flutist on the Canadian West Coast. Please

invite your friends to join you for this month's special Reflections. The readings, poems, prayers, and music of this Reflection Time will calm your spirit and soothe your soul.

***Thank you for your donations to Earthquake Relief for Turkey and Syria – As of March 20th, we have received \$694 in donations** including the money donated at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, donations at Fantastic Friday, and donations from parishioners in their envelopes. Also **please continue to fill your Loonies for Lent boxes** with any loose change (including loonies, toonies, notes - whatever you can manage). Extra Loonies for Lent boxes are available at the back of the church. Please take one if you don't have one yet. As well as filling your Loonies for Lent box, you can make a donation to St. Luke's to be put towards Earthquake Relief by: **Cheque or cash in your envelope** (put it in the collection plate on Sunday, mail it, or drop off at the hall) - please note on your cheque or envelope that it is for the Earthquake Relief; **E-Transfer** (from your bank account) - note that it is for the Earthquake Relief; or **Credit Card** (Canada Helps) - choose Earthquake Relief.

****Donations for Flowers for Easter** – The Altar Guild is requesting 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 by **Tuesday, April 4th** to make a donation for flowers for Easter.

Calling Those Who Would Like to Try Reading as well as regular readers – We need 14 readers for the Stations of the Cross service on **Wednesday, April 5th at 7:30 pm**. During this service we move around to the fourteen different stations and a passage (some short, some longer) is read at each station. If you haven't been a regular reader yet, this could be a time for you to try something new and sign up to read for this service. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church.

****Easter Food Drive for the Shelbourne Community**

Kitchen – The Kitchen is inviting community members such as all of us at St. Luke's to join in their annual Easter Food Drive Campaign. Donation suggestions include: canned beans (chickpeas, black beans, and kidney beans are great!); canned fruit and vegetables; cans of fish or meat; instant meals; granola bars and cereal; pasta and pasta sauce; peanut butter; oil/vinegar; juice, coffee, herbal tea; rice, oats, and other grains. Please continue to fill the basket at the back of the church and in the hall to help keep the Kitchen Pantry Program shelves stocked for the months to come with healthy food for families. See more information at the **News page of St. Luke's website**.

***Palm/Passion Sunday Services Sunday, April 2nd** will be at 8 am and 10 am. 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 5th at 7:30 pm. The Maundy Thursday service on April 6th will also be at 7:30 pm. There will not be a morning service on Thursday, April 6th. The Good Friday service will be at 10 am on April 7th.

Easter Vigil with Church of the Cross – Holy Saturday, April 8th at 7:30 pm at Church of the Cross. We are pleased that we are able to again 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 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 including Ben Parker playing the trumpet, Erika Simpson singing a solo, and the choir singing an anthem. The 2:30 pm Celebrate Easter Family Service will be a short, child-friendly service, followed by an Easter Egg hunt.

Save the Date for St. Luke's Spring Fair – Saturday, April 29th, from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. This year's Spring Fair will feature a Coronation Tribute area on the stage, where we will display and sell Royal memorabilia. Please consider what you can donate to our sale, including this type of memorabilia, plants, vintage garments etc. as well as all the usual treasures and goodies. Thanks for your support for this major fundraiser. If you have questions, please talk to Carol Turnham.

***The Game's Afoot or Holmes for the Holidays – Presented by St. Luke's Players. Last performance is today, March 26th, at 2:00 pm.** Billed as a murderous comedy, tickets for this play are available through EventBrite or at the door. See more information at the **News page of St. Luke's website.**

It's Time to Make Jams and Jellies for the Spring Fair, which will be on April 29th. If you need jars, or have extra jars, please call Pat Bates.

Reusable Grocery Bags Needed by the Shelbourne Community Kitchen – The reusable grocery bag supply at the Shelbourne Community Kitchen is running very low and they want to do their part to reduce waste and save costs at the Kitchen. They will gratefully accept reusable grocery tote bags and paper or plastic bags, grocery-size only. Reusable bags can be added to the collection baskets for the Kitchen in the church and the hall.

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We hope you will visit again!

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY April 2nd, 2023

Liturgy of the Palms: Matthew 21: 1-11
Isaiah 50: 4-9a
Psalm 31: 9-16
Phillippians 2: 5-11
Matthew 27: 11-54

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.*