

Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 7, 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: 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 300 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

(tune: Westminster Abbey)

Invitation to Confession:

Priest: We are reminded today that spreading the word about Christ did not go smoothly in the early church. Understanding and accepting Jesus was a slow and often unsuccessful process. It may seem different now, but if we consider our own questions and struggles with faith, we realize that our commitment is not formed overnight. It is often subject to life circumstances that challenge our faith. There is still work to be done in spreading the good news. If we want to contribute to the effort, we might begin with ourselves.

Let us pause and reflect,
examining our own hearts and minds,
as we prepare to enter into today's Eucharist.

Silence is kept.

Priest: Lord Jesus,
you called your disciples to have faith in you,

Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Christ Jesus,
you said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life".
Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Priest: Lord Jesus,
you have gone to prepare a place for us,
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Absolution:

Priest: May the Father of all mercies
Cleanse you from your sins,
and restore you in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
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: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

Generous God,
whose life is freely given
in Jesus Christ our Lord:
as you have opened for us
your house of many rooms,
so may we make a place
for the rejected and unloved,
and share in the work of peace;
through Jesus Christ the cornerstone

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: ACTS 7: 55-60

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 31: 1-5, 15-16

Response: *Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.*

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.
Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me. **(Response)**

Be my strong rock,
a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold;
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me. **(Response)**

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,
for you are my tower of strength.
Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me,
O Lord, O God of truth. **(Response)**

"My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and in your loving kindness save me." **(Response)**

SECOND READING: 1 PETER 2: 2-10

Reader: A Reading from the First letter of Peter.

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 569 Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life
(tune: The Call)

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 14: 1-14

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: *Praise the Lord, Alleluia* by Wm. Boyce

Please stand as you are able.

The Apostle's Creed:

Priest: Let us profess 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.**

Please be seated.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession:

*In response to the words, "God of the (way / truth / life),"
the community prays, **the bolded type words.***

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

Holy One, God with us,
we give you thanks for the promises
Jesus gave to all his followers,
that in him we see your face.
He has shown us the face
of your mercy and compassion
so we thank you
for understanding us better than we know ourselves.
He has shown us the face of your peace and justice
so we thank you
for calling us to make a difference in the world
for his sake.

Holy One,
in Christ, you show us the Way
that leads through paths of service.
We pray for those who feel lost or alone,
those who live with anxiety or doubt their own value,
and all who cannot imagine a purpose for themselves.

Hold silence

God of the Way,
**All: Lead those who are struggling to find the hope
you offer through the assurance of your love.**

Holy One,
in Christ, you show us the Truth
that is revealed in costly love.
In these days when lies are easily disguised,
we pray for those who have put their faith
in false hope and flimsy promises,
those deceived by empty promises
and misled by conspiracy theories
that circulate each day:

Hold silence

God of the Truth,
**All: Reveal the shallowness of things
that distract or mislead us
and give us courage to stand for truth,
even when it is unpopular.**

Holy One,
in Christ, you show us the Life
that overcomes death
through your resurrecting power.
We pray for those facing illness or grief,
any who live with deep sadness,
depression or despair,
and those whose lives are diminished
by discrimination in action or attitude.

Hold silence

God of Life,
**All: Support all those who are suffering
and make your justice known in our land.**

Holy One,
we pray for the leaders of our world,
Asking that they will seek your ways of truth and love
for all people and for peace in our world.
We pray for King Charles III and for Queen Camilla,
who are taking their place as leaders.
Grant them courage,
dedication to the wellbeing of your people,
a continued commitment
to continue to care for the environment,
and a reign of peace in these turbulent times.

Hold silence

All: Gracious God,
Hear our prayer.

Holy One,
challenge us to find renewed purpose
in following in the footsteps of Christ
so that in our living and loving,
your kingdom of justice and love is revealed.
We pray in the name of Christ Jesus
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 450 You Call Us, Lord, To Be
(tune: Rhosymedre)

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

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: Joining the Angels' Song: Eucharistic Prayers for Sundays and Holy Days, Years A, B & C. Canterbury Press, 2016]

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 rejoice to give you thanks and praise, God of love,
because you called us to exist in your image,
you filled the earth with wonder and beauty and life,
and you made the children of Abraham
your covenant people.

You made us a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, your own people,
and in the death and resurrection of Jesus
you show us the way, the truth, and the life.

Once we were not a people,
but now we are your people;
once we had not received mercy,
but now we have received mercy.

And so we gladly thank you,
with angels and archangels
and all the company of heaven,
singing the hymn of your unending 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: Living God, you prepare a place for us
with the Holy Trinity in your kingdom banquet,
and you set a place for us at this table
as we anticipate your glory.

Come among us now, in the power of your Holy Spirit,
that we may see your glory
in the breaking of the bread,
and that these gifts of bread and wine
may become for us
the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Who, at supper with his disciples,
took bread, gave you thanks,
broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,
"Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup.
Again he gave you thanks,
and gave it to his disciples, 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: Glorious God,
you promise that those who believe in you
will do greater things than these.

Bestow upon your church the gifts of your Spirit,
that your people may be with the hungry,
do beautiful things,
show grace amid hostility,
witness to your story,
and behold your glory.

Make us living stones
and build us into a spiritual house,
that we may be your holy priesthood
and that all creation,
suffering and flourishing,
faithful and fallen,
may be suffused with your glory
and may overflow with your praise,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, ever one God.

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.

After three years of a pandemic protocol concerning communion (bread only), we are returning to communion in both kinds (bread and wine). Please follow the directions of the sidespeople as the congregation is invited to come forward to the Altar Rail.

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.

Please exit through the chapel and return to your seat.

NOTE: *Gluten free wafers are available on request.*

Please remain seated as we sing the hymn during communion.

Hymn during Communion: Only a Shadow

(by C. Landry)

**The love I have for you, my Lord
is only a shadow of your love for me;
only a shadow of your love for me,
your deep abiding love.**

**My own belief in you, my Lord,
is only a shadow of your faith in me;
only a shadow of your faith in me,
your deep and lasting faith.**

**My life is in your hands,
my life is in your hands,
my love for you will grow, my God;
your light in me will shine.**

**The dream I have today, my Lord,
is only a shadow of your dreams for me;
only a shadow of all that will be,
if I but follow you.**

**The joy I feel today, my Lord,
is only a shadow of your joys for me;
only a shadow of your joys for me
when we meet face to face.**

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.**

Benediction:

Priest: Don't let your hearts be troubled.
Trust in God, and in God's son, Jesus Christ,
who is the way, the truth and the life,
and through whom we come to know the Father.

And may the blessing of God,
the grace of Jesus Christ,
and the presence of the Holy Spirit
go with you as you leave this place.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn: CP 467 Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go
(tune: Song 34)

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 Church in Wales - The Most Revd Andrew John - Archbishop. **In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer, we pray for** The Rt. Rev. Susan Bell, Bishop, The Most Rev. Colin Johnson, Assistant Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Niagara (Anglican); Bishop Sid Haugen, the people and rostered ministers of the Saskatchewan Synod (Lutheran). **In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray for** Anna, our Bishop, and for the parish of St. George, Cadboro Bay, and their priest, The Rev. Christine Conkin. **We also pray for** Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyle and Pastor Lyndon, and for the Diocese of Caledonia - Bishop David Lehmann.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

May 7th - May 14th

(New Items, *Revised Items)**

****Thank you to everyone** who helped make St. Luke's Coronation Tea a success. A jolly good time was had by all!

****Save the Date for our first Cemetery Cleanup this spring,** which will be on May 27th from 9 to 11:30 am. Many hands make light work!

****Our Next Reflections Service will be on May 28th** at 4:30 pm. The readings, prayers, and music of this special Reflection

Time will calm your spirit and soothe your soul. Watch for more information coming soon.

****The May 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. See more information on the **News page of St. Luke's website**.

****Fairway Market Community Shopping Cards** – Thank you for using your Fairway Market Community Shopping Cards. This week **we received a payment of \$269.25, bringing our total to date to \$1,861.81, 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**.

Registration is Now Open for This Year's Amazing Journey Day Camp, which will be held July 10th to July 14th. Children born January 1, 2012 to June 30, 2019 are eligible to be campers. **The Registration Form is available at the News page of St. Luke's website**. We will also be looking for Middle School students to be Leaders in Training and High School students to be Small Group leaders. Early Bird Registration fees available until May 31st will be \$45 for the first child, \$40 for the 2nd child, and \$35 for the 3rd child. Questions? Please talk to Tara Poilievre, Sharon Hallsor, or Barb Prescott.

Thank you for your donations in your Loonies for Lent boxes and your other donations to Earthquake Relief for Turkey and Syria – **As of April 24th, we have received \$1,013 in the Loonies for Lent boxes**. In addition, another \$1,134 has been donated including the money donated at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, donations at Fantastic Friday, and donations from parishioners in their envelopes, **bringing the total to date**

to \$2,147. These donations will be sent to help those impacted by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

Level Ground Fundraiser Update – We received a payment last month in the amount of \$33.58 through this program.

This payment is for the orders placed with Level Ground in last three months. **To date, we have received \$185.10 through this Level Ground fundraising program.** Please continue (or start) to take part in this fundraising program to benefit St. Luke's when you buy coffee, tea, and dried fruit through Level Ground Trading. **When you order online at Level Ground Trading, St. Luke's will receive 15%.** ONLINE ORDERING IS EASY! Visit **Shop at Level Ground** (<https://levelground.com/collections>). At checkout, use the code **StLuke** to ensure the 15% comes to St. Luke's. The minimum order is \$40 for the 15% return to St. Luke's and this includes free shipping. For more information, visit the **Fundraising page of St. Luke's website** or talk to Barb Prescott.

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.

St. Luke's Vision, Mission, and Actions



St. Luke's Vision

St. Luke's is a beacon in the community, illuminating many ways to encounter God.

St. Luke's Mission

We are supportive people of faith who welcome all with compassion and embrace a culture of community, with outreach as our cornerstone.



St. Luke's Actions: To achieve our Mission, we

- Engage in a vibrant practice of praise but also seek God's peace through prayer and contemplation
- Respect and appreciate the heritage of the first peoples on whose lands we gather and worship
- Nurture a sense of community and promote a culture of inclusion and belonging
- Honour the history of our sacred spaces
- Pursue social and spiritual understanding
- Embrace the values of kindness, openness and hospitality
- Offer compassionate pastoral care
- Base outreach on an attitude of caring and acceptance



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We hope you will visit again!

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY May 14th, 2023

Acts 17: 22-31
Psalm 66: 7-18
1 Peter 3: 13-22
John 14: 15-21

FLOWERS

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God.
Flowers at St. Luke's are coordinated by Ann Séguin.