Welcome to St. Luke Cedar Hill Palm/Passion Sunday, March 24, 2024

10:00 am Liturgy of the Palms, Liturgy of the Passion, and Holy Communion



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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. Welcome and Introduction (The Rev. Daniel Fournier)

Gathering of the People

Palm Sunday Greeting

Say three times:

- Priest: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
- All: Hosanna in the highest.

Priest: Dear friends in Christ. during Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph. The people welcomed him with palms and shouts of praise, but the path before him led to self-giving, suffering, and death. Today we greet him as our King, although we know his crown is thorns and his throne a cross. We follow him this week from the glory of the palms to the glory of the resurrection by way of the dark road of suffering and death. United with him in his suffering on the cross, may we share his resurrection and new life. Let us pray. Almighty God, whose Son was crucified yet entered into glory, may we, walking in the way of the cross, find it is for us the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God. now and forever. All: Amen.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: MARK 11: 1-11

Reader: The Lord be with you.

- All: And also with you.
- Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
- All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At the end of the gospel:

- Priest: The Gospel of Christ.
- All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessing of the Palms

- Priest: The Lord be with you.
- All: And also with you.
- Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- Priest: It is right to praise you, almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. The Hebrews acclaimed Jesus as Messiah and King, with palm branches in their hands, crying, Hosanna in the highest. Bless us, and bless these branches as we go forth to meet Christ and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.
- All: Amen.

The Procession

- Priest: Let us go forth in peace.
- All: In the name of Christ. Amen.

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Processional Hymn: CP 181 All Glory, Laud and Honour

(tune: St. Theodulph)

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honour to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed one. (*Refrain*)

The company of angels are praising thee on high, and we with all creation in chorus make reply. (*Refrain*)

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present. (*Refrain*)

To thee before thy Passion they sang their hymns of praise; to thee now high exalted our melody we raise. (*Refrain*)

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring, who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King. (*Refrain*)

The Collect for Passion Sunday

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: Almighty and everliving God, in tender love for all our human race you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take our flesh and suffer death upon a cruel cross.
May we follow the example of his great humility, and share in the glory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

Anthem: A Palm Sunday Antiphon by D. Morgan

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31: 9-16 Response: Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly. For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed. *(Response)*

I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbours, a dismay to those of my acquaintance; when they see me in the street they avoid me. I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot. *(Response)*

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life. But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord.

I have said, "You are my God. (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: Philippians 2: 5-11

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

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PASSION NARRATIVE: Mark 14: 1 – 15: 47

See Passion Narrative Booklet; please remain seated. The service resumes with the Affirmation of Faith after the Passion Narrative.

Please stand as you are able.

An Affirmation of Faith (Based on Philippians 2: 6-11)

Leader: Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

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.

Prayers of Intercession

Sitting, standing or kneeling, as is your custom.

In response to the words, "God, in your mercy," *the community prays,* "**Hear our prayer.**"

O God in whom we live and move and have our being, we come to you in prayer.

God of courage and compassion, as we follow Jesus toward the Cross this holy week, we give you thanks that he faced his enemies with courage, not violence.

We are grateful he loved us enough to die for us, bearing every pain and sorrow others inflicted.

In Christ we trust that your love has power in every situation, even the most troubling or tragic. So hear us as we bring to you the people and places facing trouble and tragedy this day: We pray for all struggling with poverty, sickness, or grief, and any feeling overwhelmed by things beyond their control.

(Silence)

All:

Stay with them day by day and restore their hope and health:

God, in your mercy; Hear our prayer.

We pray for people and places facing violence, war and corruption, and all who fear for what this day may bring.

(Silence)

Grant them courage and protection, and restore their hope and peace:

God, in your mercy;

All: Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who challenge tyranny, brutality and injustice, and all who raise their voices for the vulnerable and victimized.

(Silence)

Give them strength and restore their hope and freedom:

God, in your mercy;

All: Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who face persecution because of racism, belief or identity, and for each one who has been shamed or humiliated by someone more powerful.

(Silence)

Assure them of their value as your children and restore their hope and dignity:

God, in your mercy;

All: Hear our prayer.

Hear us as we pray to you in silence for those situations close to our hearts this day.

(Silence)

Bring your grace to restore hope and healing wherever they are needed.

God, in your mercy;

All: Hear our prayer.

God of courage and compassion, thank you for your love that never lets us go and hear us as we pray in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.

Christ Jesus,

as we walk with you to your cross this week, fill us with humble gratitude that you go before us into any challenge or crisis we may face. Give us courage to stand with others facing injustice or prejudice, and give us words to speak out for those at risk at home or abroad, for you have given us words to pray for the coming of your kingdom, your reign of justice, mercy, and peace.

In your name we pray.

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 185 Sing My Tongue the Glorious Battle (tune: Oriel)

The Preparation of the Table

Prayer over the Gifts:

Priest: Gracious God, the suffering and death of Jesus, your only Son, makes us pleasing in your sight.

Alone we can do nothing, but through his sacrifice, may we receive your love and mercy.

All: Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

[Source: Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) – The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America]

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, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Saviour Jesus Christ, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the host in heaven, we praise your name, joining their unending hymn:

(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, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

> In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever.

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 184 My Song is Love Unknown

(tune: Love Unknown) Livestreaming with permission of the John Ireland Trust

CP 66 And Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love

(tune: Unde et Memores)

Music during Ablutions: *Andante* from Sonata 6 in b-minor by G.F. Handel; Mary Byrne, flute

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

- Priest: God our help and strength, you have satisfied our hunger with this eucharistic food. Strengthen our faith, that through the death and resurrection of your Son, we may be led to salvation, for he is Lord now and for ever.
- 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: May the Father, who so loved the world that he gave his only Son, bring you by faith to his eternal life.

All: Amen.

Priest: May Christ, who accepted the cup of sacrifice in obedience to the Father's will, keep you steadfast as you walk with him the way of his cross.

All: Amen.

- Priest: May the Spirit, who strengthens us to suffer with Christ that we may share his glory, set your minds on life and peace.
- All: Amen.
- Priest: 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 602 Lift High the Cross

(tune: Crucifer)

Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

Thank you to all who assisted with today's service.

IN THE WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN PRAYER CYCLE, we pray for The Church of the Province of West Africa - The Most Revd Dr Cyril Kobina Ben-Smith, 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); and 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 the parish of St. Anne and St. Edmund, Parksville and their people and wardens. We also pray for Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyle and Pastor Lyndon, and for the Diocese of Yukon and Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS March 24th - March 31st (**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.

Holy Week Services – A Stations of the Cross service will be held on Wednesday, March 27th at 7:30 pm. The Maundy Thursday service on March 28th will also be at 7:30 pm. There will not be a morning service on Thursday, March 28th. The Good Friday service will be at 10 am on March 29th.

**Office Closures – St. Luke's Church Office will be closed Friday, March 29th (Good Friday) and Monday, April 1st (Easter Monday) and will reopen on Tuesday, April 2nd at 9 am.

Easter Vigil with Church of the Cross – Holy Saturday, March 30th at 7:30 pm at Church of the Cross. We are pleased that we are able to 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 (March 31st) 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 offered by Ben Parker (trumpet), Erika Pryer (vocal solo), Mary Byrne (flute), St. Luke's Choristers (anthem), and St. Luke's Bell Choir (Muriel Ali, conductor). The 2:30 pm Celebrate Easter Family Service will be a short, child-friendly service, followed by an Easter Egg hunt.

**Easter Flower Cross – Next Sunday, please bring a flower to place on the flower cross. You may place your flowers before the service begins. Extra flowers will be available at the back of the church.

Invitation/Services Card in Today's Service Bulletin – Please use the invitation/services card tucked in today's service bulletin to post on your fridge to **remind you of all the services (in-person, livestreamed, and recorded) or to give to a friend or neighbour to invite them to the Holy Week and Easter Services. More cards are available on the table at the back of the church.

*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 or the church office by this Tuesday, March 26th to make a donation for flowers for Easter. **Spring Food Drive for the Shelbourne Community Kitchen – March 15 - April 15 – The Kitchen is inviting community members including all of us at St. Luke's to join in their annual Spring 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.

Fabric Needed – Brenda Morgan is making tea-cosies for the Craft Group to sell at the Spring Fair, and **she is requesting interesting, unusual fabric** from anyone who has extra material at home that they don't need. Batting would be particularly useful, and thread would not go amiss either. **Please contact Brenda for more information.**

Donations in Special Purpose Envelopes from now until the end of April will be put towards some **improvements to the youth/children's room downstairs in the church**, such as installing windows in the doors as part of Safe Church policies. Thank you in advance for your help with these improvements.

*They Promised Her The Moon – Presented by St. Luke's Players. This compelling drama, about the challenges of sisterhood and fighting for the greater good, is based on a true story. The last performance is a matinee today at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$18, available through EventBrite or at the door. See more information at the Events page of St. Luke's website.

**Our Next Fantastic Friday will be Friday, April 5th from 4:30 to 6:30 pm in St. Luke's Hall – Invite your friends,

neighbours, children, and grandchildren to join in the fun and find out why these Fridays are fantastic! Dinner is included. For more information or to offer to help (always greatly appreciated!), please talk to Sharon Hallsor, Tara Poilievre, or Barb Prescott.

Save the Date for St. Luke's Spring Fair – Saturday, April 27th, from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Now is the time to think of items you could make for the sale, such as craft items, jams and jellies, or baking which could be frozen. Thank you in advance for your help with this major fundraiser and community event. If you have questions, please talk to Carol Turnham.

Jams and Jellies for the Spring Fair – It's time to make jams and jellies for the Spring Fair, which will be April 27th. Please leave extra canning jars at the back of the church. Call Pat Bates for more information.

**Plants for the Spring Fair – With the onset of spring and warmer weather, if you are dividing plants or planting seeds, please consider doing a few extra for our plant stall at the Spring Fair. We have extra pots if you need them, or if you need help with dividing, please call Noreen Saville.

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 <u>https://bottledepot.ca/we-recycle/beverage-containers/</u>Thank you for your help, Genessa.

Calling All Bakers – We would love some cookies or squares to put in the freezer to use for the Sunday coffee times and Fantastic Fridays. **Cookies and squares can be dropped off on Sunday mornings during coffee times or brought to the hall when the office is open to put in the freezer.** Please contact Barb Prescott if you have any questions.

Save the Dates for this Year's Amazing Journey Day Camp – July 22nd – 26th in the mornings, 9 am to noon. 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. If you have children, grandchildren, or friends with children ages 4 through 11, please consider reserving this week for them to participate in the day camp. Children born January 1, 2013 to June 30, 2020 are eligible to be campers. We will also be looking for Middle School students to be Leaders in Training and High School students to be Small Group Leaders. Stay tuned for more information on our theme and activities.

We Together 2024 Conference – April 12th – 13th at St. John the Divine in Victoria and the Baumann Center. *We Together* is a regular (once every other year) diocesan conference to remind us of the ways we are connected and that we are stronger together. Registration is now open. Visit the **Events page of St. Luke's website** for more information and to register.

Archbishop Linda Nicholls Will Visit the Diocese April 19th – 24th – Events to note include: 4 pm Choral Evensong at Christ Church Cathedral on April 21st and Meet Our Primate at St. Peter Lakehill on Tuesday, April 23rd from 10 am to 12 noon. Registration is required for this event. See more information at the **Events page of St. Luke's website**.

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We hope you will visit again!

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READINGS FOR EASTER SUNDAY, March 31, 2024

Acts 10: 34-43 Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 John 20: 1-18

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.