

Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill

Good Friday
The Celebration of the Lord's Passion

April 3, 2026
10:00 am



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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.*

Statement on the Lectionary Readings for Holy Week and Easter

Throughout Christian history, references to “the Jews” in scripture—particularly in John and Acts—have been used to perpetuate negative stereotypes and falsely assign blame for the death of Jesus. These references gloss over significant distinctions among religious leaders, such as Pharisees, scribes, and Sadducees, and obscure the fact that Jesus and his disciples were themselves Jews. As Christians, we confess and lament the history of anti-Judaism associated with these texts. We renounce the evils of violence and discrimination against Jewish people. We strive for mutual understanding, respect, and partnership with Jewish neighbors and commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation among people of all faiths.

Welcome and Introduction (*The Rev. Daniel Fournier*)

Please stand as you are able.

Priest: All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned every one to his own way,

**All: And the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.**

Priest: Christ the Lord became obedient unto death,

All: even death on a cross.

Priest: Almighty God,

**All: our heavenly Father,
we have sinned
in thought and word and deed;
we have not loved you
with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours
as ourselves.**

**We pray you of your mercy,
forgive us all that is past,
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 4: 14-16, 5: 7-9

Reader: A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn: CP 192 Were You There (v. 1, 2, 3, 5)

(tune: Were You There)

Please be seated for the reading of the Passion Narrative.

PASSION NARRATIVE: John 18: 1 - 19: 42

Reflection: The Rev. Daniel Fournier (*Please be seated*)

Anthem: *Green the Weeping Willow Tree* – Koji/Graham

The Solemn Intercessions

Intercessor:

Dear People of God,
God sent his Son into the world,
not to condemn the world,
but that the world through him might be saved,
that all who believe in him
might be delivered from the power of sin and death
and become heirs with him of eternal life.
We pray, therefore,
for people everywhere according to their needs.

Let us pray for the one holy catholic and apostolic
Church of Christ throughout the world:
for its unity in witness and service,
for all bishops and other ministers
and the people whom they serve,
for The Right Reverend Anna Greenwood-Lee,
our bishop, and the people of this diocese,

for all Christians in this community
awaiting the outward signs and grace of Baptism,
that God will confirm the Church in faith,
increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.
We pray to you, O God.

All sing: Kyrie eleison.

Silence

Priest: Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people
is governed and sanctified:
Receive our supplications and prayers
which we offer before you
for all members of your holy Church,
that in our vocation and ministry
we may truly and devoutly serve you;
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

Intercessor:

Let us pray for all creation;
for the fragility and interdependence of life,
for the majesty and wonder of earth, sky and seas,
for the harm wrought
by human indifference and greed,
for the urgency of our call
to active, loving stewardship.
We pray to you, O God.

All sing: Kyrie eleison.

Silence

Priest: Bountiful Creator, you open your hand
to satisfy the needs of every living creature:
Guide us to live generously upon this earth,
resisting the temptations of consumerism and waste,

and grant that we,
remembering the account we must one day give,
may labour for the healing of the whole creation;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All: Amen.

Intercessor:

Let us pray for all nations
and peoples of the earth,
and for those in authority among them:

For Charles, our King, and all the Royal Family;
for The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime
Minister and for the government of this country,
for The Honourable David Eby, premier of this
province and for the members of the legislature,
for Dean Murdock, mayor of this municipality
and those who serve on the city council,
for all the mayors of the Capital Regional District,
and those who serve with them on the councils,
for all who serve the common good,
that by God's help they may seek justice and truth,
and live in peace and concord.
We pray to you, O God.

All sing: Kyrie eleison.

Silence

Priest: Most gracious God and Father,
in whose will is our peace: turn our hearts,
and the hearts of all, to yourself;
that by the power your Spirit,
the peace which is rooted in justice
may be established throughout the world;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All: Amen.

Intercessor:

Let us pray for all who suffer
and are afflicted in body or in mind:
for those who are hungry or homeless,
destitute or oppressed,
for those who are sick or wounded;
for those who live with loneliness, fear, and anguish,
for those who face temptation,
loss of faith, or despair,
for those who know sorrow or grief,
for those in prison or captivity,
for those are subject to displacement,
trafficking, or war, and all in mortal danger;
That God will comfort and relieve them,
and grant them the knowledge of his love,
and stir up in us the will and patience
to minister to their needs.
We pray to you, O God.

All sing: Kyrie eleison.

Silence

Priest: Compassionate and ever merciful God,
the comfort of the sad,
the strength of those who suffer;
hear the prayers of your children
who cry out of any trouble,
and to every distressed soul
grant mercy, relief, and refreshment,
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All: Amen.

Intercessor:

Let us pray for devout practitioners of every faith:
For the Jewish people,
recipients of God's eternal covenant;
For Muslims, faithful offspring of Abraham;

For those who follow the noble Eightfold path
of the Buddha;
For Hindus, who practice diverse yogas,
For Sikhs of pure devotion;
That God will stir each to mutual understanding and
forge new pathways to reconciliation and healing.
We pray to you, O God.

All sing: Kyrie eleison.

Silence

Priest: Holy God, the source and ground of all being:
guide people of every faith to affirm
your wisdom within and beyond their traditions,
unite people of many faiths
in bonds of love and mutual respect,
that together we may hasten
the coming of a holy peace,
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All: Amen.

Intercessor:

Let us pray for all
who have not received the goodness of God:
For those who have lost their faith;
For those who breed contempt or scorn;
For any whose faith leads to persecution,
violence, or hatred,
That God will open all hearts to Truth,
and lead each in paths of conscience and good will.
We pray to you, O God.

All sing: Kyrie eleison.

Silence

Priest: Merciful God,
you care for all the peoples of the earth:
expand our compassion and strengthen our resolve
that, by your promised Holy Spirit,
we may meet violence, persecution, contempt,
and scorn with great love,
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All: Amen.

Intercessor:

Let us commit ourselves to God,
and pray for the grace of a holy life,
that with all who have departed this life and have
died in the peace of Christ,
and with those whose faith is known to God alone,
we may be accounted worthy
to enter into the fullness of life of the joy of our Lord,
and receive the crown of life
in the day of resurrection.
We pray to you, O God.

All sing: Kyrie eleison.

Silence

Priest: O God of unchangeable power and eternal light,
look favourably on your whole Church,
that wonderful and sacred mystery.
By the effectual working of your providence,
carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation.
Let the whole world see and know
that things which were cast down
are being raised up,
and things which had grown old are being made new,
and that all things
are being brought to their perfection
by him through whom all things were made,
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord;

who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn: CP 184 My Song Is Love Unknown

(tune: Love Unknown)

Meditation on the Cross of Jesus

The Cross is carried into the church.

Priest: This is the wood of the cross,
on which hung the Saviour of the world.

All sing: Come let us worship.



We sing this two more times while the cross is carried down the aisle.

Veneration of the Cross

Please be seated. At this time, we invite you to come forward one by one and pause for a moment before the cross, place your hand on the wood (or another sign of reverence); then return to your place.

Music during the Veneration:

Crucem tuam/O Lord, Your Cross – Taizé Community

At the conclusion of the veneration, please stand as you are able.

Priest: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

**All: Because by your holy cross
you have redeemed the world.**

Priest: O Saviour of the world,
by your cross and precious blood
you have redeemed us.

All: Save us and help us, we humbly pray.

Hymn: CP 196 Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended

(tune: Herzliebster Jesu)

Priest: And now, as our Saviour taught us,
we are bold to say:

**All: Our Father who art in heaven
hallowed be thy name
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever.
Amen.**

Closing Prayer

Priest: Send down your abundant blessing,
O Lord, upon your people
who have devoutly recalled
the death of your Son
in sure and certain hope
of the resurrection.
Grant them pardon; bring them comfort.

May their faith grow stronger
and their eternal salvation be assured.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The service ends in silence. You are invited to stay for a time and ponder all that you have heard and read. There is no dismissal this day as we leave in silence.

You are welcome to join us for refreshments up in the hall.

UPCOMING SERVICES

April 4 – Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil at Church of the Cross

Service starts at 7:30 pm

April 5 – Easter Services at St. Luke's

8 am Communion Service

10 am Communion Service with special music
(livestreamed and recorded)

2:30 pm Family Service and Easter Egg Hunt

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

April 3rd – April 12th

(New Items, *Revised Items)**

****Office Closures** – St. Luke's Church Office is closed today Friday, April 3rd (Good Friday) and Monday, April 6th (Easter Monday) and will reopen on Tuesday, April 7th at 9 am.

****Job Posting for St. Luke's Music Director Position** – This position is now posted at the **News page of St. Luke's website**. If you know someone who might be interested, please pass the information on to them. **The deadline date for applications is May 15th.**

***The next Silver and Sage 55+ Gathering will be on Thursday, April 9th from 1:30 – 3:30 pm in church.** The topic for this Silver and Sage session is “*Volunteering*”, presented by Caroline Herbert from the Saanich Volunteer Services Society.

Buy A Key Fundraiser – The keys and pedals on our grand piano are available to be sponsored. A White Key costs \$25, a Black Key costs \$35, and a Pedal costs \$50. **Please fill out a pledge card, put both it along with the sponsorship amount (cash or cheque) in a "Piano Donation" envelope and place it in the donation basket on the table at the back of the church or in the collection plate.** If you prefer to pay by e-transfer, please complete the pledge form, circle the Y in ‘E-Transfer Y’ section and include ‘Piano Sponsorship’ in the notes section of your e-transfer. If you do not want your name to be acknowledged on a "Sponsor List" that will be included in any future Concert Programmes, please circle the N in ‘Name on a Key N’ that is on the Piano Sponsorship Pledge Form. Please note that purchasing this Grand Piano enables St. Luke’s to offer our heritage church building to the community as a performance-quality acoustic venue. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please reach out to Claire White, People’s Warden.

***Early Bird Registration for This Year’s Amazing Journey Day Camp is now open.** This Year’s Amazing Journey Day Camp will be from **July 6th – 10th in the mornings, 9 am to noon.** **The theme this year will be Unlocking God’s Promises.** 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 at Church of the Cross Children born January 1, 2015 to June 30, 2022 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. **Visit the News page of St. Luke’s website for Registration information.**

***Save the Date for St. Luke’s Spring Fair – Saturday, April 25th, from 10 am – 2 pm.** This year’s Spring Fair will feature

plants and garden art, jewellery, antiques and collectibles, crafts and creations, books, toys, home baking, jams and jellies, silent auction, vintage clothing and accessories, white elephant, Mother's Day gifts, and more! Please call Carol Turnham with any questions or to offer your help.

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

Help Needed for the Spring Fair – The Bake Table and the Jams/Jellies Table at this year's Spring Fair are requiring extra help. Jane Grant and Heather Simpson will be away and are looking for volunteers to help convene these tables. If you can help, please talk to Heather Simpson.

Calling All Bakers – We would love some baking for Coffee Times. Cookies, loaves, and squares are particularly welcome. Baking donations can be brought to the hall during office hours (9 to noon, Monday to Friday) or during coffee times to be put in the small freezer downstairs by the Studio. Thanks so much for your help. Homemade baking is always greatly appreciated!

The Shelbourne Community Kitchen is looking for donations of reusable grocery bags to be used in their Pantry Program. If you have extra reusable bags, please donate them in support of the Shelbourne Community Kitchen's Grocery Program. Out of respect for the Kitchen's members and volunteers, please make sure that all bags are clean and in good working condition prior to donating them to the Kitchen. Reusable bags can be added to the collection baskets for the Kitchen in the church and the hall.

Karren Stinson Bursary for Lutherans and Anglicans based in Western Canada – Application Deadline: April 30th, 2026 – The Karren Stinson Bursary Fund celebrates the life of a parish worker at Lutheran Church of the Cross, the late

Karren Louise Stinson. The purpose of this Bursary Fund is to give financial assistance to Lutherans and Anglicans based in Western Canada who are currently involved in post-secondary education leading to a vocation of service. Applications are invited for this year's bursary of \$1,500. **To apply for the 2026 Karren Stinson Bursary, please visit the News page of St. Luke's website and carefully follow the instructions given.** The Bursary is scheduled to be awarded in the late spring of 2026.

Looking Way Ahead – For those of you who plan **way ahead**, some dates in the fall will be a bit different than in other years: **Celebration Sunday will be on November 15th** (instead of in October). **The Christmas Bazaar will be on November 28th**, the last Saturday in November, instead of the 3rd Saturday in November when we have held it in recent years. Since this year's Synod will be on November 21st, we have made this change so that our Synod delegates don't have to clone themselves!

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