

Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill
Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026
10:00 am
Holy Communion and Renewal of The
Baptismal Covenant



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*We acknowledge that we gather with respect on the traditional territories of the lək̓ʷəŋən peoples, known in our day as the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, the traditional custodians of these lands.
We are grateful for their hospitality*

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Welcome to one and all, and Happy Easter to you!

Prelude: II. Allegro – Sonata in E Major, BWV 1035

Mary Byrne, flute Matt Robertson, bassoon

The Gathering of the People

Priest: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;
therefore, let us keep the feast.

Please stand as you are able during the Processional Hymn.

Processional Hymn: CP 203 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today *(tune: Easter Hymn)*

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

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.

Priest: There is one body and one Spirit,

All: There is one hope in God's call to us.

Priest: One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

All: One God and Father of all.

A Peruvian Gloria

(Cantor): Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory in the Highest!
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(Cantor): To God be glory forever!

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(Cantor): Alleluia! Amen!

Alleluia! Amen!

The Collect for Easter Day

Priest: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death:
fill your church with faith and hope,
for a new day has dawned
and the way of life stands before us;
through Jesus Christ, our risen Saviour,
who lives and reigns with the Father
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: ACTS 10: 34-43

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 118: 1-2, 14-24

Sung Refrain:

This is the day that the Lord has made, Alleluia, Alleluia.

SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 3: 1-4

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

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia (*sung 4 times*)

[From: Norah Duncan; GIA Publications, Inc.]

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 20: 1-18

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.

Gospel Hymn: CP 222 All Shall Be Well

(tune: Song 46)

Homily: The Rev. Daniel Fournier

Anthem: *Because You Live, O Christ* – Shirley Erena Murray

Blessing of the Easter Water *(please stand)*

Priest: Praise God who made heaven and earth,

All: who keeps his promise for ever.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Priest: We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water to sustain, refresh, and cleanse all life.

Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

Through water you led the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt

to freedom in the Promised Land.

In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John

and was anointed by the Holy Spirit

as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us

from the death of sin to newness of life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism.

In it we are buried with Christ in his death.

By it we share in his resurrection.

Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son,

we celebrate our fellowship in him in faith.

We pray that all who have passed

through the water of baptism

may continue for ever in the risen life

of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Renewed in your image,

may they walk by the light of faith

and continue for ever

in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord;

to whom with you and the Holy Spirit

be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Dear friends, through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life. Now that our Lenten observance is ended, let us renew the promises we made in baptism.

Renewal of the Baptismal Covenant

Priest: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

All: I do.

Priest: Do you believe in God the Father?

**All: I believe in God,
The Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Priest: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**All: 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.**

Priest: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**All: I believe in God the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Priest: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

All: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

All: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

All: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

All: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the earth?

All: I will, with God's help.

Asperges: Sprinkling of the Easter Water

The blessing and sprinkling of Easter water is a sacramental action, an action connected to the sacrament of baptism. The water is blessed (traditionally at the Easter Vigil or Easter Sunday). Following the blessing of the water and renewal of the baptismal covenant, the congregation may be sprinkled with this Easter Water as a sign and reminder that we are new creations through our baptisms, and that we have died to sin and are made new in Christ. It is also an act of thanksgiving and blessing.

Sung Response during the Sprinkling of Easter Water:
I have called you by your name – Daniel Charles Damon

Invitation and Peace

Priest: The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready.
It is the table of company with Jesus
and with all those 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 faith
and you who would like to have more.
You who have been to this sacrament often,
and you who have not been for a long time.
You who have tried to follow Jesus,
and you who have failed.
Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

As we prepare to come to the table
let us exchange a sign of peace with one another.

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

All: And also with you.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: CP 206 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

(tune: Llanfair)

The Preparation of the Table

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.
Day by day you shower us with blessings.
As you have raised us to new life in Christ,
give us glad and generous hearts,
ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

All: Amen.

*Please remain standing for the whole Eucharistic Prayer,
as you are able.*

Eucharistic Prayer

*[Source: Eucharistic Prayer 2 - The Book of Alternative Services.
1985]*

Priest: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up 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.

**All: Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! (x2)
Blessed, blessed, blessed, blessed is the one
coming in the name, the name of our God.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! (x2)**
[From: St. Aidan Setting; John Bell, The Iona Community]

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: Ameni, ameni, amen, amen, amen, ameni. *(repeat)*
*[From: Young men; Christ the New Man Parish,
Ga-Rankuwa, South Africa; GIA Publications, Inc.]*

The Lord's Prayer

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

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us. *(twice)*
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.**
[From: St. Bride Setting; John Bell, The Iona Community]

The Giving of Communion

Priest: 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.

Music during Communion

Communion Anthem: The Spring Has Come

(Shirley Erena Murray)

CP 237 Now the Green Blade Rises

(tune: Nouvelet)

CP 232 Jesus Is Risen from the Grave

(tune: Childer)

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

Priest: Life-giving God,
in the mystery of Christ's resurrection
you send light to conquer darkness,
water to give new life,
and the bread of life to nourish your people.
Send us forth as witnesses
to your Son's resurrection,
that we may show your glory to all the world,
through Jesus Christ, our risen 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.**

Announcements *(Please be seated.)*

Blessing *(Please stand as you are able.)*

Priest: God, the Father,
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you who believe
the gates of everlasting life.

All: Amen.

Priest: God, the Son,
who is bursting from the grave,
has won a glorious victory,
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

All: Amen.

Priest: God, the Holy Spirit,
who filled the disciples with the life of the Risen Lord,
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

All: Amen.

Priest: And the blessing ...
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn: CP 210 Yours Be the Glory

(tune: Maccabaeus)

Dismissal

Priest:

Go in the peace of Christ, Al-le-lu-i-a, Al-le - - lu - i - a

6 Congregation:

Thanks be to God, Al-le-lu-i-a, Al-le - - lu - i - a

Postlude

*Thank you to all who assisted during Holy Week
and with today's service,
especially to the members of the Altar Guild
for decorating the church so beautifully,
and the choristers and musicians
for elevating our communal worship experience.*

Easter Blessings to All!

IN THE WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN PRAYER CYCLE, we pray today for La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico – The Most Revd Alba Sally Sue Hernández García – Primate. **In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer, we pray for** The Most Rev. Anne Germond, Metropolitan, and the people and clergy of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario (Anglican); **for** the congregations of the Eastern area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod (Lutheran); **for** The Rt. Rev. J. Christian Giesler, Bishop of the Unity residing in the Northern Province. **In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray for** Anna, our Bishop, and for those discerning Holy Orders in the Diocese. **We also pray for** Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyndon, **and for** the Territory of the People and Bishop Clara Plamondon.

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.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS
April 5th – April 12th
(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.

****Celebrate Easter Service TODAY at 2:30 pm** – This will be a short, child-friendly service, followed by an Easter Egg hunt.

***St. Luke's Office will be closed tomorrow Monday, April 6th (Easter Monday)** and will reopen on Tuesday, April 7th.

****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.**

****St. Luke's Men's Fellowship Group will meet on Wednesday, April 8th at 6 pm at the White Spot, Quadra and McKenzie**. If you plan to attend, please advise Harry Felsing either via phone (250-477-8913) or email felsing@telus.net.

***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.

***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. **The registration form will be available at the News page of St. Luke's website.**

***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 the spring happening now, 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.

The Children's Room – Daniel, Sharon Hallsor, and the Wardens have made the decision to hire a Sunday School Leader this year to enhance our children's learning at the Sunday 10 am service. In the interim, **we require 2 adults to supervise the children in the Children's Room in the church basement.** If you are interested in joining the roster, please contact Daniel, Sharon Hallsor, or any of the Wardens for further details.

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. If you have any questions, please reach out to Claire White, People's Warden.



EASTER FLOWERS

Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of:

the Chuku, Farquhar, Francis, Gardner, Richards, Tonge,
and Sebastian families,
from Genevieve Richards;

son Mark, and parents, Carl and Emily Phipps,
from Harry and Barb Felsing;

Joan, John, and Michael Knight, and John Fuller,
from Sandra Lindberg.

Flowers at St. Luke's are coordinated by Ann Séguin.

Committees at St. Luke's

St. Luke's Leadership Team recently decided to implement a new committee structure. The eleven committees encompass the ongoing business of the St. Luke's organization. The committees will help our church to proactively plan and manage its business in a sustainable way. Ultimately, this will allow St. Luke's to accomplish its long-range strategic goals and enable the organization to fulfill its mission in our community.

Since introducing the committee structure to the parish in March 2026, we have already had numerous committee chairs step forward. Now, St. Luke's is looking for parishioners to volunteer for committee member roles. Committee members can expect a 3-4 hour commitment per month, and a fixed term (until April 2027).

This committee structure is not a new thing - it harkens back to the way St. Luke's became a thriving church in the past. It is based on the "many hands make light work" concept. The committees allow members of the parish to participate in and contribute to the work of the church.

Please scan the committee summary that follows and consider volunteering for an area of interest. Being part of a committee can be fun and rewarding. If you are interested in volunteering for a committee or have questions, please contact me (Heather Stewart) at strategy@stlukecedarhill.ca.

List of Committees

Committee Name	Purpose of Committee
Building Committee	Assess building-related priorities and oversee execution of projects.
Children, Youth and Family Committee	Plan and coordinate all children, youth, and family programs.
Communications Committee	Create internal and external communications content. Oversee publications.
Event and Fundraising Committee	Hold major events to raise funds and increase community awareness of St. Luke's.
Finance Committee	Advise on financial matters, including budget and investments. Apply for grants and other funding.
Grounds Committee	Assess grounds-related priorities and oversee execution of projects. Includes parking and cemetery (sub-committees)
Hospitality and Stewardship Committee	Support internal social programs, hospitality, and encourage stewardship.
Music Committee	Oversee music-related programs, performances, and events.
Partnership and Outreach Committee	Engage with external community and partners; build new relationships.
Pastoral Committee	Cultivate supportive relationships and offer pastoral care to the parish.
Worship Committee	Facilitate planning and logistics for worship services. Includes Altar Guild (sub-committee).

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, April 12th, 2026

Acts 2: 14a, 22-32

Psalm 16

1 Peter 1: 3-9

John 20: 19-31
