

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



April 26, 2026
10:30 am

"Easter says to us that despite everything to the contrary, his will for us will prevail, love will prevail over hate, justice over injustice and oppression, peace over exploitation and bitterness."

Desmond Tutu — Crying in the Wilderness: The Struggle for Justice in South Africa (Eerdmans, 1982)

Note: We are a Scent-Free Facility for the health and comfort of those with allergies. Thank you for helping us care for one another.

All are warmly welcomed to our worship.

We ask visitors to introduce themselves and to join us
for social hour after the service.

Kids Church is offered during the 10:30 am service.

The children will leave for age-appropriate activities part way through.
Children are also welcome to stay at the activity table.

Invitation to Silence

Presider Let us be still.

A brief silence is kept

The Presider welcomes the congregation

Welcome & Introduction

Presider St Laurence Anglican Church is located on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded lands of the kwikwə́łəm (Kwikwetlem) First Nation, shared historically with the q̓ičə́y̓ (Katzie) and other Coast Salish Peoples.

We acknowledge with respect the Kwikwetlem people, past and present, and honour their stewardship of this land.

Opening Acclamation

Presider God raised Jesus from the dead
and opened the way of life.

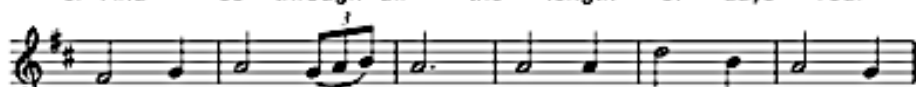
Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Gathering Hymn - *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* (OCP 538)



1. The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose
2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow With
3. Per - verse and fool - ish I have strayed, But
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill With
5. You spread a ta - ble in my sight, Your
6. And so through all the length of days Your



1. good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
2. gen - tle care he leads me, And where the ver - dant
3. yet in love he sought me, And on his shoul - der
4. you, dear Lord, be - side me; Your rod and staff my
5. sav - ing grace be - stow - ing; And O what joy and
6. good - ness fails me nev - er: Good Shep - herd, may I



1. I am his, And he is mine for - ev - er.
2. pas - tures grow, With heav'n - ly food he feeds me.
3. gent - ly laid, And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
4. com - fort still, Your cross be - fore to guide me.
5. true de - light From your pure chal - ice flow - ing!
6. sing your praise With - in your house for - ev - er.

Text: 87 87; based on Psalm 23; Matthew 18; John 10; Henry Williams Baker, 1821-1877, alt. Music: Trad. Irish Melody.

Presider God is with you.
All And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.
Holy One,

**All you know the depths of our hearts,
our joys, our struggles, and our hopes.
By the power of your Spirit,
renew our love and transform us
in the light of your resurrection.
We pray in the name of Jesus,
who lives and reigns with you,
now and forever. Amen.**

Collect of the Day *(the special prayer which 'collects' the
theme of the day)*

Presider God of the open gate,
you call us by name
and lead us into life:
help us to know your voice
and to follow where you lead;
through Jesus Christ,
shepherd and guardian of our souls. **Amen.**

Gathering of Children

Children and their leaders are invited to come forward for a prayer before heading to Kids Church. They will rejoin us in time for Communion. If your child prefers to stay in the service, they are welcome here, and activities are available at the table, at the rear of the sanctuary.

Presider Loving God,
**All we pray for open hearts and minds.
Help us to grow in faith, love, and understanding,
and may your love unite us, now and always. Amen.**

(Children leave for Kids Church)

Gloria - *Glory to God* - Mass of St. Ann

1. We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God,
heavenly King,

Refrain

Glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the high-est.
Glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and on
earth peace to peo - ple of good will. *To verses*
A - men. *Last time*

O God, almighty Father. **Refrain**

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us. **Refrain**
3. For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God
the Father. **Refrain**

Proclamation of the Word

The Readings

Presider Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us through the reading of the Holy Scriptures.

All Our hearts and minds are open

First Reading - *Acts 2:42-47*

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm - *Psalm 23*

1. The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want
He makes me lie in pastures green
He leads me by the still still waters
His goodness restores my soul

Chorus

And I will trust in You alone
And I will trust in You alone
For Your endless mercy follows me
Your goodness will lead me home

2. He guides my ways in righteousness
And He anoints my head with oil
And my cup it overflows with joy
I feast on His pure delights *Chorus*

3. And though I walk the darkest path
I will not fear the evil one
For You are with me
And Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know *Chorus*

Second Reading - 1 Peter 2:19-25

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able for the Gospel Reading

Gospel Acclamation

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 6/8 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.' are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody and lyrics.

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Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John

All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gospel – John 10:1-10

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily *Rev. Carla McGhie*

Affirming Our Faith

Presider With the Church in every time and place,
and with all whose faith is still finding its voice,
let us affirm our faith.

**All We believe in God, the Source of Life,
by whom every being in heaven and earth
is created, named, and sustained.**

**We believe in God, the Living Word,
who restores us to relationship
and speaks to us through faith.**

**We believe in God, the Holy Spirit,
who comforts, guides, and strengthens us
to share the good news of grace.**

**We believe in God,
one, holy, undivided Trinity:
Source of Life, Living Word,
Comforter: Mystery. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Confession & Absolution

Presider The risen Christ welcomes us with mercy.
Here we can be honest.
Let us confess our sins to God.

We keep a moment of quiet for reflection

Presider Most merciful God,

**All we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God, have mercy on you,
forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Presider The risen Christ stands among us
and speaks peace.
The peace of Christ be always with you.

All And also with you.

The Peace is shared in the community, respecting personal boundaries

Offertory

*In gratitude for all we've received, we offer of ourselves back to God.
Bread, wine, and money symbolize the fruits of our labour. If you give through
Pre-Authorized Donations or e-transfer (office@saintlaurence.ca), you're
welcome to use a blue card to represent your offering to the glory of God.*



Offertory Hymn - *Ubi Caritas* (OCP 585)

Refrain: All



*U - bi ca - ri - tas est ve - ra, est ve - ra: De - us i - bi

Verses: Cantor/Choir



est, De - us i - bi est.

1. The love of Christ joins us to -
2. In true com - mu - nion let us
3. May we who gath - er at this
4. For those in need make us your
5. May we one day be - hold your



1. geth - er. Let us re - joice in him, and in our love and
2. gath - er. May all di - vi - sions cease and in their place be
3. ta - ble to share the bread of life be - come a sac - ra -
4. mer - cy, for those op - pressed, your might. Make us, your Church, a
5. glo - ry and see you face to face, re - joic - ing with the

to Refrain



1. care for all now love God in re - turn.
2. Christ the Lord, our ris - en Prince of Peace.
3. ment of love, your heal - ing touch, O Christ.
4. ho - ly sign of jus - tice and new life.
5. saints of God to sing e - ter - nal praise.

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Prayer over the Gifts

Presider God of life,
**All you raised Jesus from the dead
 and bring us into new life.
 Receive these gifts
 and shape us as a people of hope and love,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebration of our Sacred Meal

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider God is with you.

All And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them up to God.

Presider Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

All We give our thanks and praise.

Presider Creator, you made our world beautiful and good.
You made us to live in right relationship with you
and all creation.

You sent Jesus to live among us
and show us what you are like.
You raised Jesus from the dead
and opened the way of life.

Where there was grief, you bring joy.
Where there was fear, you bring hope.
Death does not have the final word.

And so, with all creation and all the company of heaven,
we sing your praise:

Sanctus - Holy - Mass of St. Ann

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na in the high - est.

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Presider Glory and honour are yours, Creator of all,
your Word has never been silent.
Of your grace, you sent Jesus to be human, to share our life,
to proclaim the coming of your holy reign,
and to give himself for us.

Through Jesus Christ, you have reconciled us to you
and restored the glory you intended for us.

On the night before he died, Jesus ate supper
with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it,
and gave it to them, saying:

*“Take and eat. This is my very self given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”*

Then he took the cup of wine, again he gave thanks,
and gave it to them, saying:

*“Drink it all of you. This cup is a new covenant
poured out for you and all people.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”*

Memorial Acclamation



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un-til you come a -
gain, un-til you come a - gain.

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Presider And so, we remember: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection
and ascension, and, longing for Christ’s coming again
in glory, we present these gifts to you.

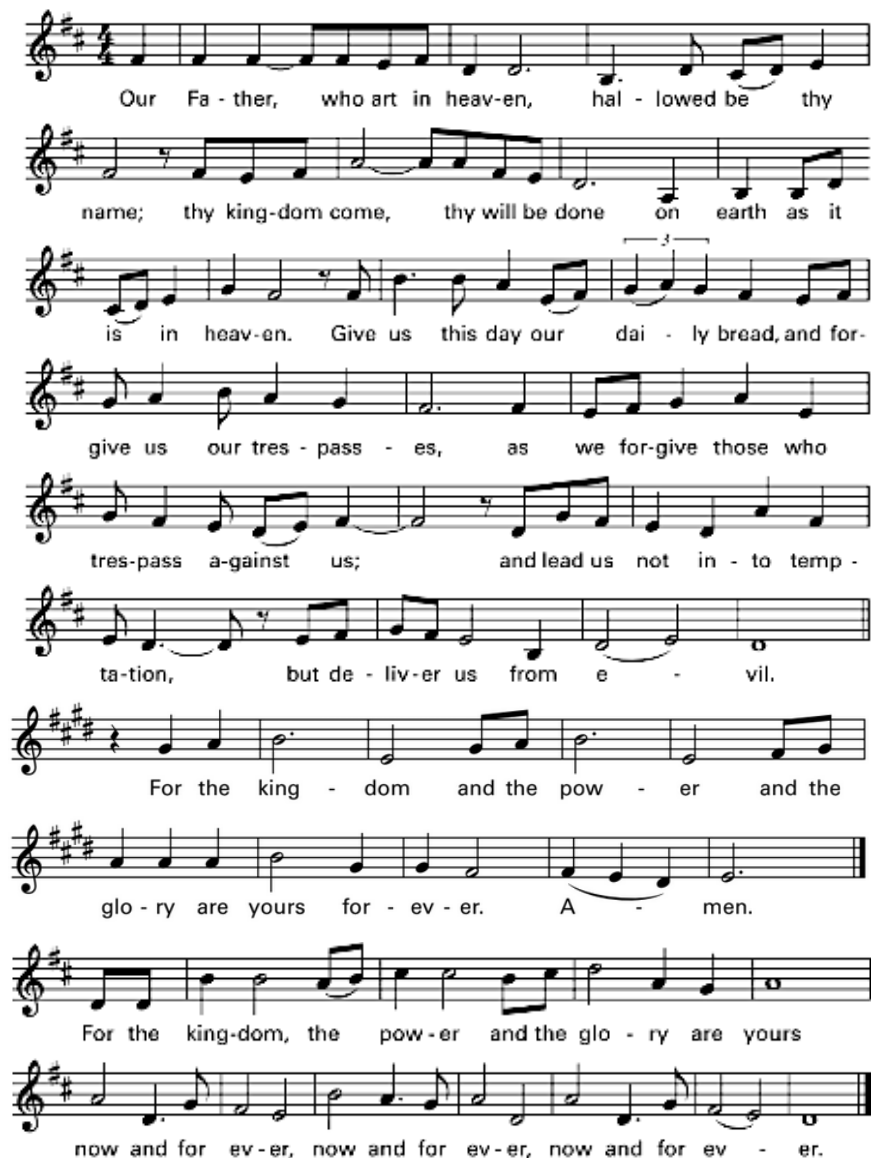
Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts,
so that we who share this bread and wine
may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Draw us together in Christ, and, in the fullness of time,
gather us with all your people into the joy
of your eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you,
our God and Creator, and give you our unending praise.

All Amen.

Lord's Prayer



Our Fa - ther, who art in heav-en, hal - lowed be thy
name; thy king-dom come, thy will be done on earth as it
is in heav-en. Give us this day our dai - ly bread, and for-
give us our tres - pass - es, as we for-give those who
tres-pass a-gainst us; and lead us not in - to temp -
ta-tion, but de - liv-er us from e - vil.
For the king - dom and the pow - er and the
glo - ry are yours for - ev - er. A - men.
For the king-dom, the pow-er and the glo - ry are yours
now and for ev-er, now and for ev-er, now and for ev - er.

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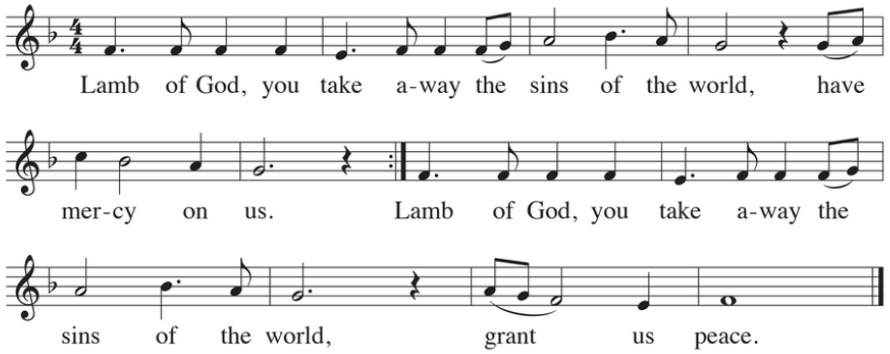
The Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world, grant us peace.

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The Invitation

Presider All are welcome at this table.
You may receive bread or both bread and wine.
Come as you are.

Christ meets us here.
The gifts of God for the people of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Distribution

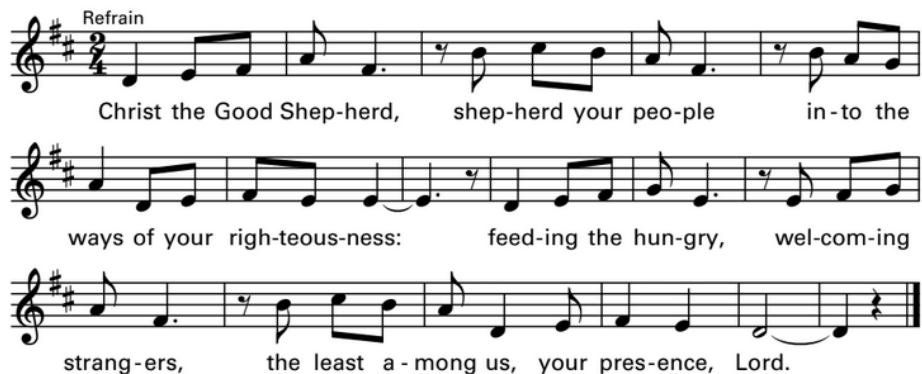
At St. Laurence, everyone is invited to the table. You may receive only the bread or both bread and wine. Non-fermented grape juice is available in the ceramic chalice, and gluten-free wafers are offered; just ask at the distribution. If you prefer a blessing, simply cross your arms across your chest.

For the well-being of everyone in the community, please receive the bread directly rather than dipping it in the chalice.

Before or after receiving Communion, you are welcome to light a candle in prayer on the left side of the sanctuary, remembering a person or intention. Prayer ministers are also available on the right side of the sanctuary if you would like someone to pray with you.

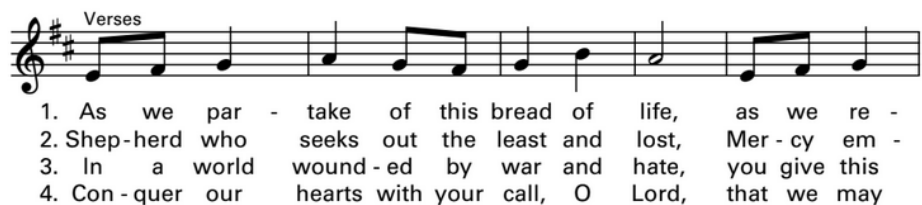
Communion Hymn - *Christ the Good Shepherd* (OCP 127)

Refrain

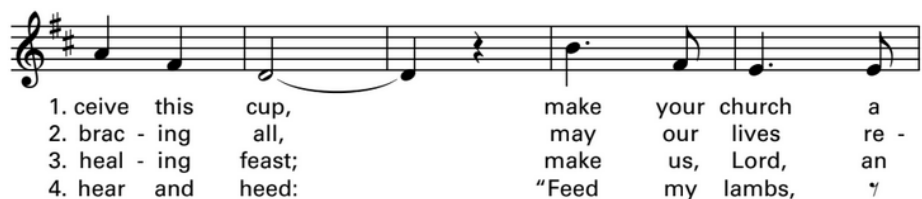


Christ the Good Shep-herd, shep-herd your peo-ple in-to the
ways of your righ-teous-ness: feed-ing the hun-gry, wel-com-ing
stran-gers, the least a-mong us, your pres-ence, Lord.

Verses



1. As we par - take of this bread of life, as we re -
2. Shep-herd who seeks out the least and lost, Mer - cy em -
3. In a world wound-ed by war and hate, you give this
4. Con-quer our hearts with your call, O Lord, that we may



1. ceive this cup, make your church a
2. brac - ing all, may our lives re -
3. heal - ing feast; make us, Lord, an
4. hear and heed: "Feed my lambs, 7"



1. sac - ra - ment of your love.
2. flect the kind - ness of God.
3. in - stru - ment of your peace.
4. tend my sheep, fol - low me."

Text: Refrain based on John 10:11, Matthew 25:31-46; verses 2-4 based on Luke 15:4, Psalm 23:5, John 21:15-19.
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Communion Hymn: *Taste and See* (OCP 519)

Refrain



Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the



Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the



good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Verses



1. I will bless the Lord at all times.
2. Glo - ri - fy the Lord with me.
3. Wor - ship the Lord, all you peo - ple.



Praise shall al - ways be on my lips;
To - geth - er let us all praise God's name.
You'll want for noth - ing if you ask.



my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord
I called the Lord who an - swered me;
Taste and see that the Lord is good;



for God has been so good to me.
from all my troub - les I was set free.
in God we need put all our trust.

Moment of Silence

Take a moment to be still and know God. Let the world's noise fade as you listen for the deep stillness beneath it all. The silence begins and ends with the ringing of a bell.

Prayer after Communion

Presider Living God,

**All we thank you for feeding us at this table
with the body and blood of your Son.
Strengthen us to bear the life of Jesus
into the world;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Presider 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

Blessing

Presider May the God who raised Jesus from the dead
fill you with the power of new life.
May the risen Christ walk with you
in all that lies ahead.
May the Holy Spirit give you courage and joy
to live as people of hope.
And the blessing of God,
Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn - *The Church of Christ, in Every Age (NCH 306)*

1. The church of Christ, in every age
Beset by change, but Spirit led
Must claim and test its heritage
And keep on rising from the dead

2. Across the world, across the street
The victims of injustice cry
For shelter and for bread to eat
And never live before they die

3. Then let the servant church arise
A caring church that longs to be
A partner in Christ's sacrifice
And clothed in Christ's humanity

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Minister The way of life is open.
 Go in the peace of the risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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NEWS & NOTES

Wednesday Morning Service - 9:00 am

*From silence to laughter, scripture to table - wrestling
with faith, in good company.*

Join us midweek for Communion, scripture, and honest conversation. A safe space to share questions, explore diverse perspectives, and deepen fellowship. Start your day nourished in spirit and community.

**Caring for Creation:
Help Protect the Mature Trees
in our Coquitlam Neighbourhoods
Deadline April 30th.**

Interested Parishioners are encouraged to join the letter-writing campaign to persuade Coquitlam Council to include better protection for mature trees in the Urban Forest Management Strategy which City Council will be adopting in May.

Click on the link on the website to find a sample letter, email addresses for the Mayor and Councillors AND more information on the issue, including recordings of the experts who presented at the Nov. 29th forum which St. Laurence hosted.

Emails from parishioners will amplify the message of our rector Philip who has sent a letter on behalf of our parish, and of members of our parish's Issues & Action Committee who are participating in this community campaign.

St. Laurence helped save Mundy Park from being logged and turned into a golf course thirty years ago. Now we are being asked to save the mature trees in our neighbourhoods.

**Saint Laurence Big Book Sale
Book & Plant Sale
Saturday, May 23
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Come browse a great selection of books and stock up for your summer reading!

We are also looking for gardeners who would like to contribute cuttings or small plants to sell alongside the books.

If you are able to help out at the book sale or have plants to contribute, please let the office know.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Ministry of Welcome:
Join the Coffee Team**

One of the things people notice first about St. Laurence is that they are welcomed, not just greeted. Our coffee time after the service is a real part of that: it is where folk start talking, friendships grow, and people who walked in as strangers begin to feel at home.

None of that happens by itself. It happens because a team of people give their time to make it so, and we are looking for a few more to join them.

We need at least one more helper to lead a team (*we will show you the ropes*) and a handful more willing hands to be part of a group that, every five or six weeks, comes early to set up, stays a wee bit longer to tidy up, and brings something to share. One of our team put it well this week: the friendship that comes from working together has itself become a place of belonging.

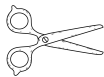
If helping people feel at home sounds like your kind of thing, or if you want to know more, get in touch with Sylvia Wallis or contact the office;
office@saintlaurence.ca or 604-936-5423.

Rev. Philip Cochrane will be out of the parish from the evening of Tuesday, April 21, returning on Friday, May 1. He will be at Sunday services on May 3, and then away again at the Clergy Conference from May 4 to May 6. If an emergency arises during either absence, Please contact Curt in the church office and he will connect you with the appropriate person.

Church Social: Card Making Event
Saturday, May 9 | 10:00 AM–12:00 PM
@ St. Laurence

Come enjoy a relaxed morning creating
Thank You or Mother's Day cards.
All ages and skill levels are welcome.

Premade kits will be available, or bring your own ideas.



Please bring glue and scissors or a straight paper cutter
if you have one.

Coffee, tea, and light refreshments provided.



Welcome to Parishioner Profiles

Keep an eye out for an addition to our Members Portal: A profile and photo of a Saint Laurence parishioner will be posted every other week. These profiles are designed to help us get to know each other a little better and possibly stimulate some interesting conversations.

The Walking the Path to Reconciliation Book Study

is now open for registration.

Every Monday evening from 7:30 to 9 pm

Starting May 25 and ending June 29. In person at Saint Laurence.

We will be discussing ALLY IS A VERB A Guide to Reconciliation with Indigenous People by Rose LeMay.

The book is available for purchase for \$21 or can be borrowed for the duration of the book study. Payment via cash, e-transfer, cheque or credit card. It is also available from the library and local bookstores.

Please contact Curt in the Church office to register.

Easter Appeal: Alongside Hope, Gaza and West Bank

This Easter, we are inviting the parish to support the Gaza and West Bank Emergency Appeal from Alongside Hope, one of our parish partners and the Anglican Church of Canada's agency for relief and development.

The appeal serves the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem: our own sisters and brothers, living and ministering in the very lands where Jesus lived, died, and rose.

As war engulfs the wider Middle East, Anglican hospitals there continue to heal. Anglican schools continue to teach. Anglican communities continue to hold the line for peace. Not because the violence has stopped, but because the resurrection says that life does not wait for permission.

Please donate through St. Laurence so we can track our collective effort and share the difference we make together. Mark your envelope or e-transfer "Alongside Hope, Gaza."

E-transfers may be sent to: office@saintlaurence.ca

For more information about the appeal and the work of the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem, please speak with a member of the clergy or visit the parish office.

