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4 May 2025

Third Sunday of Easter

**Holy Eucharist**

Service outline, Parish News & Events

**8 am**  **HOLY COMMUNION**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**9.30 am**  **FAMILY COMMUNION**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Celebrant: Fr. Allen Doerksen

**The Gathering of the Community**

Worship Songs

Welcome

Territorial Acknowledgement

Greeting

Song of Praise *Today I Awake* CP 9

Collect

**The Story of Faith is Proclaimed**

Children’s Time

First Reading: Psalm 30

Gradual Hymn

*Children & Youth leave for their programs during the gradual hymn*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia (sung)*

Gospel: John 21:1-19

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Sermon

*A short period of silent reflection follows,*

*signalled by the sound of a bell*

Affirmation of Faith

The Prayers of the People

The Peace BAS 192

Offertory

Prayer over the Gifts BAS 336

Doxology: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

**The Celebration of the Eucharist**

Eucharistic Prayer Salal & Cedar

Sanctus: *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

The Lord’s Prayer (*sung)*  BAS 211

Breaking of the Bread BAS 213 #8

The Communion

Prayer after Communion BAS 214

Announcements & Birthday Box, with prayer for those with May anniversaries

Blessing BAS 683

Closing Song

Dismissal



***Please join us for coffee and fellowship downstairs after the service.***

**Welcome to Communion**

We want you to feel welcome at St. Philip. All are encouraged to come forward to receive the bread (communion wafer) and wine. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please keep your head and hands down. If you are more comfortable not drinking from the cup, you may keep your head down and let it pass, or return to your pew after receiving the bread. Please tell the person distributing the bread if you require a gluten-free wafer. Prayer Ministers are available during Communion at the 9:30 am service, at the side of the altar.

*The abbreviation BAS in the service order refers to page numbers in the Book of Alternative Services, the green volume in the pews. CP is Common Praise, the blue hymn book.*

**Offering**

It is Anglican custom to receive a financial offering in our worship, as an expression of gratitude to God. Please do not feel compelled to participate in this offering.

Your presence is gift enough.

**Services this week**

**4 May 2025 - Easter 3**

8am Holy Communion

9am Community prayers downstairs in the youth room

9.30am Eucharist, in-person and live streamed via Facebook Live

* Celebrant & preacher: Fr. Allen Doerksen
* Altar Guild: Beth Macdonald, Kathy Fyfe
* Usher: Daniel Varga
* Music leader:  Shannon Carmichael, Stacy McGhee
* Readers:  Bonnie Bailey, Mike Pipes
* Prayers of the People:  Sharon Richmond
* Powerpoint & slides:  Clayton Savage
* Facebook Live: Karishma Iyer
* Children's ministry: Melinda Weicker
* Youth ministry: Ruth McGhee
* Coffee:  Barb Britton, Barb Evans-Ehricht
* Offerings counters: Betty Davidson, Mike Pipes

*Please note that Fr. Allen will be away Mon-Thurs this week at the mandatory annual diocesan*[*Clergy Conference*](https://bc.anglican.ca/news/clergy-conference-and-lay-leader-workshop)*.*

**6 May, Tuesday**10.30am Contemplative Prayer

**8 May, Thursday**Morning Prayer followed by Bible study.

***Thank you!*** to everyone who stayed after the service last Sunday to help take down the Easter lanterns. It was lovely to have them up through Easter Week, and many hands made light work.

*- Judith Armstrong*

[***Bishop writes for Times Colonist***](http://url2915.bc.anglican.ca/ls/click?upn=u001.XigZWhO1nL0YHAsdW2mDm9TIvurq-2BXhvZF6w9su-2Fnp2rRFgreo59eIl6grzf7zTQRAF8qcPOzMXRp4QMhoFvXIjjlKTLll-2Fysxn7XL91WNZd-2Br4Sk3A370jKkEDLOMZwm2zCphNFiw17jckxD8BAzoPOL-2FL73weIFvxeCIeqMXs-3DkF54_A3nRQoop3xGTTNLdbAlLJRMnXZUnj5-2BmWFWGDCXDTJ1wJIvee9tolJHTQBOgCEM9Y4CFyeJyChNidaZG-2FDIVsxvf7g13XuzjFR1-2B1hR6VLgUenImbkhVy-2B0XmyNRcydP7W7kYVxfNKCcEZ-2BmnVV6FoDArkhdaH2bwTKdzs-2F26dDNcVqE-2Fu08hnKVathm5zqrDvEMNUydR-2F7n4zhiAuZDKEDTFm03aAaCNzspsdv3Ps4fcPVjQhei7MMoaXTOH5BNKfgb4PZZoGQhABiPv3Uzio391qHJQ-2Bb7ycS10-2FDvbW9Q6p7HiwvmzJcotq4D340KcH692dDbRD1GNkpf5TBF7g3ZgP4SaM91M5YT41n4J9Lak-2FpboXb3vFYJnuCYw-2BA6GKnglyl1Ae-2B-2F3uzEPU0NyQ-3D-3D)

Following the recent liquidation of the Hudson's Bay Company, Bishop Anna Greenwood-Lee has written a piece for the Times Colonist's Spiritually Speaking blog about the HBC's role in colonizing and selling off land on Vancouver Island. Bishop Anna writes about how our diocese profited from this sell off and the dangers of the church becoming entangled with empires.

The article is online at <https://www.timescolonist.com/blogs/spiritually-speaking/church-state-and-the-hudsons-bay-company-10575511>

A print copy is posted on the office door.



***God is More Involved With You Than You Think!: Learning to Pray the Examen***

The Christian faith is not so much a system of beliefs (though particular beliefs are important) as much as it is a life: a life of habits and attitudes, a life that involves cultivating “habits” that carry over to our relationships, our use of resources, our sense of what it means to live with purpose, and what it means to flourish.  Prayer is central to all of this but not so much prayer as particular words, but prayer that notices God, prayer that grows in awareness of God as present in our daily affairs, thoughts and feelings.

In this four-part series, Fr. Allen will teach the basics of the Examen and encourage us to share our learning and struggles as we practice various aspects of the Examen together and on our own.

**Schedule**- 2 parallel sessions:

* Wednesday evenings, 7-8.15pm, **online** via Zoom: May 14, May 21, June 4, June 11
* Thursdays following the 10am service, 10.30-11.45 (approx), **in person** in the church: May 15, May 22, June 5, June 12.

**Please sign up** to register interest for either session, on the sheets in the narthex or online:

[**Register for Examen Wednesday evenings on Zoom**](https://doodle.com/sign-up-sheet/participate/767eda44-164f-4aea-9789-aa84e976efc3/select)

[**Register for Examen Thursday mornings in person**](https://doodle.com/sign-up-sheet/participate/c85a72e3-cfaa-42ad-b4fb-f95a64a8f2c7/select)

Enrolment is already at 6 for Wednesdays and 5 for Thursdays! Wednesday needs a few more in order to run. Do sign up for the Thursday session even if you are a 'regular' and/or plan to attend the Thursday morning service as well, so that we have a contact list for sending out info and readings before the series starts. And if you're planning to attend the Thursday Examen study, please consider attending the 10am service immediately before it as well, as it creates an important spiritual context.



[***Singing circle***](http://stphilipvictoria.ca/news/singing-circle)

This is an invitation for people of all ages to enjoy a time of informal singing and making music.

Chris and Alix Harvey would like to invite people with or without instruments to join us at the church, and at a time that is determined to be convenient for participants. Your musical preferences and talents are not crucial- we will construct a song bank based on what you want to sing. This may be a one-time event or if there is enthusiasm, we are keen to continue.

If you are interested and would like to take part, email [**Chris**](mailto:flashharvey@gmail.com). [flashharvey@gmail.com](mailto:flashharvey@gmail.com)



***Contemplative Prayer***

Please join us on Tuesday mornings, 10:30 - 11:30, meeting in the choir area of the nave (at the front of the church), for a 20 minute contemplative sit with a time of prayer following.



[***Thursday Eucharist schedule***](https://www.stphilipvictoria.ca/events/daily-examen-prayer)

The regular study group following Thursday Eucharist will resume in May with Fr. Allen leading a "deep dive" into the Ignatian practice of Daily Examen Prayer. Thursday services coming up:

* 8 May 10am Morning Prayer followed by Bible study
* 15 May 10am Eucharist followed by Examen session 1
* 22 May 10am Eucharist followed by Examen session 2



[***Cemetery Tour at St. Luke's***](http://stphilipvictoria.ca/events/cemetery-tour-at-st-lukes/2025-05-04)***:*** *Farmers, Florists, & Gardeners - Sunday, May 4, 2025, 2-3.30pm*

The rich soil of the Shelbourne Valley enticed farmers, florists, and gardeners to settle in the Cedar Hill and Gordon Head areas. St. Luke’s picturesque churchyard is the final resting place for many of these pioneer families. Yvonne Van Ruskenveld, Barb Prescott and several descendants of St. Luke’s families will join together for this tour. Springtime is the perfect setting for this tour, with the camas and other flowers in bloom.

*As described by the*[*Old Cemeteries Society*](https://oldcem.bc.ca/)*in their 2025 tours listing.*

Cost is $5 per person.



[***GVAT Presents: Communities of Care-Listening Action***](http://stphilipvictoria.ca/events/gvat-presents-communities-of-care-listening-action/2025-05-08)

*Thursday, May 8 & 22, 2025, 7-9pm*

Things are looking tough right now. Greater Victorians are facing an extractive housing market, collapsing climate, lack of access to healthcare, financial insecurity and more. All of this can feel overwhelming against the backdrop of capitalism, colonialism, threats to our national sovereignty, and genocide we see every day in the news and online. But we have a plan to build power to change the world, and it starts with you. Will you join us?

Our plan is to:

* Organize people from diverse backgrounds around problems in their day to day lives to build power and capacity
* Overcome insurmountable problems by cutting them into issues, and training organizers and leaders to act on them
* Strengthen our civic organizations through building the communities of care we need to create the good life.

 Join Greater Victoria Acting Together (GVAT) and allies for a night of storytelling, community building, and creating a common narrative. In times of intersecting and multiplying crises, building communities of care to weather the storm is essential.  
  
What to expect:

* Powerful stories from local community members
* Engaging table talk conversations across the different parts of our Alliance
* Beginning of a consensus building process around GVAT's future direction

To register, please visit <https://www.gvat.ca/events>



[***St Luke's Cedar Hill - Vintage Fashion Show & Tea***](http://stphilipvictoria.ca/events/st-lukes-cedar-hill-vintage-fashion-show-tea/2025-05-10)

Saturday, May 10, 2025

In honour of St. Luke’s 165th anniversary, Vintage Fashion Showcase will present **Local History Through Fashion from 1860 to 1980**.

Afternoon Tea will be served, featuring a selection of delicious baked goodies. There will be door prizes.

Tickets are $25 per person, purchased in advance by e-mail from [**events@stlukecedarhill.ca**](mailto:events@stlukecedarhill.ca).



[***Prayer in the style of Taizé***](http://stphilipvictoria.ca/events/prayer-in-the-style-of-taize/2025-05-16)

Broad View United Church 3703 St Aidan's Street, 6pm Fridays May 16 and June 20. All welcome.

[***Hope & Belonging! Benefit Concert***](http://stphilipvictoria.ca/events/hope-belonging-benefit-concert/2025-05-24)***:*** *West Coast REACH* Association - Saturday, May 24, 2025

What a great combination of good causes! REACH does such good work providing opportunities for disabled folks to participate in music.

- Dave and Zita Conway

On May 24th, a very special concert will take place in Victoria for a very important and worthy cause. We're sure the audience will be inspired. We'd also love for you to come and experience this firsthand yourself.

The **HOPE AND BELONGING Benefit Concert** is to support the amazing work of VICCIR (Vancouver Island Counselling Centre for Immigrants and Refugees - co-founded by Adrienne Carter)  [www.viccir.org/](http://www.viccir.org/) .  The work they do with newcomers to Canada who have experienced trauma (and sometimes torture) is truly life-changing. However, like other agencies serving newcomers, VICCIR has recently experienced major funding cuts from the federal government.  So we're trying to help and have lined up more than 60 amazing performers in a show sure to bring joy and hope to those who experience it.

Full information and tickets online are available at: [https://hopeandbelonging.eventbrite.ca](https://hopeandbelonging.eventbrite.ca/)

Printed tickets may also be purchased at VICCIR (by cash or cheque) at #100 - 850 Blanshard St., Tel. 778-404-1777.

**Advanced tickets are recommended.** (They are less expensive and concerts produced by REACH! sometimes sell out in advance.)

You can see a past performance here:     <https://www.westcoastreach.org/shows.html>



***Prayers and readings for Sunday 4 May & the following week:***

We pray for Anna, our bishop; Allen, our rector; and Rebecca, our deacon. In our parish cycle of prayer, we pray for the maintenance team and project volunteers.

This week our diocese prays for the Regional Archdeacons: Craig Hiebert, Alastair McCollum, Elizabeth Northcott, and Lon Towstego.

In the ecclesiastical provincial cycle of prayer, we pray for the Diocese of Yukon and Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame.

This week the Anglican Church of Canada prays for The Most Rev. Anne Germond, Bishop (and Acting Primate), the Most Rev. Fred Hiltz, Assisting Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Victoria Matthews, Episcopal Administrator, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Moosonee.

In the Anglican Communion cycle of prayer, we pray for The Church of Ireland.

Collect: God of the new fire and feasting at daybreak: come to us in the dullness of routine and the pain of betrayal; call to us in the way of the cross and the joy of resurrection; through Jesus Christ, the Son of God.  Amen.  (Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.)



**Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer for the week:**

* Mon May 5 The Diocese of Northern Michigan – USA
* Tues May 6 The Diocese of Western Michigan – USA
* Wed May 7 The Missionary District of Micronesia – USA
* Thurs May 8 The Diocese of Milwaukee – USA
* Fri May 9 The Diocese of Minna – The Church of Nigeria
* Sat May 10 The Diocese of Minnesota – USA

**BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Lectionary for Sunday 4 May:** [Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)](https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts/?y=384&z=s&d=45#pericope_hebrew_reading); [Psalm 30](https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts/?y=384&z=s&d=45#pericope_psalm_reading); [Revelation 5:11-14](https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts/?y=384&z=s&d=45#pericope_epistle_reading); [John 21:1-19](https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts/?y=384&z=s&d=45#pericope_gospel_reading)

*Daily readings below are from the Complementary thread, related to the weekly Sunday Gospel lection and sermon.*

* Mon May 5 [Psalm 121; Ezekiel 1:1-25; Acts 9:19b-31](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%20121;%20Ezekiel%201:1-25;%20Acts%209:19b-31;)
* Tues May 6 [Psalm 121; Ezekiel 1:26-2:1; Acts 26:1-18](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%20121;%20Ezekiel%201:26-2:1;%20Acts%2026:1-18;)
* Wed May 7 [Psalm 121; Isaiah 6:1-8; Luke 5:1-11](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%20121;%20Isaiah%206:1-8;%20Luke%205:1-11;)
* Thurs May 8 [Psalm 23; Ezekiel 11:1-25; Revelation 5:1-10](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%2023;%20Ezekiel%2011:1-25;%20Revelation%205:1-10;)
* Fri May 9 [Psalm 23; Ezekiel 20:39-44; Revelation 6:1-7:4](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%2023;%20Ezekiel%2020:39-44;%20Revelation%206:1-7:4;)
* Sat May 10 [Psalm 23; Ezekiel 28:25-26; Luke 12:29-32](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%2023;%20Ezekiel%2028:25-26;%20Luke%2012:29-32;)

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