

# St. Luke's Table

## SEASON OF CREATION

My sheep hear my voice,  
says the Lord;  
I know them and  
they follow me.

*John 10.27*



Christ as the Good Shepherd, Cranach,  
Lucas, 1515-1586

Announcements

Birthdays



Processing to Church  
Inhotim Art Museum  
Inhotim, Brazil

Morning Prayer

The Gathering  
of the Community

Opening Hymn:

For the Beauty of the Earth



Children of the Earth, Rybakken, Eva

For the Beauty of the Earth, (5 verses)

**For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies,  
Christ our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.**

**2. For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon, and stars of light,  
Christ our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise .**

**3. For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight,  
Christ our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.**

**4. For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild,  
Christ our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise .**

**5. For each perfect gift of thine  
to our race so freely given,  
graces human and divine,  
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,  
Christ our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.**



## The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**We thank you, O God,  
that you have again brought us together  
to praise you for your goodness  
and to ask your blessing.  
Give us grace to see your hand  
in the week that is past, and your purpose  
in the week to come; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Introduction to Confession

Let us confess our forgetfulness  
of the needs of the poor,  
and repent of the ways  
in which we waste the resources of the world.

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society,  
in the misuse of God's creation.

Lord God, we are sorry for the times  
when we have used your gifts carelessly,  
and acted ungratefully.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

**forgive us and help us.**

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest,  
but sometimes forget  
that you have given them to us.  
Lord, in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

We belong to a people  
who are full and satisfied,  
but ignore the cry of the hungry.  
Lord, in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

We are thoughtless,  
and do not care enough  
for the world you have made.  
Lord, in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

We store up goods for ourselves alone,  
as if there were no God and no heaven.

Lord, in your mercy:

**forgive us and help us.**



## The Collect of the Day

**Grant, O merciful God,  
that your Church,  
being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one,  
may show forth your power among all peoples,  
to the glory of your name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Proclamation  
of the Word

First Reading:  
Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-32



A New Spirit -- Dale Chihuly, Desert Botanical  
Garden, Phoenix, AZ

The First Reading is taken from  
the Book of Ezekiel (18: 1-4, 25-32)

The word of the LORD came to me; What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”?

As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.”  
Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair?  
Is it not your ways that are unfair?

When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life.

Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live, they shall not die.

Yet the house of Israel says,  
“The way of the Lord is unfair.”  
O house of Israel, are my ways unfair?  
Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD.

Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit!

Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

Psalm 25: 1-8, (alternating verses)

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you;  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

**Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

Show me your ways, O Lord,  
and teach me your paths.

**Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.**



Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.

**Remember not the sins of my youth  
and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**

Gracious and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

**He guides the humble in doing right  
and teaches his way to the lowly.**

**God of compassion and love, forgive our sins,  
relieve our misery, satisfy our longing,  
and fulfill all our hopes for peace;  
through your Son Jesus Christ our Redeemer.  
Amen.**

Second Reading:

Philippians 2: 1-13



Helping Hands, Mandela Gardens  
Leeds, England

## Our Second Reading is from the Letter to the Philippians 2: 1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death ~ even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Gradual Hymn:

All People that on Earth Do Dwell, (2 verses)

**All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice,  
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;  
come ye before him and rejoice.**



**2. Know that the Lord is God indeed;  
without our aid he did us make;  
we are his folk, he doth us feed,  
and for his sheep he doth us take.**

## The Good News:

The Gospel of Christ  
according to  
Matthew 21: 23-32



The Red Vineyard -- Vincent van Gogh, Pushkin  
Museum, Moscow, Russia

## The Gospel of Christ according to Matthew 21: 23-32

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?"

Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things.

Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?'

But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet."

So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.'

He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went.

The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go.

Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you.

For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

All People that on Earth do Dwell, (2 verses)

- 3. O enter then his gates with praise,  
approach with joy his courts unto;  
praise, laud, and bless his name always,  
for it is seemly so to do.**

**4. For why, the Lord our God is good;  
his mercy is forever sure;  
his truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.**

Reflection:



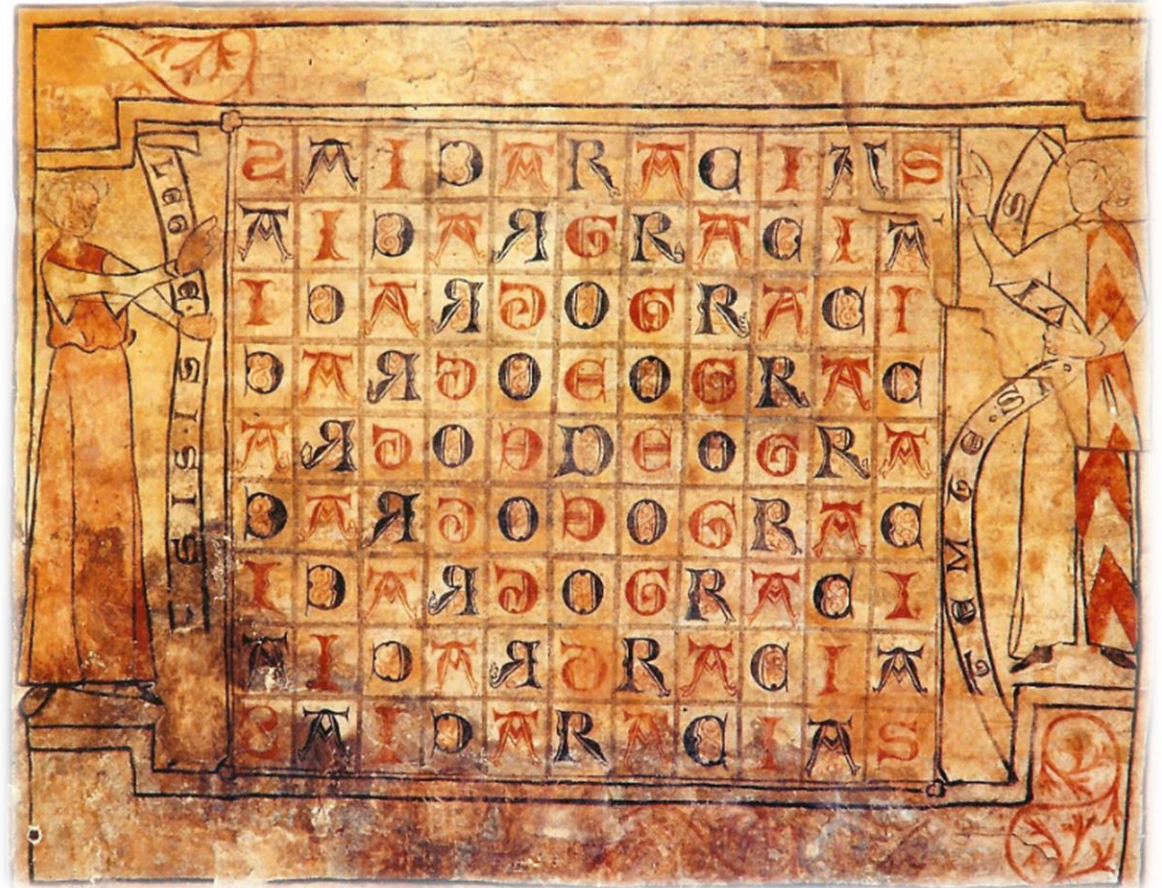
Joggins Fossil Cliffs



# Re-dedication and Blessing

## Heritage hand-hooked Chancel Rug

Gifted to St. Luke's  
by Marlene and Joan Dorey  
of Queensland.  
and beautifully repaired  
by Paul Hogue.



Thanks Be to God! Record number: [56012]

# Dedication and Blessing

## Piano Bench

Gifted to St. Luke's

by Peter Grant

in thanksgiving for all the ways  
his mother, Elaine Grant,  
supports and encourages him



Thanks-Giving Chapel, Johnson, Philip, 1906-2005

## The Creed

Let us confess our faith as we say,

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**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.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

# Prayers of the People

(Offered by  
Jerry Cavanaugh)



Praying Together, Thistle Farms Ministry, Nashville, TN

We praise your abiding guidance, O God,  
for you sent us Jesus, our Teacher and Messiah,  
to model for us the way of love for the whole universe.

We offer these prayers of love  
on behalf of ourselves and our neighbors,  
on behalf of your creation and our fellow creatures.

In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying  
Lord, hear our prayer.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the many blessings of this life.

For the unity and peace of the Holy Church of God throughout the world.

For the peace and stability of all peoples and for those in authority.

For our own country and its national life and all who dwell in it.

**Lord hear our prayer.**



We pray for your guidance and support for our Bishop elect Sandra, our Priest Laurie, our Deacon Bill, our Lay Ministry Team and for all who minister to the needs of this congregation and this community. Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for Elizabeth our Queen,  
for those in authority in our nation,  
our province and our municipalities,  
for the leaders of all the nations,  
that you will guide them in the way of peace  
and justice.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those whose lives have been impacted by hurricanes in the Caribbean and the southern United States and here at home, and by wild fires in West, that you grant courage, compassion and generosity to all who might come to their aid.  
Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for the lobster fishery, particularly in Southwest Nova, that you will support the authorities and all involved, including aboriginal and non-aboriginal fishers and guide them to come to an agreement that is equitable to all. Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are in distress or need,  
for those who are sick and those who grieve  
especially those we name aloud or in our hearts,

.....(*Prayerful Silence*)

that your strength and peace be theirs.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for children and young people and ask that you guide their growth and development. We pray for all charged with keeping them safe and well as they attend school during the pandemic. Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

And we pray for one another;  
may we always be united in service and love.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

Loving God,  
open our ears to hear your word  
and draw us closer to you,  
that the whole world may be one with you  
as you are one with us in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Peace

We are the body of Christ;  
in the one Spirit  
we were all baptized into one body.  
Let us then pursue all  
that makes for peace  
and builds up our common life.  
The peace of the Lord  
be always with you.

**And also with you.**



Garden of Hope, PEI



Offertory Hymn:

Let Us With a Gladsome Mind, (5 verses)

**Let us, with a gladsome mind  
praise the Lord, forever kind:  
for his mercies aye endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.**

**2. Who with all-commanding might  
filled the new-made world with light:  
for his mercies aye endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.**

**3. Who the golden-tressèd sun  
caused all day its course to run:  
for his mercies aye endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.**

**4. All things living God doth feed,  
with full hand supplies their need:  
for his mercies aye endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.**

**5. Let us then with gladsome mind,  
praise the Lord, forever kind:  
for his mercies aye endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.**

## Prayer over the Gifts

**Eternal God,  
in Jesus Christ we behold your glory.  
Receive the offering of your people  
gathered before you,  
and open our hearts and mouths  
to praise your great salvation,  
the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Prayer of General Thanksgiving

**Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise  
for all you have done for us.**

**We thank you for the splendour  
of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world,  
for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.**

**We thank you for the blessing of family and friends,  
and for the loving care which surrounds us  
on every side.**

**We thank you for setting us tasks  
which demand our best efforts,  
and for leading us to accomplishments  
which satisfy and delight us.**

**We thank you also for those disappointments  
and failures that lead us to acknowledge our  
dependence on you alone.**



**Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ;  
for the truth of his word and the example of his life;  
for his steadfast obedience,  
by which he overcame temptation;  
for his dying, through which he overcame death;  
for his rising to life again, in which we are raised  
to the life of your kingdom.**

**Grant us the gift of your Spirit,  
that we may know Christ and make him known;  
and through him, at all times and in all places,  
may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to pray:

**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.**

# The Blessing

Let us bless the Lord.  
Alleluia.

**Thanks be to God,  
Alleluia.**



Family of Geese, Aspotogan

Closing Hymn:

Jesus Shall Reign  
Where'er the Sun



Christ as Sol Invictus

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun, (4 verses)

**Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
doth its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**2. People and realms of every tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song,  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessing on his name.**



**3. Blessings abound where'er he reigns;  
the prisoners leap to lose their chains;  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all who suffer want are blest.**

**4. Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honours to our King, angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen.**

## Dismissal:

Tend the earth,  
care for God's good creation,  
and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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