



# ST. LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, PALERMO



***Sunday, 8 December, 2019  
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
ADVENT 2***

***PRESIDER: The Rev. Hollis Hiscock***

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For emergency pastoral care, please call **The Rev. Garfield Wu**'s cell phone number: **647-878-8650**.

**A Special Welcome to Parishioners and Visitors who are with us today**

None of us come to church by accident. No matter what joys, burdens, or problems you bring with you this day, we pray that God's grace will touch you and fill you with the hope and commitment to live your life with peace, courage, compassion, and love. Please join us for refreshments after the service and complete one of the "Welcome" envelopes if you would like to become part of our church family.

Processional Hymn: CP 95  
O COME, DIVINE MESSIAH

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY: pg. 185

COLLECT

*Celebrant:* Almighty God,  
who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare  
your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the  
ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our  
disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall  
come again to be our judge, we may stand with confi-  
dence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with  
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

*Celebrant:* God of peace,  
open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things  
that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that  
we may share his peace and become one with him  
when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and  
ever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S FOCUS

Children up to 8 go to with Dan Sunday School. Kids 9+ may  
stay in church or go to the school as helpers.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*Reader:* A reading from the Letter to the Romans.

**Reading: Romans 15:4-13**

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual Hymn: CP 97**

**JESUS CAME, THE HEAVENS ADORING  
Verses 1-3**

THE GOSPEL

*Reader:* The Lord be with You.

**People:** And also with you.

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew.

**People:** Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12**

*Reader:* The Gospel of Christ.

**People:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Hymn Concludes With Verse 4 of the Gradual Hymn**

HOMILY: The Rev. Garfield Wu

CHOIR ANTHEM: Your Love is Changing the World

THE APOSTLES' CREED

*Celebrant:* Let us confess the faith of our baptism, 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 for-  
giveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People pg. 119 (12)  
Confession and Absolution pg. 191  
The Peace pg. 192

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

**Preparation of the Gifts**

**Offertory Hymn: CP 89 (v. 1, 2, 4, 6)**  
**O COME, O COME EMMANUEL**

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

*Celebrant:* God our strength,  
we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer  
you this day as you sustain us with your mercy;  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer No. 3 pg. 198

Preface of Advent pg. 219

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord CP 719

The Lord's Prayer (sung) pg. 211

The Breaking of the Bread No. 5 (Advent) pg. 212

The Invitation

Lamb of God pg. 247

*You are encouraged to receive the Holy Communion, standing  
or kneeling at the communion rail or at your request in your  
seat. For health reasons, do not dip (intinct) the wafer into the  
wine. Let us know if you require a gluten-free wafer. If you  
prefer a blessing only, please indicate so by crossing your arms.  
If you find it difficult to get to the altar, we will be honoured to  
bring the Holy Communion to you.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant:* Faithful God,  
we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

*Doxology (Sung twice, 2<sup>nd</sup> time with clapping) pg. 214*

**Announcements**

**BLESSING**

**Closing Hymn: CP 102**

**PREPARE THE WAY, O ZION**

**DISMISSAL**

## THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US!



### Next Sunday's Readings

James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

### THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP TEAM

<b>Reader:</b>	Ben Robinson
<b>Duty Warden:</b>	Dan Oke
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Gladis Di Paolo
<b>Greeter:</b>	Peter Malue
<b>Fellowship:</b>	TBA



Invite your friends to this year's  
Christmas Services!



### Christmas Eve

5:00 pm: Family Service

11:00 pm: Christmas Eve Midnight Mass

### Christmas Day

10:30 am: Christmas Day Service



**Family Cycle of Prayer:** Mark & Barb Robinson; Lara & Michael Rowles; Bob Russell; Richard & Paula Scott; Margie & Bob Simms; Stephen & Natasha Skolny; Jo Stadnyk; Nicole & Kevin Stevenson; Judy & Robert Szucs; and their families.



**In the Niagara Diocese:** The Church of the Incarnation, Oakville; the Ven. Michael Patterson, Rector; and all the people of that parish.

**In the Diocese of Cuba:** The parish of Cristo Rey in Cuatro Esquinas; the Rev. Juan Carlos Moreira Diez, Rector and all the people of that parish.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MORNING PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY

**Wednesdays @ 9:30am**



Join us for a Morning Prayer service followed by a short Bible Study each Wednesday morning. This is a fun and friendly time of discussion and learning.

No prior knowledge of the Bible is required. Come and check it out!

**This week's readings:**

**Amos 8:1-14; Psalm 38;**

**Revelation 1:17-2:7; Matthew 11:28-30**

Contact: [rector@stlukepalermo.ca](mailto:rector@stlukepalermo.ca)  
or 905-825-3364 x81 for details!



### Help St. Luke's Reach Out to Oakville!

The Oakville Community Foundation has accepted St. Luke's as a recipient for its GIVE Oakville campaign!

Now we need YOUR HELP to fund a new, digital outdoor sign that will promote the vital programs and services offered at St. Luke's throughout the week.

Donations due December 31.

### Donate Online

[https://ocf.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create?grant\\_id=7582](https://ocf.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create?grant_id=7582)

## St. Luke's Children's Christmas Choir!



Children of all ages are invited to share Christmas cheer through their voices. Join Janet Correia to rehearse for 15-20 mins after church each week from **November 24<sup>th</sup> - December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

## St. Matthew's House Family Toy Drive



St. Luke's is excited to hold our annual Christmas Angel Tree gift drive in support of St. Matthew's House. Please take a paper angel from our Christmas tree next to the Sanctuary entrance and purchase a gift for the gender and age group on it. Leave your gift **unwrapped** under the tree before **Dec. 15** and it will be brought to St. Matthew's house! Call **(905) 523-5546** for information.

## **St. Cuthbert's Christmas Tree Sale**

Saturday, November 30 — Monday, December 23

It's that season again! Until December 23rd, your family can purchase a beautiful, fragrant fresh-cut balsam fir tree at St. Cuthbert's Anglican Church. Sizes available: 6'-8' or 8'-10'. The Tree sale is the primary fundraiser to support St. Cuthbert's core missions.

Visit St. Cuthbert's at: **1541 Oakhill Drive, Oakville, ON L6J 1Y6**



## **Christmas Community Dinner**

Thursday, December 19 at 6 pm

On the third Thursday of each month, volunteers at St. Luke's prepare a delicious meal for everyone in the community to share. Our next community dinner is Thursday, December 19, when we will share a special Christmas dinner with our neighbours and ring in the holiday season! We hope you'll join us for a delicious meal prepared by friends from across the community! Everyone is welcome!

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **Sunday, 8 December: 11:45 pm - Children's Christmas Choir Practice in the Sanctuary**
- **Sunday, 8 December: 7 pm - Coming Home to the Heart of Christmas with Fr. Mark Curtis**
- **Thursday, 19 December: 6 pm - St. Luke's Christmas Community Dinner**
- **Tuesday, 24 December: 5 pm & 11 pm - St. Luke's Christmas Eve Services**
- **Wednesday, 25 December: 10:30 am - Christmas Day Service**



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