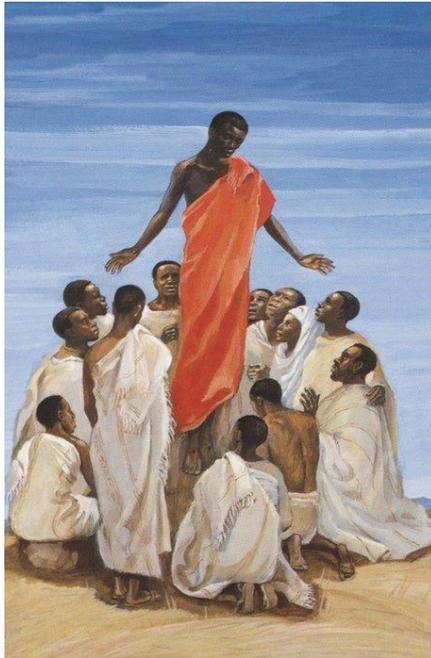




## ST. LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, PALERMO

Ascension Sunday

Sunday, May 16, 2021 ♦ 10:30 am



**The Reverend Garfield Wu – Presider  
Gladis Di Paolo – Preacher**

### **Welcome to St. Luke's!**

We are glad to be able to worship with you. Our service will look a little different than usual week as we take precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Though this time may bring challenges, we know that nothing can separate us from the love of God.

None of us comes 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.



# THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

## Processional Hymn

### Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee – CP 425

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive the dark of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.
2. All thy works with joy surround thee,  
Earth and heaven reflect thy rays;  
Stars and angels sing around thee,  
centre of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
call us to rejoice in thee.
3. Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, and our Mother,  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.

## **Greeting**

**Celebrant:** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**All:** **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**Celebrant:** May his grace and peace be with you.

**All:** **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

## **Collect for Purity**

**Celebrant:** Almighty God,

**All:** **to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Glory to God**

**All:** **Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly king,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the  
Father: receive our prayer.  
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. Amen.**

## **Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven. Mercifully give us faith to know that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

### **A Reading from the Book of Acts**

***Acts 1:15-17, 21-26***

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, ‘Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.’

So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.’ So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, ‘Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.’ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual Hymn**

#### **The Love of Jesus Calls Us – CP #434**

1. The love of Jesus calls us  
our joyous praise to sing;  
our deeply felt thanksgivings  
we now together bring,  
for all God's many blessings,  
unasked yet still received,  
and for the generations  
who faithfully believed.
  
2. The love of Jesus calls us,  
that we may always be  
companions on a journey,  
where all the world may see  
that serving Christ is freedom  
which time does not destroy;  
where Christ's command is duty,  
and every duty joy.
  
3. The love of Jesus calls us  
to go where he would go,  
to challenge all that limits,  
to change, to learn, to grow,  
to know that Christ has freed us,  
that prisons are no more;  
for those who seek his kingdom,  
Christ opens every door.

## **The Gospel**

***John 17:11b-19***

The Lord be with you.

**And also, with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

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

Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

The Gospel of Christ.

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

4. The love of Jesus calls us  
in swiftly changing days,  
to be God's co-creators  
in new and wondrous ways;

that God with men and women  
may so transform the earth,  
that love and peace and justice  
may give God's kingdom birth.

## The Sermon

By Gladis Di Paolo

## The Apostle's Creed

**Celebrant:** Let us confess the faith of our baptism as we say,  
**All:** **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.**

## The Prayers of the People

Litany #15 – Easter (from BAS p. 122)

**Celebrant:** That our risen Saviour may fill us with  
the joy of his holy and life-giving

resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

**Celebrant:** That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

**Celebrant:** That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

**Celebrant:** That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

**Celebrant:** That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

**Celebrant:** That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

**Celebrant:** That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

### **Family Cycle of Prayer:**

Garfield & Aileen Wu, Derek & Kristen Yarnell, Gemma Young, Sylvia & Neil Young, Deqing Zhang & June Wu, and their families.

### **In the Diocese of Niagara:**

In the Niagara Diocese: St. George, Georgetown; The Rev. Canon Robert Park, Rector; and the people of that parish.

Let us take a moment to say the names of those we know to be in need, or allow those things are weighing heavy on our hearts this day to come before the Lord. [...]

So, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray to the mercy and protection of our heavenly Father. **Amen**

### **Confession and Absolution**

**Celebrant:** Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

**Celebrant:** 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**

**Celebrant:** Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**All:** **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

## **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

### **Preparation of the Gifts**

#### **Offertory Hymn**

#### **For the Bread Which You Have Broken – CP #74**

1. For the bread which you have broken,  
for the wine which you have poured,  
for the words which you have spoken,  
now we give you thanks, O Lord.
2. By these pledges that you love us,  
by your gift of peace restored,  
by your call to realms above us,  
consecrate our lives, O Lord:

3. In your service, Lord, defend us;  
help us to obey your word;  
in the world to which you send us,  
let your kingdom come, O Lord!

### **The Prayer over the Gifts**

Source of all joy, receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Keep us in the love of Christ and bring us to the vision of his glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer #5)**

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts,

**All:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Celebrant:** We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

**All:** **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

**Celebrant:** You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do. In

Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we say,

**All:** **Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name  
of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Celebrant:** We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected. Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

**All:** **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

**Celebrant:** On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you." After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends,

and said, “Drink this, all of you:  
this is the cup of my blood,  
the blood of the new and eternal covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many,  
so that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in memory of me.”

**All:** **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

**Celebrant:** Gracious God, with this bread and wine  
we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus,  
and we offer ourselves to you in him.  
Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts,  
that we may know the presence of Jesus  
in the breaking of bread, and share in the life  
of the family of your children.

**All:** **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

**Celebrant:** Father, you call us to be your servants;  
fill us with the courage and love of Jesus,  
that all the world may gather in joy  
at the table of your kingdom.  
We sing your praise, almighty Father,  
through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the  
Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**All:** **Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

**Celebrant:** And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught  
us, we are bold to say:

**All:** **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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

**Celebrant:** Lord, we died with you on the cross.

**All:** **Now we are raised to new life.**

**Celebrant:** We were buried in your tomb.

**All:** **Now we share in your resurrection.**

**Celebrant:** Live in us, that we may live in you.

### **The Communion**

**Celebrant:** Alleluia! The gifts of God for the people of God.

**All:** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### **The Eucharist**

*You are encouraged to receive the Holy Communion, standing or kneeling at the communion rail or at your request in your seat. In accordance with COVID-19 health guidelines, only the host will be distributed. 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.*

## THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### The Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, may we who share Christ's banquet be one with him as he is one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the risen and ascended Lord. **Amen.**

### Doxology

**Celebrant:** 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, forever and ever. **Amen.**

### Blessing

*The Celebrant blesses the people, and all respond,*  
**Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Recessional Hymn

#### God Who Gives Life Its Goodness – CP #428

1. God who gives to life its goodness,  
God creator of all joy,  
giver of all human freedom,  
God who blesses tool and toy:  
teach us now to laugh and praise you,  
deep within your praises sing,  
till the whole creation dances.

2. God who fills the earth with beauty,  
God who binds each friend to friend,  
giver of all human talent,  
God who wills that chaos end:  
grant us now creative spirits,  
minds responsive to your mind,  
hearts and wills your rule extending,  
all our acts by love refined.

### **The Dismissal**

Let us go out in peace to proclaim the risen Christ!

**Thanks be to God. Hallelujah!**

### **Postlude**

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**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**  
**Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **MORNING PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY**

**Each Wednesday at 9:30 am**

Our Morning Prayer services continue at St. Luke's and online! Join us for a nourishing liturgy 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 Wednesday's Readings:**

**Ezekiel 11:14-25; Psalm 101, 109:1-4, 20-30;**

**Hebrews 7:1-17; John 17:11b-19**

Contact: [garfield@stlukepalermo.ca](mailto:garfield@stlukepalermo.ca)  
or **647-878-8650** for details!

### **Parish Council Meeting**

**Wednesday, May 26 at 7 pm – All Welcome**



Parish Council makes decisions with the church Corporation on behalf of our parish, and we need your help to make sure we are on the right course! If you attend St. Luke's, you are welcome to come to the council and share your voice on the issues facing the parish. You don't need experience – we want to hear from you!

Please contact Gemma Young at [gemmayoung@cogeco.ca](mailto:gemmayoung@cogeco.ca) to receive the meeting link.

# St. Luke's Socializing Seniors Virtually Program Continues this Wednesday!

Program Runs each Wednesday at 11 am until May 26



St. Luke's is happy that our Seniors' Virtual Social Hour is off to a great start. You are invited to participate in our program **each Wednesday at 11 am**, up to and including May 26.

An exciting line up of group and individual workshops will be provided.

Please email us to register at **office@stlukepalermo.ca** and receive the Zoom Link. Please feel free to share this event with your friends, family and neighbours!

## **Health and Safety Protocol:**

- Always wear a mask when in the Church.
- Please sanitize your hands as you come into the Church, going up for communion and coming down after communion and when you are leaving the building.
- Please take your bulletin home with you.

### **If you have any of the following symptoms, please contact your family doctor.**

Symptoms of COVID-19 can vary from person to person. Symptoms may also vary in different age groups. Some of the more commonly reported symptoms include:

- new or worsening cough
- shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- temperature equal to or over 38°C
- feeling feverish
- chills
- fatigue or weakness
- muscle or body aches
- new loss of smell or taste
- headache
- gastrointestinal symptoms (abdominal pain, diarrhea, vomiting)
- feeling very unwell

Children have been more commonly reported to have abdominal symptoms and skin changes or rashes.

In severe cases, the infection can lead to death.

Symptoms may take up to 14 days to appear after exposure to COVID-19.

Evidence indicates that the virus can be transmitted to others from someone who is infected but not showing symptoms. This includes people who:

- have not yet developed symptoms (pre-symptomatic)
- never develop symptoms (asymptomatic)

While experts know that these kinds of transmissions are happening among those in close contact or in close physical settings, it is not known to what extent. This means it is extremely important to follow the proven preventative measures.

For more information, please look online at

**<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html>**



**Thank you for joining us today.  
We do hope that you will come again.**

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