



ST. LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, PALERMO

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 9, 2021 ♦ 10:30 am



The Reverend Garfield Wu – Presider & 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.

**Wishing all the mothers, women and
mother figures of St. Luke's, Palermo
a very...**



THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Processional Hymn

All Creatures of Our God and King – CP #355 (v. 1, 3, 7)

1. All creatures of our God and King,
lift up you voices, let us sing:
alleluia, alleluia!
Bright burning sun and golden beams,
pale silver moon that gently gleams,
alleluia, alleluia!

3. Swift flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear,
alleluia, alleluia!
Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,
you give to us both warmth and light,
alleluia, alleluia!

7. Let all things their creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness,
alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three-In-One:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!

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

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love

toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ‘Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?’ So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing – CP #354

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious measure,

sung by flaming tongues above;
O the vast, the boundless treasure
of my God's unchanging love.

2. Here I make faith's affirmation:
thus far by thy help I've come,
and I hope, by thy compassion,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

The Gospel

John 15:9-17

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.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have

made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

3. O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
take my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

The Sermon

By the Rev. Garfield Wu

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:

Amy Tibble & Richard Barreiro, Doris & James Uduji, Bill Van Mol, Wang Chenggang & Cheng Ying, Jean Watson, David & Marie Williams, and their families.

In the Diocese of Niagara:

In the Niagara Diocese: St. Matthew-on-the-Plains, Burlington; the Rev. Canon Susan Wilson; 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

Come, People of the Living God – CP #554 (v.1, 2, 4, 5)

1. Come, people of the living God,
who is your life, your song;
hope always, trust your Mother's love,
renewed through ages long.

2. No longer do I strain to grasp
perfection or control.
My work is joy and love and peace,
through Grace who makes me whole.

4. Well-satisfied, I trust in you;
your love enough for me!
My God, remaining near your heart,
I live serene and free.

5. Come, people of the living God,
who is your life, your song;
hope always, trust your Mother's love,
renewed through ages long.

The Prayer over the Gifts

God of glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer #4)

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: It is right to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe,
you are worthy of glory and praise.

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

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be:
the vast expanse of interstellar space,
galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,
and this fragile earth, our island home;
by your will they were created and have
their being.

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

Celebrant: From the primal elements
you brought forth the human race,
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill;
you made us the stewards of creation.

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

Celebrant: But we turn against you, and betray your trust;
and we turn against one another.

Again and again you call us to return.
Through the prophets and sages
you reveal your righteous law.
In the fullness of time you sent your Son,
born of a woman, to be our Saviour.
He was wounded for our transgressions,
and bruised for our iniquities.
By his death he opened to us
the way of freedom and peace.

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

Celebrant: Therefore we praise you,
joining with the heavenly chorus,
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,
and with those in every generation
who have looked to you in hope,
to proclaim with them your glory,
in their unending hymn:

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: Blessed are you, Lord our God,
for sending us Jesus, the Christ,
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread, said the blessing,
broke the bread, gave it to his friends,
and said, “Take this, and eat it:
this is my body which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.”
In the same way, after supper,
he took the cup of wine;
he gave you thanks,
and said, “Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

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

Celebrant: Gracious God,
we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ,
we proclaim his resurrection and ascension,
and we look with expectation for his coming
as Lord of all the nations.
We who have been redeemed by him,
and made a new people by water and the Spirit,
now bring you these gifts.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this offering of your Church,
that we who eat and drink at this holy table
may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

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

Celebrant: Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth
and make it your new creation.
Gather your Church together
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,
where peace and justice are revealed,
that we, with all your people,
of every language, race, and nation,
may share the banquet you have promised;

through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
all honour and glory are yours,
creator of all.

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

Father, you restored us to life by raising your Son from death. May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened to do your will, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen 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

Would you Bless Our Homes and Families – SGP #28 (v. 1,3,4)

1. Would you bless our homes and families,
Source of life who calls us here;
in our world of stress and tension
teach us love that conquers fear.
Help us learn to love each other
with a love that constant stays;
teach us when we face our troubles,
love's expressed in many ways.

3. From the homes in which we're nurtured,
with the love that shapes us there,
teach us, God, to claim as family
ev'ry one whose life we share.
And thro' all that life may offer,
may we in your love remain;
may the love we share in families
be alive to praise your name.

4. Let us reach beyond the bound'ries
of our daily thought and care
till the family you have chosen
spills its love out everywhere.
Help us learn to love each other

with a love that constant stays;
teach us when we face our troubles
love's expressed in many ways.

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 1:15-17, 21-26; John 17.11b-19

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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:

Baruch 3:24-37; Psalm 119:97-120;

Luke 12:22-31; John 6:25-35

Contact: garfield@stlukepalermo.ca
or **647-878-8650** for details!

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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