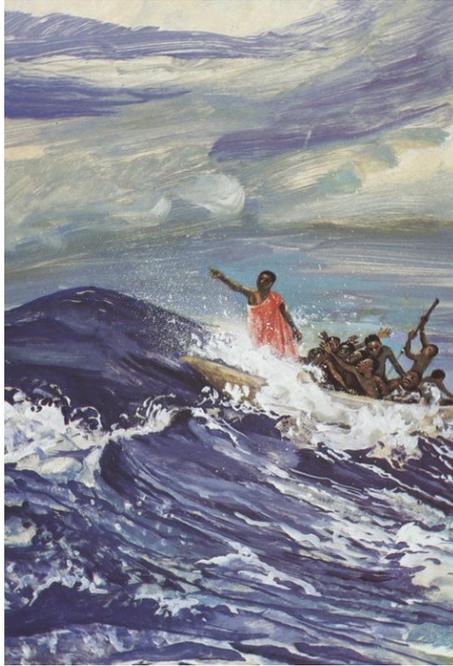




ST. LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, PALERMO

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, June 20, 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

We Praise You, O God – CP #342

1. We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.
2. We worship you, God of our mothers and fathers,
through trial and tempest companion and guide.
When perils o'er-take us, you will not forsake us,
but faithful to your promise, you walk by our side.
3. With voices united, our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing.
To you, our great redeemer, forever be praise.

Greeting

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

All: **And also with you.**

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

O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel

2 Samuel 5:1-12

Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, ‘Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The Lord said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel.’ So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned for forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah for seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah for thirty-three years.

The king and his men marched to Jerusalem against the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, who said to David, ‘You will not come in here, even the blind and the lame will turn you back’—thinking, ‘David cannot come in here.’ Nevertheless, David took the stronghold of Zion, which is now the city of David. David had said on that day, ‘Whoever wishes to strike down the Jebusites, let him get up the water shaft to attack the lame and the blind, those whom David hates.’ Therefore it is said, ‘The blind and the lame shall not come into the house.’ David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inwards. And David became greater and greater, for the Lord, the God of hosts, was with him.

King Hiram of Tyre sent messengers to David, along with cedar trees, and carpenters and masons who built David a house. David then perceived that the Lord had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for the sake of his people Israel.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

In Loving Partnership – SFGP #102

1. In loving partnership we come,
seeking, O God, your will to do.
Our prayers and actions now receive;
we freely offer them to you.
2. We are the hands and feet of Christ,
serving by grace each other's need.
We dare to risk and sacrifice
with truthful word and faithful deed.
3. Loving community we seek;
your hope and strength within us move.
The poor and rich, the strong and weak
are brought together in your love.

The Gospel

Mark 4:35-41

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.

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, ‘Let us go across to the other side.’ And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, ‘Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?’ He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, ‘Peace! Be still!’ Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, ‘Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?’ And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, ‘Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?’

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

4. In loving partnership, O God,
 help us your future to proclaim.
 Justice and peace be our desire,
 we humbly pray in Jesus' name.

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 #4 (from BAS p. 113)

Celebrant: We pray for all who confess the name of Christ: fill us with the power of your Holy Spirit.

All: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Celebrant: We pray for those whose lives are bound in mutual love, and for those who live in celibacy: be their joy and their strength.

All: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Celebrant: For all in danger, for those who are far from home, prisoners, exiles, victims of oppression: grant them your salvation.

All: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Celebrant: For all who are facing trials and difficulties, for those who are sick, and those who are dying: show them your kindness and mercy.

All: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Celebrant: We pray for one another: may we always be united in service and love.

All: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Celebrant: We pray to be forgiven our sins and set free from all hardship, distress, want, war, and injustice.

All: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Celebrant: May we discover new and just ways of sharing the goods of the earth, struggling against exploitation, greed, or lack of concern: may we all live by the abundance of your mercies and find joy together.

All: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Celebrant: May we be strengthened by our communion with all Christ's saints.

All: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Family Cycle of Prayer:

Hyacinth Elliott, Kamille Elliott, Ruth Erskine, Chioma & Chinedu Ezomike, Laura Gillis, Shurland & Joan Henderson, Louise & William Holliday, and their families.

In the Diocese of Niagara:

St. John, Nassageweya; the Rev. Owen Ash, Interim Priest-in-Charge; and all 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 **As We Gather at Your Table – CP #61**

1. As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's victory known
2. Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.
3. Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had been last and least.

There no more will envy blind us,
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.

The Prayer over the Gifts

Eternal God, you have made our Saviour Jesus Christ the head of all creation. Receive all we offer you this day and renew us in his risen life, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

(A Celebration of the Holy Eucharist with Spiritual Communion)

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 rest in you timeless One, giver of peace, bringer of hope, you have knit us together, and breathed your life into us. Your Spirit moves beckoning us to join your song; you wait to speak even though we are slow to listen, you call us in still small voices, command us to be still and know you, in the depths of our being, beyond the veil of time.

Still us now so that, ever more aware of our connection with you and with all who seek you in faith, we may find and repeat the praises that ring from the rocks of earth to the saints in light 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 the One who comes in the
name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: We bring to this table God of Grace, all the concerns we carry, all of the gifts we have to offer, all of the hope we long to see fulfilled, so that as bread and wine are transformed, we may experience your presence, and our restless hearts find rest in you.

Speak to us as Christ spoke to those first disciples, when gathered at a table Jesus took bread and gave you thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat, this is my body which is broken for you, do this in remembrance of me.

After supper he took the cup of wine, gave you thanks and shared it saying: This is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

Come Holy Spirit, upon us and upon these gifts, open us to receive Christ afresh in the depths of our hearts transform us, so we may be moved to adore the One whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting.

We worship you, we adore you, we seek you, we await you.

All: **Amen. Alleluia!**

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: “I am the bread of life,” says the Lord. “Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.”

All: **Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him!**

The Communion

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

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

Invitation to Spiritual Communion

Celebrant: Dear friends, I invite you in this moment, wherever you may be, to receive Christ, in communion with the saints, and the gathering of God's people, unseen and yet present with us now. Many are made one.

The following prayer is said by all, during this prayer the elements may be elevated, in offering to the people.

Celebrant: We receive you Lord Jesus Christ,

All: **we welcome your presence in us, and together proclaim our love for you; with our hearts, minds, our souls and our strength, with the saints we worship you, with the angels we adore you, with your whole Church we proclaim your reign. Come to us, though many, and make us one in you. Amen.**

The Eucharist

A time of silence is kept to allow people to make their act of spiritual communion. Following this silence, the people physically present receive communion in one kind by taking the bread from the paten while the chalice remains covered upon the Altar. Finally, the celebrant reverently consumes the wine.

The following prayer may be used by those making spiritual communion from afar.

Holy Jesus, we receive you in this moment, giving you thanks and praise that you make yourself present to all your people in the bread and wine of the Eucharist. Transform our hearts that we may shine as

your light in dark places; Where there is hatred, let us sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy. And this all, in love for you. Amen.

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, guide and protect your people who share in this sacred mystery, and keep us always in your love; through Jesus Christ our 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

Give Me Oil –SFGP #130 (v.1, 3, 4)

1. Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
give me oil in my lamp, I pray;
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
keep me burning till the break of day.

REFRAIN:

Sing hosannah! Sing hosannah!
Sing hosannah to the Servant King.
Sing hosannah! Sing hosannah!
Sing hosannah! Let us sing!

3. Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
give me peace in my heart, I pray;
Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
keep me loving till the break of day.

REFRAIN

4. Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
give me love in my heart, I pray;
give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
keep me serving till the break of day.

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
2 Samuel 6:1–15; Mark 5:21–43

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:

Psalm 101 & 109:1-4, 20-30; 1 Samuel 7:2-17;

Acts 6:1-15; Matthew 7:15-20

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

St. Luke's Sunday Services Will Take a Break this Summer

Our ministry team will be taking a break on Sundays during this July and August. Instead of broadcasting our services from St. Luke's, we will join Bishop Susan Bell's worship service on Facebook. Services at St. Luke's will resume in September!

Honouring Lives Lost at Residential Schools



The flags at Cathedral Place have been lowered to half-mast out of respect for the 215 children whose remains were recently discovered at the Kamloops Indian Residential School.

In doing so, our diocese acknowledges the suffering and pain caused by the residential school system and the Anglican Church of Canada's complicity in it, as well as the heartbreaking reality that so many children never returned to their families.

Bishop Susan Bell shared this prayer in response to the recent discovery:

Loving God, we pray in grief for 215 precious little souls.
We pray for their families - for their heavy loss -
that even now, you would bind up their hearts with your healing love.
We pray for humility; to acknowledge and ask forgiveness
for the evil in which we have been complicit.
And then Lord, we pray for the gift of righteous anger;
that it may fuel our recommitment to work for justice and love;
and fuel our resolve to call out the supremacy narratives
that damage and diminish the divine in us all.
We pray all this in the strong and just name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Anglicans in Niagara are invited to recommit themselves to the work of truth and reconciliation, drawing on resources available through the diocesan truth and reconciliation webpage, including a reconciliation toolkit.



Canterbury Hills AGM

The 2021 Canterbury Hills Annual General Meeting will take place on **Wednesday, June 30 from 11:00am to 12:00pm, held via Zoom.**

The Diocese of Niagara is inviting parishioners to join the Canterbury Hills board of directors! The Canterbury Hills Camp (CHC) board directors share a passion for summer camping programs for young people. Board members are volunteers elected at the annual general meeting; this year to be held on June 30, 2021.

Typically, board meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month from 7:00-9:00pm. The annual volunteer commitment of a director amounts to approximately 50-60 hours per year. The CHC Board reflects the strengths and diversity of our diocese.

If interested, please contact Sarah Bird by email at: sarah.bird@niagaraanglican.ca.

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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