



ST. LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, PALERMO

16th Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, September 12, 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.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Processional Hymn

Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah – CP #317 (v.1, 3)

1. Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah,
from the heavens praise God's name;
praise the Lord, our great Creator;
all you angels, praise proclaim.
All you hosts, together praising,
sun and moon and stars on high;
praise the Lord, O heavens of heavens,
and the floods above the sky.

REFRAIN

Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah,
For God's name alone is high,
And God's glory is exalted,
and God's glory is exalted,
and God's glory is exalted,
far above the earth and sky.

3. All you fruitful trees and cedars,
every hill and mountain high,
creeping things and beasts and cattle,
birds that in the heavens fly,
kings of earth and all you people,
princes great, earth's judges all:
praise God's name, young men and maidens,
aged men, and children small.

REFRAIN

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

Almighty God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Letter of James

James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check.

When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with

it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Rejoice in God, All Earthly Lands – CP #351

1. Rejoice in God, all earthly lands,
and lift your hands in song and prayer.
Delight to live by God's commands;
sing joyful praises everywhere.
2. Know this: we serve the Holy One,
to whom our restless souls belong.
We have our breath through God alone,
to whom we raise our grateful song.
3. Like sheep, we wander without aim
unless our shepherd's voice is heard.
In trust we call upon God's name
for daily bread and gracious word.

The Gospel

Mark 8:27-38

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.

Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, “Who do people say I am?”

They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.”

“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

Peter answered, “You are the Messiah.”

Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. 32 He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.”

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

4. On God, our Maker, we depend
for love that's gracious, strong, and sure.
God's faithfulness shall never end;
from age to age it shall endure.

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 #2 (from BAS p. 112)

Celebrant: O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way of unity, service, and praise.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness, and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Teach us to use your creation for your greater praise, that all may share the good things you provide.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who are sick in body or in mind.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Set free all who are bound by fear and despair.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying, and your comfort to those who mourn.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Family Cycle of Prayer:

Kathleen Lentz, Michelle Li, Leo Liang & Amy Ben,

Steven Liu & Ada Liao, Eleanor Lummis & Lance Hymers, Peter Malue, Christopher & Sarah Marshall, Joy Mbabazi, and their families.

In the Diocese of Niagara:

Christ's Church Cathedral, Hamilton; the Rev. Dr. Tim Dobbin, Rector and Dean of Niagara; the Right Rev. David Ralph Spence, Pastoral Assistant; the Rev. Canon Patrick Doran, Honorary Assistant; the Rev. Canon J. Lefebvre, Honorary Assistant; the Rev. Canon Eric Charles Mills, Honorary Assistant; the Rev. Canon Brian Shoemsmith, Honorary Assistant; the Rev. Canon William Thomas, Honorary Assistant; the Rev. Dr. Eric Griffin, Honorary Assistant; 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 our 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

Holy God, accept all we offer you this day. May we who are reconciled at this table bring wholeness to our broken world. We ask this 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 give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Redeemer.
He is your living Word,
through whom you have created all things.
By the power of the Holy Spirit
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary
and shared our human nature.
He lived and died as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.
In fulfilment of your will
he stretched out his hands in suffering,
to bring release to those who place their hope in
you;
and so he won for you a holy people.
He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,
and to give up his life on the cross,
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.
By his resurrection
he brings us into the light of your presence.
Now with all creation we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

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: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, “Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you.”

In the same way he took the cup, saying, “This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me.”

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours,
Father and Son,
with the Holy Spirit
in the holy Church,
now and forever.

All: **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: We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All: We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

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.

Eucharist Anthem

Violin Solo by Alina Zhang

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The Prayer after Communion

God of peace, in this eucharist we have been reconciled to you and to our neighbours. May we who have been

nourished by holy things always have the courage to forgive. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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

Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet – CP #309

1. Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,
praise the Lord with the harp and lute,
praise the Lord with the gentle sounding flute.
Praise the Lord in the field and forest,
praise the Lord in the city square,
praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.
Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,
praise the Lord in the dark of night,
praise the Lord in the rain or snow
or in the morning light.
Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,
praise the Lord on the highest hill,
praise the Lord; never let your voice be still.

2. Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,
praise the Lord with the pipe and string,
praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.
Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,
praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,
praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.
Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,
praise the Lord in the time of joy,
praise the Lord every moment;
nothing let your praise destroy.
Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet
praise the Lord in your work or play,
praise the Lord everywhere in every way!

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
James 3:13–4.3,7-8a; Mark 9:30–37

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 72; 1 Kings 22:1-28;

1 Corinthians 2:1-13; Luke 7:31-35

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St. Luke's Hosts Election Polls this September



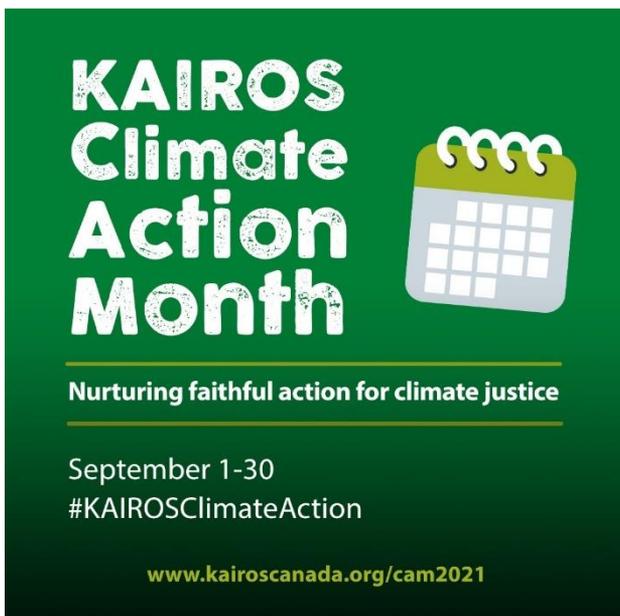
St. Luke's, Palermo is honoured to host polling stations for Elections Canada in the upcoming federal election.

Elections Canada is hosting Advance Polls at St. Luke's from Friday, September 10 to Monday, September 13 (inclusive) from 9 am to 9 pm.

Regular Polls will be held on Election Day, Monday, September 20, from 9:30 am to 9:30 pm.

The polling station will be open to residents in the Oakville-North Burlington riding who live at selected addresses. To check your polling location and prepare to vote, visit the Elections Canada website:

elections.ca



KAIROS has launched its annual observance of Climate Action Month, which this year falls as the world continues to grapple with the COVID-19 pandemic and recovery; as the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change releases yet another dire warning for the planet; as calls for truth and reconciliation reach new levels of urgency in Canada; and as Canadians prepare for a federal election.

Each day in September, KAIROS will share information on a topic related to climate change, with the goal of motivating and inspiring a daily practice of taking action for the climate. The month will be centered around weekly themes, with supporting resources for each, including reports, videos, theological reflection, events, and more.

This observance happens in parallel with the Season of Creation which runs from September 1 (World Day of Prayer for Creation) to October 4 (St. Francis of Assisi Day).

Access daily climate action month resources at:
kairoscanada.org/cam2021

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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