



ST. LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, PALERMO

First Sunday of Advent Sunday,
November 28, 2021 ♦ 10:30 am



The Reverend Craig Luccock – 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 PROCESSION

Processional Hymn

My Soul Proclaims Your Glory, Lord – CP #363 (v.1, 2, 5)

1. My soul proclaims your glory, Lord,
my spirit sings with thankful voice,
for you my lowly prayer have heard:
in you, my saviour, I rejoice.

2. Nations unborn will bless your name,
giver of boundless grace to me,
in every age you are the same:
you make the humble whole and free.

5. Glory to God, all being's Spring,
to God the Word, salvation's voice,
to God the Spirit, praise we sing:
with all the ages we rejoice.

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.**

Trisagion

(Sung three times)

**All: Holy God,
holy and mighty,
holy immortal one,
have mercy upon us.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Celebrant: We wait for the coming of Christ, the light
of the world.

All: Come Lord Jesus.

The first candle is lit, followed by this response:

Celebrant: The true light, which enlightens everyone,
is coming into the world.

All: Come Lord Jesus.

Celebrant: The light shines in the darkness and the
darkness will not overcome it.

All: Christ, shine in your church today.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of
darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time
of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came
to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall
come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the
living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A Reading from the First Letter to the Thessalonians ***1 Thessalonians 3:9-13***

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Be Still, My Soul – SGP #31

1. Be still, my soul, for God is on thy side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to thy God to order and provide;
who thro' all changes faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul, thy best thy heavenly Friend
thro' stormy ways leads to a joyful end.
2. Be still, my soul, thy God doth undertake
to guide the future even as the past.
thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.

Be still, my soul, life's tempests still obey
the voice that once the waves' wild fury stayed.

The Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

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.

“There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

He told them this parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees. When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

“Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

“Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. For it will

come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.”

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

3. Be still, my soul, the hour is hast'ning on
when we shall be forever in God's peace;
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
love's joys restored, our strivings all shall cease.
Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

The Sermon

By Gladis Di Paolo

Choir Anthem: “It is You”

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 #12 (from BAS p. 119)**

Celebrant: O Wisdom, from the mouth of the Most High, you reign over all things to the ends of the earth: come and teach us how to live.

All: **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Celebrant: O Lord, and head of the house of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and you gave the law on Sinai: come with outstretched arm and ransom us.

All: **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Celebrant: O Branch of Jesse, standing as a sign among the nations, all kings will keep silence before you and all peoples will summon you to their aid: come, set us free and delay no more.

All: **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Celebrant: O Key of David and sceptre of the house of Israel, you open and none can shut; you shut and none can open: come and free the captives from prison.

All: **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Celebrant: O Morning Star, splendour of the light eternal and bright Sun of righteousness:

come and enlighten all who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

All: **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Celebrant: O King of the nations, you alone can fulfil their desires: Cornerstone, you make opposing nations one: come and save the creature you fashioned from clay.

All: **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Celebrant: O Emmanuel, hope of the nations and their Saviour: come and save us, Lord our God.

All: **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

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:

The Parish of Christ Church, Niagara Falls; the Rev. Rob Duncan, Deacon in Charge; the Rev. Canon Jim Powell, 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 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

Jesus the Christ Said – SGP #73 (v.1-3)

1. Jesus the Christ said: “I am the bread,
the bread of life for the world am I.

The bread of life for the world am I,
the bread of life for the world am I.”

2. Jesus the Christ said: “I am the shepherd,
the one good shepherd of the sheep am I.
The one good shepherd of the sheep am I,
the one good shepherd of the sheep am I.”
3. Jesus the Christ said: “I am the door,
the way and the door for the poor am I.
The way and the door for the poor am I,
the way and the door for the poor am I.”

The Prayer over the Gifts

God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer #4)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **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 in Heaven,
hallowed be your name.
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in Heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial**

**but deliver us from evil,
for the Kingdom, the Power,
and the Glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

All: **Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

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.

Come Lord Jesus and make in my heart your dwelling place and home. I seek to love you with all my heart, mind, soul and strength, and so, through your presence in bread and wine I receive you afresh and praise you for you are my God. As you fill me, so may my love for you and for all your people, rise and overflow, that with joy and thanksgiving, I may serve you in the world you love. Amen.

Vocal Solo: “There is A Beautiful God” by Joy Mbabazi

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The Prayer after Communion

God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of 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

Glory to God on High – CP #365

1. Glory to God on high, and peace to all on earth.
We worship you, we give you thanks,
our heavenly King.
We give you praise, almighty God and Father
blessed in glory bright.
2. Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
the sacrificial Lamb, who saves the world from sin,
have mercy Lord.
Beside the Father's hand enthroned,
now hear our prayer.
3. You only are the Lord. You only are most high.
You only are the holy one, Lord Jesus Christ.
And now you reign with Father and with Spirit
one in glorious light.

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
Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

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 119:1-24; Amos 3:12-4:5;

2 Peter 3:1-10; Matthew 15:29-39

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

Use this Zoom Link to join the service online:
<https://zoom.us/j/8608948908>

Meeting ID: **860 894 8908**
Passcode: **810921**

THANK YOU, CLEARVIEW ENSEMBLE!
For sharing the gift of music with us



The Clearview Ensemble will be playing at our Sunday services for the next few weeks. You're invited to arrive at 10:15 am before the service to hear them!

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Pampered Chef Fundraiser for St. Luke's

November 21 to December 5



Kathy Parker is hosting a Pampered Chef fundraising party!

Pampered Chef is a well-known line of kitchen tools, cookware, bakeware and small appliances. A minimum of 10% of the proceeds will go to St. Luke's. Orders can be placed and shipped anywhere in Canada.

Shop for Christmas or for yourself while helping St. Luke's at the same time! Please share this link with friends, family and co-workers.

To browse or place an order, please visit:

<https://www.pamperedchef.ca/party/stlukesfundraiser>

St. Luke's Gift Card Sale



Thank you everyone who purchased gift cards from our sale this fall! You have been a great help in supporting our ministries.

Orders will be ready by mid-December.

For questions or concerns, please contact Dean Correia at: dean@correiasecurity.ca. Thank you for your support!

Advent Devotions Inspired by 16 Days Campaign



This year's Advent devotions by **Churches Beyond Borders** (The Anglican Church of Canada, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, The Episcopal Church, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) are timed with and inspired by the UN's annual 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence campaign.

Visit <https://www.anglican.ca/news/un-campaign-against-gender-based-violence-inspires-churches-beyond-borders-2021-devotional/30036012/> to access the devotional.

St. James Anglican Church Presents The 45th Annual Holiday House Tour

Saturday, Dec. 4 starting at 11 am

St. James Anglican Church in Dundas is excited that their **45th Annual Holiday House Tour** will go ahead this year on December 4th, after a one-year hiatus.

The event includes admission to tour five Dundas homes decorated for Christmas, refreshments at the church, a Juried Artisan Sale, and Santa's kitchen with homemade goodies.

Find more information and buy tickets at: stjamesdundas.ca

Thank You
Rev. Craig Luccock
For ministering to us this Sunday



Craig Luccock is the Chaplain at Appleby College in Oakville and has ministered in the Diocese of Niagara since 2014. We are grateful to him for substituting this week for the Rev. Garfield Wu.

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>

Diocesan Vaccination Policy

The Diocese of Niagara has enacted a policy to increase the protection and safety of their parishioners, clergy, employees, and all whom we serve by reducing the transmission of COVID-19 in our church and office buildings and other ministry spaces.

Effective September 9, 2021, all clergy, licensed lay workers, diocesan staff, liturgical leaders (musicians, readers, servers, wardens, greeters, etc.), youth ministers, those ministering to vulnerable populations, and others in ministry positions will be required to receive at least one dose of vaccine for COVID-19 by September 30, 2021, with the second dose administered no later than October 31, 2021.

Staff and ministry personnel must submit proof of vaccination to Mary Anne Grant at the Diocese of Niagara.

If you volunteer at Nourishing Neighbours or another volunteer position, please submit your proof of vaccination to ***office@stlukepalermo.ca***.

Anyone in a ministry position who is subject to legal exemption from vaccination under the Human Rights Code, must provide reasonable proof of this exemption.

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

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