



ST. LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, PALERMO

Second Sunday of Advent Sunday,
December 5, 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 PROCESSION

Processional Hymn

All Beautiful the March of Days – CP #427

1. All beautiful the march of days
as seasons come and go;
the hand that shaped the rose hath wrought
the crystal of the snow;
hath sent the hoary frost of heaven,
the flowing waters sealed,
and laid a silent loveliness
on hill and wood and field.
2. O'er white expanses, sparkling pure,
the radiant morns unfold;
the solemn splendours of the night
burn brighter through the cold;
life mounts in every throbbing vein,
love deepens round the hearth,
and clearer sounds the angel hymn,
“Good will and peace on earth.”
3. O thou, from whose unfathomed law
the year in beauty flows,
thyself the vision passing by
in crystal and in rose;
day unto day doth utter speech,
and night to night proclaim
in ever changing words of light
the wonder of thy name.

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 second 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, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Letter to the Philippians:

Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you

may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

People, Look East! The Time is Near – CP #91 (v.1, 4, 5)

1. People, look east! The time is near
of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able,
trim the hearth and set the table.

People, look east and sing today:

Love, the guest, is on the way.

4. Stars, keep the watch: when night is dim
one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather,
bright as sun and moon together.

People, look east and sing today:

Love, the star, is on the way.

The Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

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.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—
when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod

tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene—during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.
Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill made low.
The crooked roads shall become straight,
the rough ways smooth.
And all people will see God’s salvation.””

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

5. Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the Way.

The Sermon

By the Rev. Garfield Wu

Vocal Solo: Performed by Kathy Parker



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:

Robyn Michell, Jason & Suzette Neil, Ifeatu Okafor, G.O. & Ann Oki, Gregory Park, Kathy Parker, Julie Parks, Tanya Peirce, Everie & Leonie Perera, Beatrice & Derek Prins, and their families.

In the Diocese of Niagara:

Holy Trinity, Niagara Falls; the Rev. Rob Duncan, Deacon in Charge; 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

Break Now the Bread of Life – SGP #86

1. Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
as once you broke the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord;
my spirit waits for you, O living Word.
2. Bless your own truth, dear Lord,
to me, to me, as when you blest the bread by Galilee;
then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall,
and I shall find my peace, my all in all.
3. You are the bread of life, O Lord, to me,
your holy Word the truth that sets me free.
Give me to eat and live with you above;
teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

The Prayer over the Gifts

God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive
all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your
mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer #1)

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 indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us.

When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people.

You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.

Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation.

Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and 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 he who comes in the name
of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat:

this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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.”

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: **Christ has died.**
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.

Celebrant: Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, 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 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.

Jesus, I believe that you are present with us in the sacrament of bread and wine. I love you and I desire your presence afresh in my life.

Since I cannot now receive the bread and wine of the altar, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself to you; never let me be separated from you. Amen.

Violin Solo: Performed by Alina Zhang

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The Prayer after Communion

Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; 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

O Worship the King – CP #380 (v.1, 2, 6)

1. O worship the King, all glorious above;
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.
2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
his chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
6. O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
while angels delight to hymn thee above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

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 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18**

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 38; Amos 8:1-14;
Revelation 1:17—2:7; Matthew 11:28-30**

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**

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Pampered Chef Fundraiser for St. Luke's

Extended until December 12!



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>

Get Your Christmas Tree from St. Cuthbert's Anglican Church Annual Christmas Tree Sale!

Bring a beautiful, fragrant Christmas Tree to your home and support the ministries of St. Cuthbert's parish in Oakville! The church's annual Christmas Tree sale is on now and will continue until stock runs out. Order your tree NOW to avoid disappointment!



Lot Hours:

Monday to Friday:

1:30p.m. – 5p.m. & 7p.m. – 9p.m.

Saturdays: 9a.m. – 5p.m.

Sundays: 11:30a.m. – 5p.m.

6-8' Balsam Fir: \$60

8'-10' Balsam Fir: \$80

Fresh Wreath: \$20

Large reindeer: \$75

Small reindeer: \$25

For more information, call St. Cuthbert's office at: **905-844-6200**
or email: stcuthbertoakville@gmail.com

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

St. Luke's New Year's Charity Concert *featuring the Clearview Ensemble*

January 1, 2022 at 7 pm

You're invited to a special New Year's Charity Concert, presented by the Clearview Ensemble. This group of young musicians will celebrate the New Year with an exciting selection of beautiful music. The members of this ensemble are young and talented students from our local Clearview community. They all love classical music and have each won awards in various music festivals and RCM level examinations. Some members are concert masters in OSYO. Come welcome a new year with an evening of great music presented by local neighbours!

Tickets are free – Order online at Eventbrite:
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/new-years-charity-concert-featuring-the-clearview-ensemble-tickets-221494214157>

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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