



# ST. LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, PALERMO

Epiphany of the Lord  
January 2, 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

#### Good Christians All, Rejoice – CP #153

1. Good Christians all, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice!  
Listen now to what we say:  
Jesus Christ is born today;  
ox and ass before him bow  
and he is in the manger now!  
Christ is born today; Christ is born today!
2. Good Christian all, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice!  
Hear the news of endless bliss:  
Jesus Christ was born for this;  
he has opened heaven's door  
and we are blessed for evermore!  
Christ was born for this; Christ was born for this.
3. Good Christians all, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice!  
Now you need not fear the grave;  
Jesus Christ was born to save:  
come at his most gracious call  
to find salvation, one and all!  
Christ was born to save; Christ was born to save!

### 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.**

**Celebrant:** Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**All:** **And blessed be God's kingdom forever. Amen.**

### **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**

**Celebrant:** Glory to God in the highest,

**All:** 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**

Eternal God, who by a star led wise men to the worship of your Son. Guide by your light the nations of the earth, that the whole world may know your glory; 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 Book of Isaiah:**

#### ***Isaiah 60:1-6***

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.  
For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the Lord will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.  
Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses'  
arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to  
you,

the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual Hymn**

**See Amid the Winter's Snow – CP #148 (v. 1, 2, 4)**

1. See amid the winter's snow,  
born for us on earth below,  
see, the tender Lamb appears,  
promised from eternal years!

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Hail, thou ever blessed morn!  
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!  
Sing through all Jerusalem:  
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

2. Lo, within a manger lies  
he who built the starry skies,  
who enthroned in height sublime  
sits amid the cherubim.

REFRAIN

### **The Gospel**

***Matthew 2:1-12***

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 time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

4. “As we watched at dead of night,  
lo, we saw a wondrous light;  
angels singing ‘Peace on Earth’  
told us of the Saviour’s birth.”

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**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 #13 (from BAS p. 120)

**Celebrant:** By the good news of our salvation brought to Mary by the angel, hear us, O Lord.

**All:** **Lord, grant us peace.**

**Celebrant:** By the mystery of the Word made flesh, hear us, O Lord.

**All:** **Lord, grant us peace.**

**Celebrant:** By the birth in time of the timeless Son of God, hear us, O Lord.

**All:** **Lord, grant us peace.**

**Celebrant:** By the manifestation of the King of glory to the shepherds and magi, hear us, O Lord.

**All:** **Lord, grant us peace.**

**Celebrant:** By the submission of the maker of the world to Mary and Joseph of Nazareth, hear us, O Lord.

**All:** **Lord, grant us peace.**

**Celebrant:** By the baptism of the Son of God in the river Jordan, hear us, O Lord.

**All:** **Lord, grant us peace.**

**Celebrant:** Grant that the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; hear us, O Lord.

**All:** **Lord, grant us peace.**

### Family Cycle of Prayer:

David & Marie Williams, Garfield & Aileen Wu, Derek & Kristen Yarnell, Gemma Young, Sylvia & Neil Young,



Deqing Zhang & June Wu, and their families.

**In the Diocese of Niagara:**

St. John's, Ridgemount; the Rev. Daniel Bennett, Rector;  
and the people of this 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**

#### **We Three Kings**

1. We three kings of orient are;  
    Bearing gifts we traverse afar.  
    Field and fountain, moor and mountain  
    Following yonder star.

#### REFRAIN

O – Start of wonder, star of night.  
Star with royal beauty bright.  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light.

2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain.  
    Gold I bring to crown him again.  
    King forever, ceasing never,  
    Over us all to reign.

#### REFRAIN

3. Frankincense to offer have I  
    Incense owns a Deity nigh.  
    Prayer and praising, all men raising  
    Worship Him, God most high.

#### REFRAIN

## The Prayer over the Gifts

Gracious God, accept the offering of your Church, the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving, in the name of Jesus Christ the 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:** We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**All:** **God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

## 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 Music

### THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

#### The Prayer after Communion

God of all the nations of the earth, guide us with your light. Help us to recognize Christ as he comes to us in this eucharist and in our neighbours. May we welcome him with love, for he is Lord now and forever. **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 to the Lord – CP #382**

1. Praise to the Lord, all of you, God's servants.  
Blessed be the name of our God now and ever.  
From the rising up of the sun  
may the Lord be praised,  
praise to the name of the Lord!



2. There is none like our God  
in the heav'ns or on earth,  
who lifts the weak out of dust,  
Placing them with the mighty,  
who stoops to raise the weak and low:  
May the Lord be praised,  
praise to the name of the Lord!

### **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**  
**Isaiah 43:1-7; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

## **MORNING PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY**

**Each Wednesday at 9:30 am, Resuming January 5<sup>th</sup>**

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:**

**Psalms 2 & 110:1-5; Jonah 2:2-9;  
Ephesians 6:10-20; John 11:17-27, 38-44**

Contact: [garfield@stlukepalermo.ca](mailto:garfield@stlukepalermo.ca)  
or **647-878-8650** for details!

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

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

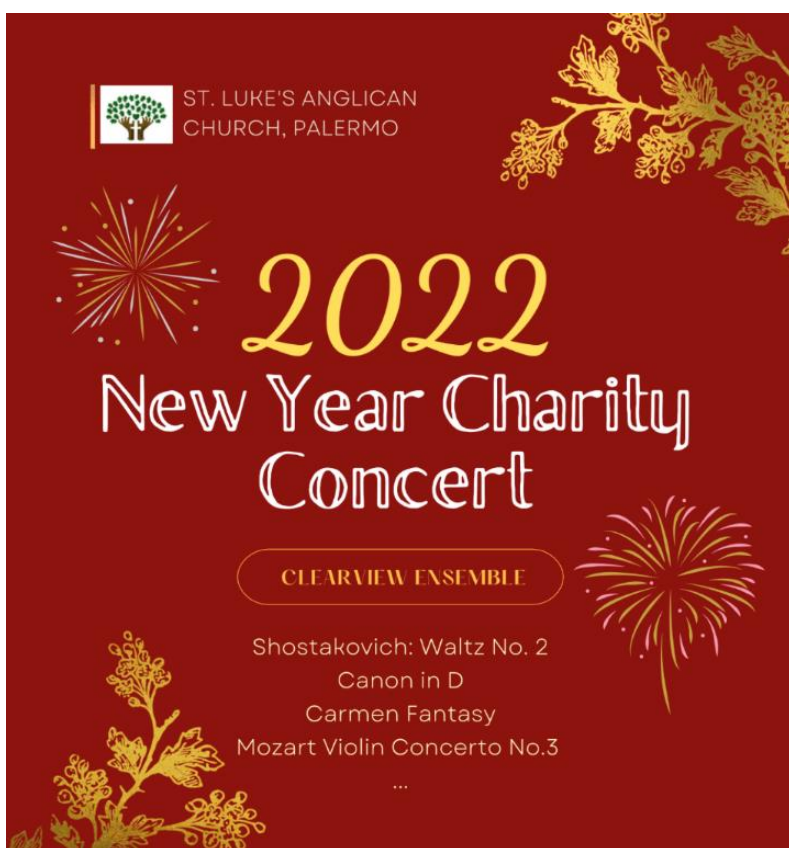


**Happy New Year from St. Luke's!**

May 2022 be a year filled with hope and blessings for you and your loved ones.

# St. Luke's New Year's Charity Concert featuring the Clearview Ensemble Has been POSTPONED

Due to COVID-19 health advisories, the members of Clearview Ensemble have decided to postpone their New Year's Concert to later in the winter. We apologize for this change but look forward to bringing this great event to you later. Watch for updates!



## **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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