



ST. LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, PALERMO

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 30, 2021 ◊ 10:30 am



The Reverend Fran Wallace – 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

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise – CP #384 (v. 1, 3, 4)

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

3. To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but nought changeth thee.

4. Great Source of all glory and wisdom and light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

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

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known

your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive 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 Jeremiah:

Jeremiah 1:4–10

The word of the LORD came to me, saying,

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
before you were born I set you apart;
I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”

“Alas, Sovereign LORD,” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I am too young.”

But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the LORD.

Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, “I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts – CP #70 (v. 1, 3, 5)

1. Jesus, the joy of loving hearts,
true source of life, our lives sustain;
from the best bliss that earth imparts,
we turn unfilled to you again.

3. We taste of you, the living bread,
and long to feast upon you still.
We drink from you, the fountain head;
our thirsty souls from you we fill.

The Gospel

Luke 4:21–30

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.

He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. “Isn’t this Joseph’s son?” they asked.

Jesus said to them, “Surely you will quote this proverb to me: ‘Physician, heal yourself!’ And you will tell me, ‘Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.’”

“Truly I tell you,” he continued, “no prophet is accepted in his hometown. I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah’s time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian.”

All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

5. Jesus, forever with us stay:
make all our moments calm and bright;
chase the dark night of sin away;
spread through the world your holy light.

The Sermon

By the Rev. Fran Wallace

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 #5 (from BAS p. 114)**

Celebrant: Let us pray for the peace of the world: the Lord grant that we may live together in justice and faith.

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

Celebrant: Let us pray for this country, and especially for Queen Elizabeth, Mary Simon the Governor General, Justin Trudeau the Prime Minister, and all in authority: the Lord help them to serve this people according to his holy will.

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

Celebrant: Let us pray for children and young people: the Lord guide their growth and development.

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

Celebrant: Let us pray for the sick: the Lord deliver them and keep them in his love.

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

Celebrant: Let us pray for all who are condemned to exile, prison, harsh treatment, or hard

labour, for the sake of justice and truth:
the Lord support them and keep them
steadfast.

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

Celebrant: We remember the prophets, apostles,
martyrs, and all who have borne witness
to the gospel: the Lord direct our lives in
the same spirit of service and sacrifice.

Family Cycle of Prayer:

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

In the Diocese of Niagara:

Holy Trinity, Welland; the Rev. Thomas Vaughan,
Rector; the Rev. Deacon Mark McGill and the Rev. Phil
Bristow, Honorary Assistants; 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
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

Eat This Bread, Drink this Cup – CP #64 (v. 1, 2, 4)

REFRAIN:

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.

1. I am the bread of life,
the true bread sent from the Father.

REFRAIN

2. Your ancestors ate manna in the desert,
but this is the bread come down from heaven.

REFRAIN

4. Anyone who eats this bread,
will live forever.

REFRAIN

The Prayer over the Gifts

God of steadfast love, may our offering this day, by the power of your Holy Spirit, renew us for your service. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer #5)

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: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

All : **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do. In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we sing,

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: We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you

show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, “Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.”

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father,
through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the
Holy Spirit, now and forever.

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: “I am the bread which has come down from
heaven,” says the Lord.

All: **Give us this bread for ever.**

Celebrant: I am the vine, you are the branches.

All: **May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.**

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.

Eucharist Music

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, in you we find peace beyond all telling. May we who share in this heavenly banquet be instruments of your peace on earth, 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

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee – CP 425

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.
2. All thy works with joy surround thee,
Earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
Stars and angels sing around thee,
Centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in thee.
3. Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living ,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, and our Mother,
all who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

The Dismissal

Let us go out in peace to love and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God. Hallelujah!

Postlude

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY Isaiah 6:1-13, Luke 5:1-11.

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:
Psalms 42, 43; 1 Samuel 2:1-10;
Hebrews 2:14-18; John 8:31-36

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**

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Volunteer Position Available **Front Desk Volunteer**



This position will be the first point of contact that a caller or visitor has with our organization. At all times, they must demonstrate a warm, professional, and helpful attitude.

This is a great opportunity to earn volunteer hours for high school, or if you would like to try something new within your community.

This is a volunteer position 4 hours per week
Saturday mornings from 9 am – 1 pm

If you would like to volunteer, please email your resume
to ***office@stlukepalermo.ca***

WEEKDAY SERVICES ONLINE

In the Diocese of Niagara

We invite you to join any of the online services below during the week
– links are available in our parish e-newsletters.

MONDAY

7 am - Morning Prayer

Holy Cross Lutheran

TUESDAY

By 5pm - Contemporary Evening Prayer

St. Luke's, Burlington

7 pm - Evening Prayer

Holy Cross Lutheran

WEDNESDAY

From 8 am – Morning Prayer / Book of Alternative Services

St. Simon's, Oakville

10 am – Morning Prayer / Iona Liturgy

St. Matthew-on-the-Plains, Burlington

10 am – Morning Prayer

Grace, Waterdown

9:30 am – Morning Prayer

St Luke's Palermo (Oakville)

12 Noon - Prayers on Zoom

St. John's, Nelson

2 pm – Contemplative Prayer (Centering Prayer)

St Luke's, Burlington

By 4 pm - Celtic Prayer Service with Reflection

St. George's, Lowville

THURSDAY

By 5 pm - Contemporary Evening Prayer

St. Luke's, Burlington

7 pm - Evening Prayer

Holy Cross Lutheran

FRIDAY

9 am - Morning Prayer & Virtual Coffee

St. Cuthbert's, Oakville

(Second Friday of the month)

5 pm – Taizé Night Prayer

St Luke's, Burlington

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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