



## **ST. LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, PALERMO**

The Baptism of the Lord  
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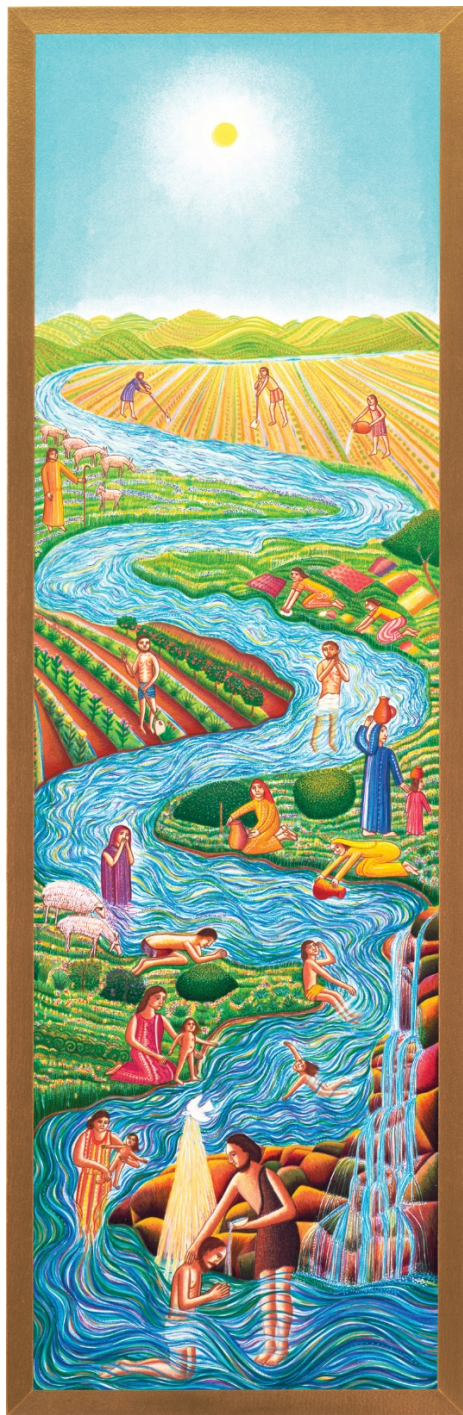


**The Reverend Garfield Wu – Presider & Preacher**

### **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

**O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High – CP #628 (v. 1-3, 7)**

1. O love, how deep, how broad, how high!

It fills the heart with ecstasy,  
that God, the Son of God,  
should take our mortal form for mortal's sake.

2. God sent no angel to our race,  
of higher or of lower place,  
but wore the robe of human frame  
for us, and to this lost world came.

3. For us he was baptized, and bore  
his holy fast, and hungered sore;  
for us temptations sharp he knew;  
for us the tempter over threw.

7. To God whose boundless love has won  
salvation for us through the Son,  
to God the Father, glory be  
both now and through eternity!

### 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 Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit, keep your children, born of water and the Spirit, faithful to

their calling; 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 43:1-7***

But now, this is what the Lord says—

he who created you, Jacob,

he who formed you, Israel:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

When you pass through the waters,

I will be with you;

and when you pass through the rivers,

they will not sweep over you.

When you walk through the fire,

you will not be burned;

the flames will not set you ablaze.

For I am the Lord your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;

I give Egypt for your ransom,

Cush and Seba in your stead.

Since you are precious and honored in my sight,

and because I love you,

I will give people in exchange for you,

nations in exchange for your life.

Do not be afraid, for I am with you;

I will bring your children from the east

and gather you from the west.

I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’

and to the south, ‘Do not hold them back.’

Bring my sons from afar  
and my daughters from the ends of the earth—  
everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made.”

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual Hymn**

#### **I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say – CP #508**

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, thou weary one, lay down  
thy head upon my breast.”  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
so weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting place,  
And he has made me glad.
2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“Behold, I freely give  
the living water; thirsty one,  
stoop down and drink, and live.”  
I came to Jesus and I drank  
of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched,  
my soul revived,  
And now I live in him.

### **The Gospel**

#### ***Luke 3:15-17, 21-22***

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.**

The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of Christ.

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

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
    "I am this dark world's light;  
    look unto me, thy morn shall rise,  
    and all thy day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus and I found  
    in him my star, my sun;  
    and in that light of life I'll walk  
    till travelling days are done.

## 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:**

Peter & Allison Allen, Peter & Sandra Maya Anderson, Lorna Bartman, David Beswick, John & Dianne Brice, Elizabeth Buchanan, and their families.

### **In the Diocese of Niagara:**

All Saints, Ridgeway; the Rev. Daniel Bennett, Rector; Canon David Thomas, Honorary Assistant; 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**

#### **On Jordon's Bank, the Baptist's Cry – CP #103**

1. On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake and harken, for he brings  
glad tidings of the King of kings!
2. Then cleansed be every breast from sin:  
make straight the way for God within,  
Prepare we in our hearts a home,  
where such a mighty guest may come.
3. For thou art our salvation, Lord,  
our refuge, and our great reward;  
Without thy grace we waste away,  
like flowers that wither and decay.
4. To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,  
and bid the fallen sinner stand;  
shine forth, and let thy light restore  
earth's own true loveliness once more.
5. All praise, eternal Son, to thee  
whose advent doth thy people free,  
whom with the Father we adore,  
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

#### **The Prayer over the Gifts**

God of life and freedom, we celebrate the revelation of Jesus as the Christ who makes all creation new. Accept all we offer you this day and make us new in him, who

is Lord for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer #2)**

**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, 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 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.*

**O Loving God, in union with Christian people throughout the world and across the centuries gathered to make Eucharist, hearing your holy Word and receiving the Precious Body and Blood of your dear Son, I offer you praise and thanksgiving. Even while separated from tasting the Bread of Heaven and drinking the Cup of Life I pray that you will unite me with all the baptised and with your Son who gave his life for us.**

**Come Lord Jesus, dwell in me and send your Holy Spirit that I may be filled with your presence.**

**Jesus, as the hem of your garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch your body, so may the soul of your servant be healed, for though I**

**cannot receive you in the sacrament I can, through this offering of my prayer, receive you in my heart; grant this for Christ's sake. Amen.**

## **Eucharist Music**

### **THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

#### **The Prayer after Communion**

Gracious God, lover of all, by this sacrament you make us one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and blood, one in the communion of his Spirit. Help us to grow in love for one another and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ. We ask this in his name. **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**

### **Joy to the World – CP #154 (v. 1, 2, 4)**

**1. Joy to the world!**

The Lord is come:  
let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare Him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven,  
and nature sing.

**2. Joy to the earth!**

The Saviour reigns:  
let us glad songs employ;  
while fields and floods,  
rocks, hills and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

**4. He rules the world**

with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders, of his love.

## **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 62:1-5; John 2:1-11**

### 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 119:1-24; Genesis 4:1-16;**

**Hebrews 2:11-18; Mark 6:6b-13**

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>**

Meeting ID: **860 894 8908**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# **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.

**Please note that St. Luke's is adhering to the new COVID-19 protocols, and restrictions put in place as of January 3, 2021.**

**During Step 2 there will not be more than 5 people in the building at one time.**

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***

## **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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