



ST. LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, PALERMO

Transfiguration of the Lord
February 27, 2021 ♦ 10:30 am



The Reverend Garfield Wu – 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

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here

– CP #442 (v.1, 3, 5)

1. Great God, your love has called us here
as we, by love, for love were made.
Your living likeness still we bear,
though marred, dishonoured, disobeyed.
We come, with all our heart and mind,
your call to hear, your love to find.
3. Great God, in Christ you call our name
and then receive us as your own
not through some merit, right, or claim,
but by your gracious love alone.
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat
and find you kneeling at our feet.
5. Great God, in Christ you set us free,
your life to live, your joy to share.
Give us your Spirit's liberty
to turn from guilt and dull despair
and offer all that faith can do
while love is making all things new.

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

Almighty God, on the holy mount you revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully

transfigured: mercifully deliver us from the darkness of this world, and change us into his likeness from glory to 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 Exodus:

Exodus 34:29-35

When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the Lord. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the Lord had given him on Mount Sinai.

When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. But whenever he entered the Lord's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Blest Be the Tie That Binds – SGP #9

1. Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind
is like to that above.
2. Before our Maker's throne
we pour ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.
3. We share each other's woes,
each other's burdens bear;
and often for each other flows
the sympathising tear.
4. This glorious hope revives
our courage on the way;
that we shall live in perfect love
in God's eternal day.

The Gospel

Luke 9:28-36

About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, “Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for

you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what he was saying.)

While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. A voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.” When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

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 #4 (from BAS p. 113)

Celebrant: We pray for all who confess the name of Christ: fill us with the power of your Holy Spirit.

All: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Celebrant: We pray for those whose lives are bound in mutual love, and for those who live in celibacy: be their joy and their strength.

All: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Celebrant: For all in danger, for those who are far from home, prisoners, exiles, victims of oppression: grant them your salvation.

All: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Celebrant: For all who are facing trials and difficulties, for those who are sick, and those who are dying: show them your kindness and mercy.

All: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Celebrant: We pray for one another: may we always be united in service and love.

All: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Celebrant: We pray to be forgiven our sins and set free from all hardship, distress, want, war, and injustice.

All: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Celebrant: May we discover new and just ways of sharing the goods of the earth, struggling against exploitation, greed, or lack of concern: may we all live by the abundance of your mercies and find joy together.

All: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Celebrant: May we be strengthened by our communion with all Christ's saints.

All: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Family Cycle of Prayer:

Eleanor Lummis & Lance Hymers, Peter Malue, Marshall Christopher & Sarah, Joy Mbabazi, Robyn Michell, and their families.

In the Diocese of Niagara:

St. John's, Elora; the Rev. Canon Paul Walker, Rector; the Rev. Judy Steers, Assistant Curate; the Rev. Canon Robert Hulse, Rector Emeritus; the Rev. John Lockyer, Honorary Assistant; and the people of this parish.

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

I am the Bread, the Bread of Life – CP #56

1. I am the bread, the bread of life;
who comes to me will never hunger.
I am the bread, the bread of heaven;
who feeds on me will never die.

And as you eat, remember me—
my body broken on the tree:
my life was given to set you free,
and I'm alive for evermore.

2. I am the vine, the living vine;
apart from me you can do nothing.
I am the vine, the real vine;
abide in me and I in you.
And as you drink, remember me—
my blood was shed upon the tree:
my life was given to set you free,
and I'm alive for evermore.

3. So eat this bread, and drink this wine,
and as you do, receive this life of mine.
All that I am, I give to you,
that you may live forevermore.

The Prayer over the Gifts

Merciful God, accept all we offer you this day. Lead us to love you with all our heart, and to love all people with your perfect love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. **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: “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.

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.**

Eucharist Music

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The Prayer after Communion

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. May we who are partakers of his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. 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

All Praise to Thee – CP #387 (v.1, 2, 5)

1. All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine,
didst yield the glory that of right was thine,
that in our darkened hearts thy grace might shine:
alleluia, alleluia!
2. Thou camest to us in lowliness of thought;
by thee the outcast and the poor were sought,
and by thy death was God's salvation wrought:
alleluia, alleluia!
5. Let every tongue confess with one accord
in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;
and God the Father be by all adored:
alleluia, alleluia!

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 Deuteronomy 26:1–11; Luke 4:1–13

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 95, 32, 143; Amos 5:6-15;
Hebrews 12:1-14; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Luke's Worship Services Move to 10 am Beginning Sunday, March 6



Beginning **Sunday, March 6th, 2022**, St. Luke's Sunday Worship Services will move **from 10:30 am to 10 am**. This change of worship time will give us more opportunities for fellowship between the parishioners and the ministry team.

We are also pleased to resume in-person worship services starting March 6th. In accordance with new guidelines from the Diocese of Niagara, attendance will be limited to 50% capacity, or approximately 40 people. Masks will be mandatory at all times during the service. People outside the same household will need to maintain 2 meters of physical distance at all times.

Thank you all for your understanding. We are so pleased to be able to worship with you again in person! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact: rector@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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