



ST. LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, PALERMO

Second Sunday in Lent

March 13, 2022 ◊ 10 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 GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Processional Hymn

Blest Are They

1. Blest are they the poor in spirit
Theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow,
They shall be consoled.
2. Blest are they, the lowly ones,
They shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they, who hunger and thirst,
They shall have their fill.
4. Blest are they who seek peace,
They are the children of God.
Blest are they, who suffer in faith,
The Glory of God is theirs.

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.

Kyrie Eleison

All: Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ, have mercy upon us,
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross, give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Book of Genesis:
Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision:

“Do not be afraid, Abram.
I am your shield,
your very great reward.”

But Abram said, “Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”

Then the word of the LORD came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.” He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

He also said to him, “I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it.”

But Abram said, “Sovereign LORD, how can I know that I will gain possession of it?”

So the LORD said to him, “Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon.”

Abram brought all these to him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other; the birds, however, he did not cut in half. Then birds of prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away.

As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him.

When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram and said, “To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery – CP #179 (v. 1, 2, 4)

1. Tree of life and awesome mystery,
in your death we are reborn,
though you die in all of history,
still you rise with every morn,
still you rise with every morn.
2. Seed that dies to rise in glory,
may we see ourselves in you,
if we learn to live your story,
we may die to rise anew,
we may die to rise anew.

The Gospel

Luke 13:31-35

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.

At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, “Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.”

He replied, “Go tell that fox, ‘I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.’ In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!

“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

4. Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit,
 come inflame our hearts anew.
 We may all your joy inherit,
 if we bear the cross with you,
 if we bear the cross with you.

The Sermon

By the Rev. Garfield Wu

Anthem: “What Does the Lord Require”

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 #14 – Lent (from BAS p. 121)

Celebrant: With confidence and trust let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”
For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world, we pray to you, Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant: For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant: For those preparing for baptism and for their teachers and sponsors, we pray to you, Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant: For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant: For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant: For all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant: For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, we pray to you, Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Family Cycle of Prayer:

Everie & Leonie Perera, Beatrice & Derek Prins, Ranji & Arthur Rajaratnam, Answerd & Karen Ramcharan, Lynette Reis, Mark & Barb Robinson, and their families.

In the Diocese of Niagara:

Holy Trinity, Welland; the Rev. Thomas Vaughan, Rector; the Rev. Deacon Mark McGill; the Rev. Phil Bristow, Hon. Assistant, and all 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

Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless – CP 85

1. Shepherd of souls, refresh and
bless your chosen pilgrim flock
with manna in the wilderness,
with water from the rock.
2. We would not live by bread alone,
but by your word of grace,
in strength of which we travel
on to our abiding place.
3. Be known to us in breaking bread,
but do not then depart;
Saviour, abide with us,
and spread your table in our heart.

4. Lord, sup with us in love divine;
your body and your blood,
that living bread, that heavenly wine,
be our immortal food.

The Prayer over the Gifts

God of wisdom, may the light of the eternal Word, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, guide us to your glory. We ask this in his name. **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, 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: 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 he 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 for ever.

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 this bread,

All: **Communion in Christ's body once
broken.**

Celebrant: Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

All: **If we have died with him,
we shall live with him;
if we hold firm,
we shall reign with him.**

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

Creator of heaven and earth, we thank you for these holy mysteries, which bring us now a share in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our 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

Closing Hymn

God, You Meet Us – SFGP 124

1. God, you meet us in our weakness,
giving strength beyond our own,
by your Spirit, by your people,
showing we are not alone.
2. God, you meet us in our sorrows
with the comfort of your voice,
by your Spirit, by your people,
helping crying hearts rejoice.
3. God, you meet us in our neighbours,
when your strength and voice they need.
Yours the Spirit, we your people,
sharing love in word and deed!

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 55:1–9, Luke 13:1–9

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 72; Genesis 42:18-28;
1 Corinthians 5:9—6:8; Matthew 20:17-28

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

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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