



# ST. LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, PALERMO

Third Sunday in Lent

March 20, 2022 ◊ 10 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 GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

### Processional Hymn

#### Blest Are the Pure in Heart – CP 439

1. Blest are the pure in heart,  
for they shall see our God;  
the secret of the Lord is theirs,  
their soul is Christ's abode.
2. The Lord, who left the heavens  
our life and peace to bring,  
to dwell in lowliness with us,  
our pattern and our King.
3. Still to the lowly soul  
his presence doth impart,  
and for a dwelling and a throne  
chooseth the pure in heart.
4. Lord, we thy presence seek;  
may ours this blessing be:  
give us a pure and lowly heart,  
a temple fit for 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.

## **Kyrie Eleison**

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

## **Collect of the Day**

Father of mercy, alone we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves. When we are discouraged by our weakness, strengthen us to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope; 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 Isaiah:**

***Isaiah 55:1-9***

Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.  
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.  
Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.  
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.  
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.  
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found,  
call upon him while he is near;  
let the wicked forsake their way,  
and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.  
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.  
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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

## Gradual Hymn

### God, Your Glorious Presence – CP 337

1. God, your glorious presence  
draws us to adore you  
and with awe appear before you.  
In your holy temple  
all keep mystic silence,  
prostrate lie with deepest reverence.  
You alone, God we own,  
you our God and Saviour:  
praise your name forever.
2. God, your glorious presence  
draws us to adore you  
and with awe appear before you.  
In your holy temple  
all keep mystic silence,  
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## The Gospel

### Luke 13:1-9

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 very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled

with their sacrifices. He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

The Gospel of Christ.

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

3. Fount of endless blessing,  
purify my spirit,  
trusting only in your merit  
Like the holy angels  
who behold your splendour,  
may I ceaseless worship render.  
Let your will, ever still  
rule your church terrestrial,  
as the hosts celestial.

## **The Sermon**

**By the Rev. Fran Wallace**

**Anthem: “In the Bulb there is a Flower”**

## **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:**

Richard & Paula Scott, Margie & Bob Simms, Stephen & Natasha Skolny, Jo Stadnyk, Nicole & Kevin Stevenson, Judy & Robert Szucs, and their families.

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

All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church, Guelph; Pastor Brian Wilker, Rector; Canon William Thomas, Priest Assistant; the Rev. Deacon Christine Clatworthy, Deacon; 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**

#### **Jesus, to Your Table Led – SFGP 15**

1. Jesus, to your table led,  
now let every heart be fed  
with the true and living bread.
2. When we taste the mystic wine,  
of your outpoured blood the sign,  
fill our hearts with love divine.
3. While upon your cross we gaze,  
mourning o'er our sinful ways,  
turn our sadness into praise.

4. Draw us to your wounded side,  
whence there flowed the healing tide;  
there our sins and sorrows hide.
5. From the bonds of sin release;  
cold and wav'ring faith increase;  
Lamb of God, grant us your peace.

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

Gracious God, we know your power to triumph over weakness. May we who ask forgiveness be ready to forgive one another, in the name of Jesus the Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer #3)**

**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:** Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth, because you bid your faithful people to cleanse their hearts and to prepare with joy for the paschal feast; that reborn through the waters of baptism and

renewed in the eucharistic mystery, we may be more fervent in prayer and more generous in the works of love. Therefore we raise our voices to you in praise 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:** We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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.”

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**All:**           **we remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory;**

**Celebrant:** and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all

creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are 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 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.**

## **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.

### **Solo During the Eucharist:**

**“Little Brown Church in the Wildwood”** by Joy Mbabazi

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

### **The Prayer after Communion**

God of mercy and forgiveness, may we who share this sacrament live together in unity and peace, 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**

### **Closing Hymn**

#### **Restore In Us, O God – CP 178**

1. Restore in us, O God,  
the splendour of your love;  
renew your image in our hearts,  
and all our sins remove.
2. O Spirit, wake in us  
the wonder of your power;  
from fruitless fears unfurl our lives  
like springtime bud and flower.
3. Bring us, O Christ,  
to share the fullness of your joy;  
baptize us in the risen life  
that death cannot destroy.

4. Three personed God,  
fulfil the promise of your grace,  
that we, when all our searching ends,  
may see you face to face.

### **The Dismissal**

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

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

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### **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

**Joshua 5:9–12; Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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 119:97-120; Genesis 45:16-28;  
1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Matthew 5:17-20

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**

## 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*

## St. Luke's Spring Gift Card Sale

**Begins Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>!**



Tell your family and friends to watch for our online shop to open! Our gift card sale is a great opportunity to find gift ideas and cover every day purchases, while also supporting St. Luke's ministries and programs.

Sale Ends on Easter Sunday.

## **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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