



ST. LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, PALERMO

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, April 3, 2021 ♦ 10:00 am



The Reverend Garfield Wu – Presider & Preacher

Welcome to St. Luke's!

We are glad to be able to worship with you in person. Our service will look a little different than usual this 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

O God of Love, of Power, of Peace – SFGP 109

1. O God of Love, O Pow'r of Peace,
Make wars throughout the world to cease;
the wrath of human sin restrain:
Give peace O God, give peace again!
2. Remember, God, your works of old,
the wonders that our parents told;
remember not our sin's dark stain:
give peace, O God, give peace again!
3. Whom shall we trust, O God, but you?
Where rest but on your word so true?
None ever called on you in vain:
Give peace, O God, give peace again!
4. Where saints and angels dwell above
all hearts are knit in holy love.
O bind us in that heav'nly chain!
Give peace, O God, give peace again!

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

Most merciful God, by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you created humanity anew. May the power of his victorious cross transform those who turn in faith to him 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 Letter to the Philippians *Philippians 3:4b-14*

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law,

blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual hymn

Word of God, Come Down on Earth – CP 446 (v. 1, 2, 4)

1. Word of God, come down on earth,
living rain from heaven descending:
Touch our hearts and bring to birth
faith and hope and love unending.

Word almighty, we revere you;
Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

2. Word eternal, throned on high,
Word that brought to life creation,
Word that came from heaven to die,
crucified for our salvation;
saving Word, the world restoring,
speak to us, your love outpouring.

The Gospel

John 12:1-8

The Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

4. Word that speaks God's tender love,
one with God beyond all telling;
Word that sends us from above God the Spirit,
with us dwelling; word of truth,
to all truth lead us;
Word of life, with one bread feed us.

The Sermon

By the Rev. Garfield Wu

Anthem: "His Eye is on the Sparrow" by Joy Mbabazi

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:

Catherine & Rohit Dhamija, Gladis & Joseph Di Paolo,
Patrick Donnelly, Colleen & Adam Douglas, Gary
Duncan, Hyacinth Elliott, Kamille Elliott, and their
families.

In the Diocese of Niagara:

Church of the Apostles, Guelph; the Rev. Naomi Miller,
Rector; Canon Frances Darlington, Honorary Assistant;
and all the people of that 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

sinner 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 63

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

3. Eat my flesh and drink my blood,
and I will raise you up on the last day.

REFRAIN

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

REFRAIN

5. If you believe and eat this bread,
you will have eternal life.

REFRAIN

The Prayer over the Gifts

Eternal God, your only Son suffered death upon the cross

to bring the world salvation. Accept the praise and thanksgiving we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer #1)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also, with you**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants, Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses, you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets, you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and 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 God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things, he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, 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." Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life, you give us life forevermore.
Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: **Christ has died.**
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again

Celebrant: Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread, and this cup.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.
People: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say:

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those, who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
forever and 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.**

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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: 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.

The Eucharist

You are encouraged to receive the Holy Communion, standing or kneeling at the communion rail or at your request in your seat. In accordance with COVID-19 health guidelines, only the host will be distributed. Let us know if you require a gluten-free wafer. If you prefer a blessing only, please indicate so by crossing your arms. If you find it difficult to get to the altar, we will be honoured to bring the Holy Communion to you.

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The Prayer after Communion

Merciful God, you have called us to your table and fed us with the bread of life. Draw us and all people to your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **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

There Is a Redeemer

1. There is a redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son.
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

REFRAIN

Thank you, oh my Father,
For giving us Your Son.
And leaving Your spirit 'till
The work on earth is done.

2. Jesus, my redeemer,
Name above all names.
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Oh, for sinners slain.

REFRAIN

Thank you, oh my Father,
For giving us Your Son.
And leaving Your spirit 'till
The work on earth is done.

3. When I stand in glory,
I will see His face,
There I'll serve my King forever,
In that holy place.

REFRAIN

The Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord, love others.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY
Jeremiah 31:31-34; John 12:20-33

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 119:145-176; Exodus 7:8-24;
2 Corinthians 2:14—3:6; John 8:31-47

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 TODAY Sunday, March 27!

It's back again! Now until Easter Sunday, April 17, shop for a great selection of gift cards and support St. Luke's ministries at:

stlukepalermo.ca/giftcardsale

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.

The Clearview Ensemble

invites you to their Spring Community Concert
Sunday, April 10 at 3:00 pm at St. Luke's, Palermo



St. Lukes Anglican
Church Palermo

Spring COMMUNITY CONCERT

Present by Clearview Ensemble

3pm April 10, 2022

3114 Dundas Street West, Oakville, ON

Carmen Fantasy

Mozart Violin Concerto No.3

Shostakovich Waltz No.2

Canon in D

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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>

**Thank you for joining us today.
We do hope that you will come again.**

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