



ST. LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, PALERMO

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 15, 2022 ♦ 10:00 am

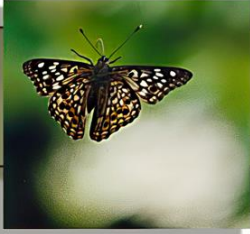


**The Reverend Garfield Wu – Presider
Gladis Di Paolo – Preacher**

Welcome to St. Luke's!

We are glad to be able to worship with you 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.



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THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Processional Hymn

Arise, Your Light is Come – SGP 19

1. Arise, your light is come!
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God
which shines on you today.
2. Arise, your light is come!
Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty,
good tidings to the poor.
3. Arise, your light is come!
All you in sorrow born,
bind up the broken hearted ones
and comfort those who mourn.
4. Arise, your light is come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing,
God's pow'r will make us strong.

Easter Greeting

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Celebrant: May his grace and peace be with you.

All: **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

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.**

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, 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 Revelation

Revelation 21:1-6

Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Lord, We Hear Your Words with Gladness – CP 447

1. Lord, we hear your word with gladness:
you have spoken we rejoice:
words of love and life and freedom
help us make their truth our choice!
Now in holy celebration
for your Word we worship you;
spoken, written, known in Jesus,
ours today to prove anew.
2. May we hear with understanding,
by your Spirit taught and led;
may the springs of all our being
by your living Word be fed;
may our hearts accept with meekness
all the grace your light makes known;
may obedience mark our footsteps
till we make each word our own!

The Gospel
John 13:31-35

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.

When he was gone, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

“My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

3. You have spoken; yours the fullness,
ours the wealth of this your Word:
debtors, then as living letters,
we must make our gospel heard!
By your Spirit's power transform us;
shed your saving light abroad
till our lives by love in action
show our world the truth of God!

The Sermon

By Gladis Di Paolo

Anthem: “God of any Names”

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 #15 - Easter (p. 122)

Celebrant: That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Celebrant: That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Celebrant: That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Celebrant: That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Celebrant: That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Celebrant: That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Celebrant: That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Family Cycle of Prayer:

Ranji & Arthur Rajaratnam, Answerd & Karen Ramcharan, Lynette Reis, Mark & Barb Robinson, Richard & Paula Scott, and their families.

In the Diocese of Niagara:

St. John's, Jordon; The Rev. Pamela Guyatt, Rector; The Rev. Canon Ian Chadwick, Assistant to the Rector; 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 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**

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

In Christ There Is No East or West – SGP #111

1. In Christ there is no east or west,
in Christ no south or north,
but one community of love
thro'-out the whole wide earth.

2. In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere
their high communion find;
God's service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.
3. Join hands, then, people of the faith,
whate'er your race may be;
all children of the living God
are surely kin to me.
4. In Christ now meet both east and west,
in Christ meet south and north;
in Christ all loving hearts are one
thro'-out the whole wide earth.

The Prayer over the Gifts

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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; we give you thanks and

praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world.

By his death he destroyed death,
and by his rising to life again
he has won for us eternal life.
Therefore, joining our voices
with the whole company of heaven,
we sing our joyful hymn of 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: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All: **Now we are raised to new life.**

Celebrant: We were buried in your tomb.

All: **Now we share in your resurrection.**

Celebrant: Live in us, that we may live in you.

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

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 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.

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, you show us your way and give us your divine life. May everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen 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

Recessional Hymn O Magnify the Lord

O Magnify, O magnify the Lord with me.
And let us exalt His name together.
O magnify the Lord, O magnify the Lord.
And may His name be lifted high forever.

O worship Him, O worship Him the Lord with me.
And let us exalt His name together.
O worship Christ the Lord, O worship Christ the Lord,
And may His name be lifted high forever.

King of Kings and Lord of Lords,
May His name be lifted high forever.

O Magnify, O magnify the Lord with me.
And let us exalt His name together.

O magnify the Lord, O magnify the Lord.
And may His name be lifted high forever.
And may His name be lifted high forever.

The Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord, love others.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY
Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5; John 14:23-29

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 72; Leviticus 19:1-18;
1Thessalonians 5:12-28; Jn 15:1-8

Contact: **garfield@stlukepalermo.ca**
or **647-878-8650** for details!

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Use this Zoom Link to join the service online:
<https://zoom.us/j/8608948908>

Meeting ID: **860 894 8908**
Passcode: **810921**

Volunteers Wanted!

This May, St. Luke's is in need of volunteers to help us with upcoming events. We hope you will be able to help and invite your family and friends to join in as well!



Flower Sale Volunteers

St. Luke's needs volunteers who can assist with distributing flower orders on **the afternoon of Friday, May 20 and/or Saturday, May 21**. We need helpers who can unload and organize orders from a delivery truck, and who can provide them to customers. If you are interested, please email Janet Correia at jasnotes@gmail.com.

Church Committee Volunteers

Are you ready to make St. Luke's a better place than ever? If so, our committees are looking for you! We have several groups dedicated to building up St. Luke's ministries and programs, including:

- The Worship Committee
- The Compassion and Care Team
- Sales and Marketing (Community Centre)
- Social Events and Outreach
- The Climate Justice Committee
- The Cemetery Committee
- ...and others

If any of these are of interest to you, please contact Dean Correia at dean@correiasecurity.ca.

St. Luke's is hiring for 2022 Summer Student Positions!

St. Luke's Anglican Church and Community Centre is hiring a Community Centre Assistant responsible for the coordination of activities and events at the community centre as well as community engagement and front desk service.

This is a full-time (35 hrs per week) temporary position for 16 weeks.

Outline of Responsibilities:

The successful candidate...

- Is proficient with computer programs and can help build a social media presence
- Assists in promoting St Luke's Church and community centre activities
- Effectively becomes familiar with and involved in the community
- Nurtures relationships among neighbours, community groups, and partners
- Ensures consistent excellence in public relations, and customer service
- Assist with the food bank and additional community programs
- Greets and provides hospitality to guests
- Schedules the community use of facilities and acts as liaison with user groups
- Supervises, supports, and recognizes volunteers
- Undertakes cleaning when required
- Looks after keys and security
- Performs other related duties as required

Apply Today!

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>

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

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