



## ST. LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, PALERMO

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 22, 2022 ◊ 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

### King of Love, O Christ, We Crown You – CP #451 (v. 1,3,4)

1. King of love, O Christ, we crown you  
Lord of thought and Lord of will,  
each demand of your high challenge  
dedicated to fulfil;  
we with you by grace co-workers,  
till, where human foot has trod,  
peoples, kings, dominions, races,  
own the empire of our God.
3. King of mercy, you have saved us  
from the haunting sense of loss,  
nailing in your vast compassion  
sin's indictment to the cross.  
Those who love, by your sore anguish,  
from the past your cleanse and free,  
breathing words of absolution  
throned and reigning from the tree.
4. King triumphant, King victorious,  
take your throne our hearts within,  
lest the might of fierce temptation  
snare us into deadly sin.  
By the Spirit's rich anointing,  
grant us strength life's race to run,  
till the power of sin be vanquished,  
till the prize of God be won.

## **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**

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive 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 21:10, 22—22:5***

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On

each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual Hymn**

#### **Lord, You Give the Great Commission – CP 433 (v. 1-3)**

1. Lord, you give the great commission:  
“Heal the sick and preach the word.”  
Lest the church neglect its mission  
and the gospel go unheard,  
help us witness to your purpose  
with renewed integrity;  
with the Spirit’s gifts empower us  
for the work of ministry.
2. Lord, you call us to your service:  
“In my name baptize and teach”.  
That the world may trust your promise,  
life abundant meant for each,  
give us all new fervour,  
draw us closer in community;  
with the Spirit’s gifts empower us  
for the work of ministry.

**The Gospel**  
**John 14:23-29**

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.**

Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

“All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

“You heard me say, ‘I am going away and I am coming back to you.’ If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.

The Gospel of Christ.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

3. Lord, you make the common holy:  
“This my body this my blood”.  
Let your priests, for earth’s true glory

daily lift life heavenward,  
asking that the world around us  
share your children's liberty;  
with the Spirit's gifts empower us  
for the work of ministry.

## The Sermon

By the Rev. Garfield Wu

Anthem: Worthy, You are Worthy

## 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:**

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

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

Christ Church, McNab; The Rev. Dorothy Hewlett, 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**

**She Comes Sailing on the Wind – CP #656 (v. 1-2)**

#### REFRAIN

She comes sailing on the wind,  
her wings flashing in the sun,  
on a journey just begun, she flies on.  
And in the passage of her flight,  
her song rings out through the night;  
full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.

1. Silent waters rocking on the morning of our birth,  
like an empty cradle waiting to be filled,  
and from the heart of God the Spirit moved upon the earth,  
like a mother breathing life into her child.

REFRAIN

She comes sailing on the wind,  
her wings flashing in the sun,  
on a journey just begun, she flies on.  
And in the passage of her flight,  
her song rings out through the night;  
full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.

2. Many were the dreamers whose eyes were given sight  
when the Spirit filled their dreams  
with life and form.

Deserts turned to gardens,  
broken hearts found new delight,  
and then down the ages still she flew on.

REFRAIN

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

God of glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us  
to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King.  
We ask this in his name. **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 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.*

**I worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, present in bread and wine, and present in your people, who**

are gathered in spirit. In this moment I join with them to receive you in my heart, and in our community. May you, enthroned on the altar, be now enthroned in my heart, may you, present in bread and wine, feed and renew my soul, may you, who gives yourself to us again, fill us with grace, and heavenly blessing. Even as I am fed, may my hunger for you and for your reign of justice and peace increase, that I may, with your Spirit, work for that day when your kingdom shall come on earth as it is heaven. Amen.

## THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### The Prayer after Communion

Father, you restored us to life by raising your Son from death. May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened to do your will, 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

### Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining – CP #460 (v. 1-2)

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness shining;  
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us;  
set us free by the truth you now bring us,  
shine on me, shine on me.

#### REFRAIN:

Shine, Jesus, shine;  
fill this land with the Father's glory;  
blaze, Spirit, blaze:  
set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow:  
flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
send forth your word, Lord,  
and let there be light.

2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
from the shadows into your radiance;  
by the blood I may enter your brightness;  
search me, try me, consume all my darkness,  
shine on me, shine on me.

#### REFRAIN

## The Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord, love others.

**Thanks be to God.**



## Postlude

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### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

## 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; Leviticus 26:27-42;  
Ephesians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:41-46

Contact: [garfield@stlukepalermo.ca](mailto: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**  
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# 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!



## **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\*\*](mailto:dean@correiasecurity.ca).

**Wishing You a Safe and Happy  
Victoria Day Long Weekend!**



**St. Luke's Community Centre will be closed  
on Monday, May 23**

## **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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