



**ST. LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH,
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Ascension Sunday

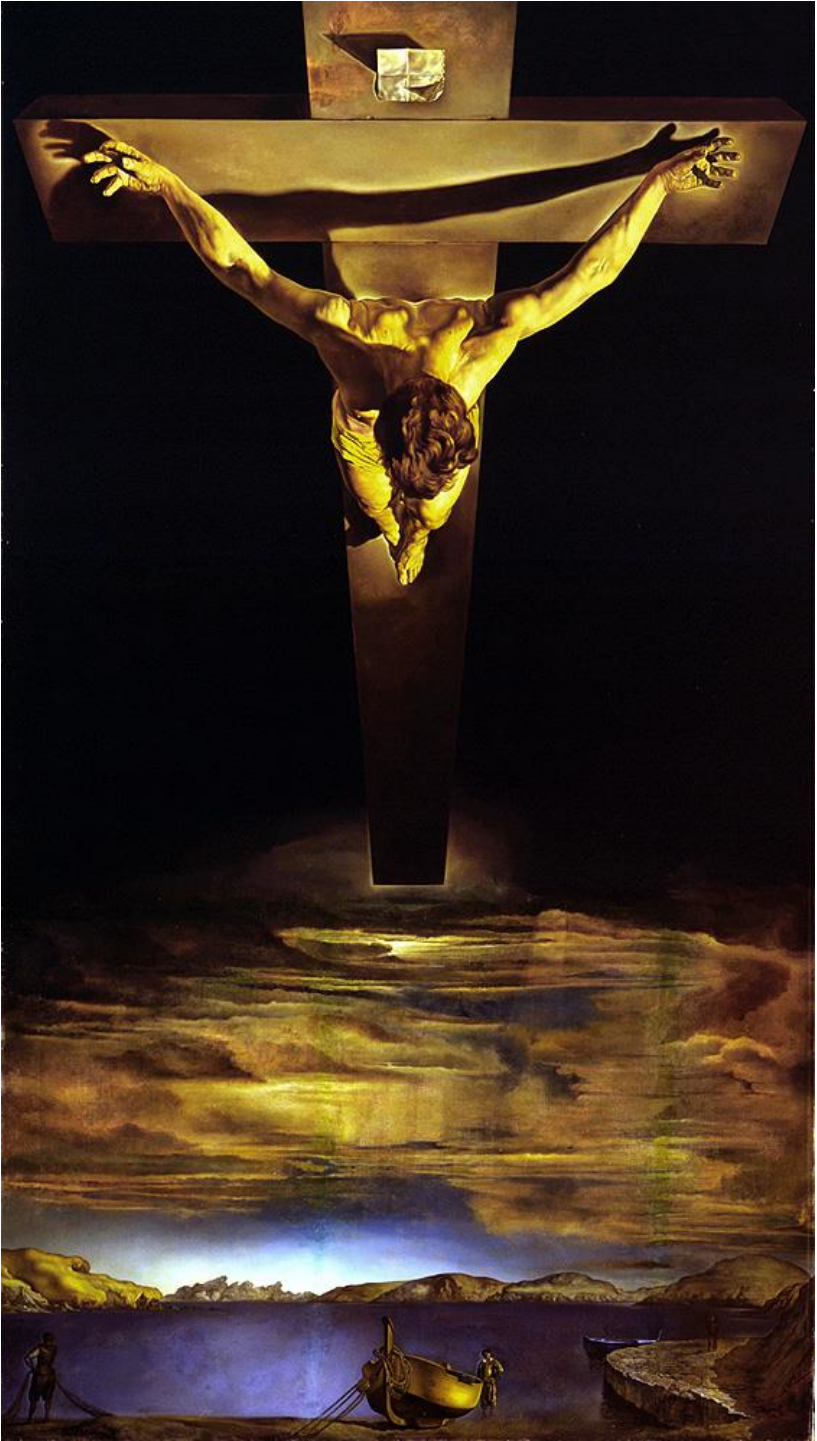
Sunday, May 29, 2022 ♦ 10:00 am



The Reverend Fran Wallace – 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

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God – CP #458

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and God's righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you;
Allelu, alleluia.

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Allelu, Alleluia.

2. Man shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds out from the mouth of God.
Alleu, allelujah!

Refrain

3. Ask and it shall be given unto you;
seek and you shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia

Refrain

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 ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord. Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of his peace, and bring the whole of creation to worship at his feet, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Book of Acts

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. ‘This’, he said, ‘is what you have heard from me; for John baptized

with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.’

So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

You Call Us, Lord, To Be – CP 450 (v. 1-3)

1. You call us, Lord to be a people set apart,
to feel with thoughtful mind
and think with tender heart.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.
2. You call us, Lord, to care for self and neighbour too,
to take the risk, and dare
to show what love can do.

Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.

The Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

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.

Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.’

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

3. You call us, Lord, to be good stewards of the earth,
to tend it as a place of blessedness and worth.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.

The Sermon

By the Rev. Fran Wallace

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:

Amy Barreiro & Richard Tibble, Doris & James Uduji, Bill Van Mol, Chenggang & Ying Cheng Wang, Jean Watson, David & Marie Williams, Garfield & Aileen Wu and their families.

In the Diocese of Niagara:

St. Paul's, Jarvis; The Reverend Canon Richard Moore, Rector; and 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

More Precious Than Silver

1. Lord, You are more precious than silver;
Lord, You are more costly than gold;
Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds;
And nothing I desire compares to You.

2. Lord, Your love is wide as the ocean.
Lord, Your love is deep as the sea.
Lord, Your love encompasses the nations,
And that is all I want to live in me.

3. Lord, You are more precious than silver;
Lord, You are more costly than gold;
Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds;
And nothing I desire compares to You.

The Prayer over the Gifts

Eternal God, our Saviour Jesus Christ has promised to be with us until the end of time. Accept all we offer you this day, and renew us in his transfigured life; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer #5)

- 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: You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do. In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we sing,

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 you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

All: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, “Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.”

All: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

All: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

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.

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 SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The Prayer after Communion

Eternal Giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom. Confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; 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

Recessional Hymn

Give Me Oil – SFG #130 (v. 1-3)

1. Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
give me oil in my lamp, I pray;
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
keep me burning till the break of day.

Refrain:

Sing hosannah! Sing hosannah!
Sing hosannah to the Servant King.
Sing hosannah! Sing hosannah!
Sing hosannah! Let us sing!

2. Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
give me joy in my heart, I pray;
give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
keep me praising till the break of day.

Refrain

3. Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
give me peace in my heart, I pray;
Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
keep me loving till the break of day.

Refrain

The Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord, love others.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY
Acts 2:1–21; John 14:8–17

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:

Psalms 101 & 109:1-4, 20-30; Isaiah 4:2-6;
Ephesians 4:1-16; John 17:11b-19

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**

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.

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

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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