



ST. LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, PALERMO

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 8, 2022 ♦ 10:30 am

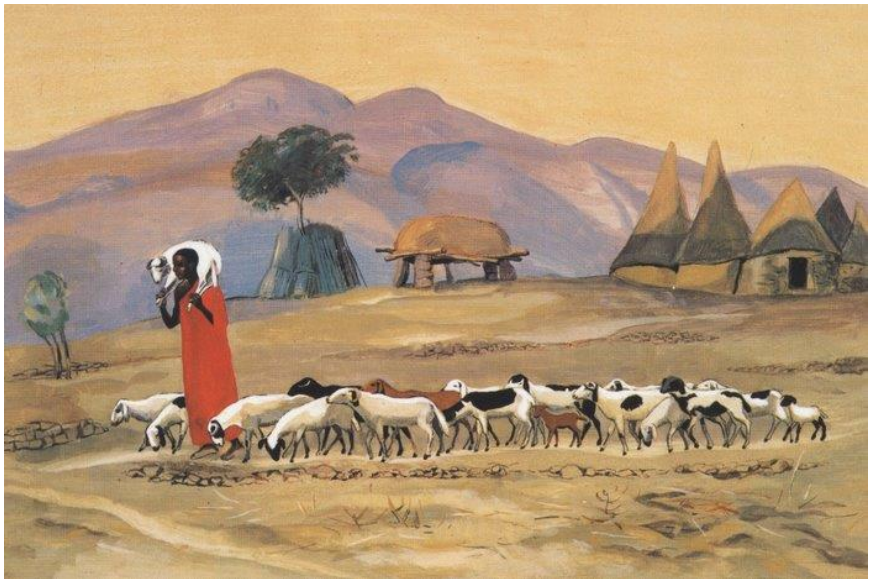


The Reverend Garfield Wu– Presider & Preacher

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

God The Creator – CP 445 (v. 1,2,4)

1. God the Creator, you in love made me
who once was nothing but now have grown.
I bring the best of all my life offers;
for you I share whatever I own.
2. O Christ the Saviour, you in love called me
who once was no one lost and alone.
I pledge to go wherever you summon,
making your will and purpose my own.
4. And with the people summoned together
to be the church in which faith is sown,
I make my promise to live for Jesus
and let the world know all are his own.

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

O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Book of Revelation *Revelation 7:9-17*

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor

and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter
them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their
shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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 10:22-30

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.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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: Be Not Afraid

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:

Gregory Park, Kathy Parker, Julie Parks, Tanya Peirce, Everie & Leonie Perera, Beatrice & Derek Prins, and their families.

In the Diocese of Niagara:

St. Luke's, Smithville, The Reverend Eleanor Clitheroe, 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 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**

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

Teach me, God, to Wonder (SGP #36)

1. Teach me, God, to wonder,
teach me, God, to see.
Let your world of beauty capture me.

REFRAIN

Praise to you be given.
Love for you be lived.
Life be celebrated, joy you give!

2. Let me, God, be open,
let me loving be.
Let your world of people speak to me. *Refrain*

The Prayer over the Gifts

God of loving care, you spread before us the table of life, and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our shepherd.

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer #2)

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: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer.

He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature.

He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair.

By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we 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 and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave

you thanks, saying, “Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you.”

In the same way he took the cup, saying, “This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me.”

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

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.

Holy Jesus we receive you in this moment, giving you thanks and praise that you make yourself present to all your people in the bread and wine of the Eucharist. Transform our hearts that we may shine as your light in dark places; Where there is hatred, let us sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy. And this all, in love for you. Amen.

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The Prayer after Communion

God of steadfast love, watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son. May we who share in these holy mysteries come safely to your eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and one shepherd. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

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

Would You Bless Our Homes and Families

– SGP 28 (v. 1, 3, 4)

1. Would you bless our homes and families,
Source of life who calls us here;
in our world of stress and tension
teach us love that conquers fear.
Help us learn to love each other
with a love that constant stays;
teach us when we face our troubles,
love's expressed in many ways.

3. From the homes in which we're nurtured,
with the love that shapes us there,
teach us, God, to claim as family
ev'ry one whose life we share.
And thro' all that life may offer,
may we in your love remain;
may the love we share in families
be alive to praise your name.

4. Let us reach beyond the bound'ries
of our daily thought and care
till the family you have chosen
spills its love out everywhere.
Help us learn to love each other
with a love that constant stays;
teach us when we face our troubles
love's expressed in many ways.

The Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord, love others.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY
Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

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 119:49-72; Exodus 33:1-23;
1 Thessalonians 2:1-12; John 12:44-50
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**

St. Luke's Flower Sale

Begins Sunday, April 17



This Spring, buy your potted and garden flowers, hanging baskets, planters, window boxes and vegetables from St. Luke's.

A percentage of every purchase will be used to continue to serve your community.

The sale runs April 17 – May 8.

Order and pay via: stlukepalermo.ca

Flowers will be ready for pick up at St. Luke's on Saturday May 21 from 8 am – 2 pm.

Please note: Pick-up only. No delivery this year. Thank you!

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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