



ST. LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, PALERMO



“I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people;
for to you is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord.” – Luke 2:10-11

Christmas Eve
Sunday, December 24, 2023
11:00 pm

Midnight Mass
The Rev. Garfield Wu – Presider & Preacher

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Processional Hymn

The First Nowell CP #139 (v. 1, 2, 4-6)

Gradual Hymn concludes with Verse #2

The Gathering of the Community p. 185

Homily: The Rev. Garfield Wu

Celebrant:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

The Apostle's Creed p. 189

All: **And also with you.**

The Prayers of the People (Litany 13) p. 120

Collect for Purity p. 185-86

Confession & Absolution p. 191

Canticle #7 p. 78

The Peace

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Offertory Hymn:

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Celebrant: We have waited for the coming of Christ, the light of the world.

CP #136 (v. 1-4, 6)

All: Come Lord Jesus.

The Christ Candle is lit.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant: The true light, which enlightens everyone, has come into the world.

Celebrant: Source of light and gladness, accept all we offer on this joyful feast. May we grow up in him who unites our lives to yours; for he is Lord now and forever. **Amen.**

All: Come Lord Jesus.

Celebrant: The light shines in the darkness and the darkness will not overcome it.

Eucharistic Prayer #2 p. 196

All: Christ, shine in your church today.

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread #6 p. 213

Collect of the Day

Eternal God, this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. As we have known the revelation of that light on earth, bring us to see the splendour of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

INVITATION TO 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. We receive you Lord Jesus Christ,

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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.**

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Reading: Isaiah 62:6-12

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly CP #125

THE GOSPEL

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also, with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

Celebrant: Father of all, tonight you have united earth and heaven in sending your Son to take our human nature. May we who have tasted heavenly things share in the life of his eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Luke 2:8-21

DOXOLOGY

Glory to God,
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
for ever and ever, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Blessing
Announcements
Recessional Hymn:
Silent Night
Dismissal

CP #119

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US!

This Sunday's Readings:
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:22-40

The Weekly Cycle of Prayer

In Our Parish: Shurland & Joan
Henderson, Louise & William Holliday,
Eva Ikpoki, their families and loved ones.

In the Diocese of Niagara: St. Paul,
Jarvis, The Rev. Canon Richard
Moose, Rector; and all the people of
that parish.



**Merry Christmas to You and Your Family
from St. Luke's, Palermo!**

Join us to celebrate the Birth of Our Lord this Christmas!

December 25 @ 10:00 am - Christmas Day Service

December 31 @ 10:00 am - Sunday service

Invite your friends and family! All are Welcome.

**Programs at St. Luke's Community Centre
will be cancelled for the Christmas Holidays
from Sunday, Dec. 24, 2023 to Monday, Jan. 1, 2024
Programs will resume on Tuesday, January 2, 2024**



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We acknowledge that it is our collective responsibility to honour and respect those who have gone before us, those who are here, and those who have yet to come, and we are grateful for the opportunity to be living, working, and serving on this land.

Christian Disciples...
Transforming Lives... Building Community