



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
5:30 pm

Family Service
Holy Eucharist
The Rev. Garfield Wu – Presider & Preacher

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Processional Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful CP #118 (v. 1, 3, 5)

The Gathering of the Community p. 185

Celebrant:

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

All: And also with you.

Collect for Purity p. 185-86

Canticle #7 p. 78

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

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

All: Come Lord Jesus.

The Christ Candle is lit.

Celebrant: The true light, which enlightens everyone, is coming into the world.

All: Come Lord Jesus.

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

All: Christ, shine in your church today.

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.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Reader: A Reading from Psalm 97.

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Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ST. LUKE'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Presented by Our Sunday School

Featuring the Carols:

Silent Night CP #119 (v. 1 & 3)

Joy to the World CP #154 (v. 1, 2, 4)

Please join in with our singers!

The Apostle's Creed p. 189

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

Confession & Absolution

The Peace

p. 191

Offertory Hymn:

Away in a Manger

CP #126

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

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.**

Eucharistic Prayer #2

p. 196

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread #6

p. 213

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.

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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.**

DOXOLOGY

Glorify to God,
whose power working in us
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.

Glorify 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:
Once in Royal David's City CP #123

Dismissal

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: Alice Fang, Laura Gillis, Hilary Han, Howei He, their families and loved ones.

In the Diocese of Niagara: St. Paul, Jarvis, The Rev. Canon Richard Moore, 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 24 @ 11:00 pm - Midnight Mass

December 25 @ 10:00 am - Christmas Day 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 recognize that St Luke's, Palermo, and Oakville reside on the treaty lands and territory of the **Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation** - part of the Anishinaabe nation. Oakville is covered by two treaties: **Treaty #14** - The Head of the Lake Treaty of 1806; and **Treaty #22** - the 12 Mile Creek, 16 Mile Creek and the **River Credit Reserve Treaty** of 1820.

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