



# ST. LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, PALERMO



“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord  
has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted.” – *Isaiah 61:1*

**Sunday, December 17, 2023**

**10:00 am**

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The Third Sunday of Advent

*Joy*

Holy Baptism & Eucharist Service

The Rev. Garfield Wu – Presider & Preacher

**THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

Processional Hymn

O Come, Divine Messiah CP #95

The Gathering of the Community  
(Celebrating Baptism) BAS p. 151

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.**

Celebrant: There is one body and one Spirit,

All: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant: One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

All: **One God and Father of all.**

Collect for Purity p. 185-86

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

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

All: **Come Lord Jesus.**

**The Third 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

God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM**

Presentation & Examination of the Candidate p. 153-55

Prayers for the Candidates p. 155

The Baptism of Iris (Ying) Wang p. 156-61

The Peace

**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter to the Thessalonians.

Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring CP #97

**THE GOSPEL**

Reader: The Lord be with you.

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

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

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

**John 1:6-8, 19-28**

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Gradual Hymn Concludes with Verse #4**

Homily: The Rev. Garfield Wu

Anthem: Hope is a Star

Offertory Hymn

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People CP #100

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Celebrant: God of hope, renew in us the joy of your salvation and make us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer #3 p. 218

Preface of Advent p. 219

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread #5 p. 212

**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.**

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**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Celebrant: Merciful God, may this eucharist free us from our sins, fill us with unending joy, and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord now and forever. **Amen.**

## DOXOLOGY

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Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn:

Herald! Sound the Note of Judgement  
CP #111 (v. 1, 2, 4)

Dismissal

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THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US!

This Week's Worship Team

Lay Reader: Wendy Cousins

Duty Warden: Kathy Parker

Next Sunday's Readings:

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Luke 1:26-38

The Weekly Cycle of Prayer

In Our Parish: Simone & Maurizio Chen, Sheila Clarke, Dean & Janet Correia, Bradley & Kristen Cousins, Wendy & Carl Cousins, their families and loved ones.

In the Diocese of Niagara: St. John, Jordan, The Rev. Pamela Guyatt, Rector; the Rev. Deacon Joyce Richardson Tufford, Deacon; the Rev. Canon Ian Chadwick, Hon. Assistant; and all the people of that parish.

## Announcements



Come to

St. Luke's Christmas Services 2023

December 17 @ 7:30 pm - Lessons and Carols

December 24 @ 10:00 am - Sunday Service

December 24 @ 5:30 pm - Family Service

December 24 @ 11:00 am - Midnight Mass

December 25 @ 10:00 am - Christmas Day Service

December 31 @ 10:00 am - Sunday service

Invite your friends and family! All are Welcome.



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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**