



ST. LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, PALERMO



“Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption
is drawing near.” – *Luke 21:28*

Sunday, December 1, 2024

10:00 am

First Sunday of Advent

Hope

Holy Eucharist

The Right Rev. Dr. Susan Bell – Presider & Preacher

The Rev. Canon Garfield Adams – Rector

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Processional Hymn

O Come, Divine Messiah CP #95

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

Children's Focus

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

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

All: Come Lord Jesus.

The First 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

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Reader: A Reading from Psalm 25.

Reading: Psalm 25:1-10

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Chinese Choir Anthem:

The Call of the Cross

Gradual Hymn

Prepare the Way, O Zion CP #102

THE GOSPEL

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also, with you.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 21:25-36

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn concludes with Verse #3

Homily: Bishop Susan Bell

Anthem: Worship the Lord

The Apostle's Creed p. 189

The Prayers of the People (Litany 12) p. 119

Confession & Absolution

The Peace

Offertory Hymn

King of Love, O Christ, We Crown You
CP #45 (v. 1, 2, 4)

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant: God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer #1 p. 193

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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to

stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

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:
Christ, Be Our Light**

Dismissal

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US!

This Week's Worship Team

Lay Reader: Kathy Parker

Duty Warden: Kathy Parker

Bishop's Chaplain: Ellick Wong

Next Sunday's Readings:

Philippians 1:3-11

Luke 3:1-6

The Weekly Cycle of Prayer

In Our Parish: Louise & William Holliday, Arthur Huang, Eva Ikpoki, Nancy Jamieson & Har Braich, Allen Jones & Swaroopa Isaac, their families and loved ones.

In the Diocese of Niagara: St. John the Evangelist, Hamilton; The Rev. Andrew Rampton, Rector; The Rev. Dena Thomas, Assistant Curate; The Rev. Canon Dr. Brian Ruttan, Hon. Assistant; The Rev. Elizabeth Steeves, Hon. Assistant; The Rev. Dr. Peter Widdicombe, Hon. Assistant, and all the people of that parish.

Announcements

St. Luke's 2024 Christmas

Gift Card Sale

Orders Due TODAY, December 1

Visit our online shop at stlukepalermo.ca/giftcardsale or pick up an order form at the Welcome Desk to browse a wide variety of gift cards for the holiday season. A percentage of each card sale supports St. Luke's ministries and programs! As always, you get the full value of your card. It's the perfect way to start your holiday shopping.



Free Community Dinner

Thursday, December 12 at 6:30 pm

This December, our generous parishioners and volunteers are preparing a delicious meal that is open to the entire community for the Christmas holidays. Invite your family and friends to ring in the season with this time of sharing and fellowship. Donations 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