



# 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 15, 2024**

**10:00 am**

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**Third Sunday of Advent**

*Joy*

**Holy Eucharist**

**The Rev. Canon Garfield Adams**

**– Presider & Preacher**

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Gradual Hymn concludes with Verse #4

Processional Hymn

Homily: The Rev. Canon Garfield Adams

All Beautiful the March of Days CP #427

Anthem: Hey! Hey! Anybody Listening?

The Gathering of the Community p. 185

The Apostle's Creed p. 189

Celebrant:

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

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

Confession &amp; Absolution

All: And also with you.

The Peace

Collect for Purity p. 185-86

Offertory Hymn

Children's Focus

There's a Voice in the Wilderness

CP #106 (v. 1-3)

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

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

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.

All: Come Lord Jesus.

## The Third Candle is Lit

Eucharistic Prayer #3 p. 198

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

Preface of Advent p. 219

All: Come Lord Jesus.

The Lord's Prayer

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

The Breaking of the Bread #5 p. 212

All: Christ, shine in your church today.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Collect of the Day

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,

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.

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 PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Reader: A Reading from the Letter to the Philippians.

Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel CP #89 (v. 1, 2, 4)

## 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.

## 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 3:7-18

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## 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.

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**Blessing**  
**Announcements**

**Recessional Hymn:**  
**Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending**  
CP #114 (v. 1, 3, 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:**

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-55

The Weekly Cycle of Prayer

**In Our Parish:** Roy & Bea Lawrence, Kathleen Lentz, Jessie Li, Shao Ping Li, Leo & Amy Ben Liang, their families and loved ones.

**In the Diocese of Niagara:** Church of Our Saviour the Redeemer, Stoney Creek; The Rev. Canon Bahman Kalantari, Rector; and all the people of that parish.

## Announcements

### Help St. Luke's Buy a Donkey for PWRDF's World of Gifts

This Advent Season, St. Luke's, Palermo is working to buy a special Christmas gift - a donkey who can provide transportation and help for a family in Kenya. **More than \$70 has now been raised!** Let's keep going. Thank you to all our supporters.

Scan the QR Code here to make a donation to the World of Gifts initiative!



### Festival of Lessons and Carols

**This Evening at 7:30 pm**

You're invited to join us this evening for a beloved tradition of music, prayer and Scripture – our annual Festival of Lessons and Carols. Our Music Director and Choir will lead us in an evening of favourite hymns and lessons on the Advent of the Lord. It's a wonderful way to get in touch with the spirit of Christmas!

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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**