



ST. LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, PALERMO



“I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to his word.”
– Luke 1:38

Sunday, December 22, 2024
10:00 am

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Love

Holy Eucharist

The Rev. Canon Garfield Adams
– Presider & Preacher

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Processional Hymn

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus CP #88

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 Fourth 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

Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 the Letter to the Hebrews

Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

Hope is a Star

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 1:39-55

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Gradual Hymn concludes with Verse #4

Homily: The Rev. Canon Garfield Adams

Anthem: Ring the Bells!

The Apostle's Creed p. 189

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

Confession & Absolution

The Peace

Offertory Hymn

One Bread, One Body, One Lord of All

CP #73

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant: Gracious God, by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of your Son, make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer #4 p. 201

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: Faithful God, in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation. May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus 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:
Light One Candle (new)

Dismissal

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US!

This Week's Worship Team
Lay Reader: Preston Scott
Duty Warden: Dean Correia

Next Sunday's Readings:
Colossians 3:12-17
Luke 2:41-52

The Weekly Cycle of Prayer
In Our Parish: Emma Lin, Steven & Ada
Liao Liu, Eleanor Lummis & Lance
Hymers, Mark Ma, Stephen Ma &
Michelle Zai, their families and loved
ones.

In the Diocese of Niagara: The Dunn
Parish, Christ Church & St. John the
Evangelist, Dunnville; The Rev. Canon
Richard Moore, Priest-in-Charge; 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. **So far, we have raised more than \$300 thanks to our parishioners!**

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



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

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

Christmas Eve – Tuesday, December 24

5:30 pm – Family Christmas Service

11 pm – Christmas Midnight Mass

Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25

10 am – Worship 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.

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Transforming Lives... Building Community