Sunday, August 13, 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church exists on the traditional territory of the Attawandaron / Neutral People. We honour the original ancestors of this land and also offer respect to our Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabe, Mississauga and Métis neighbours. We give thanks for the First Peoples and all who have cared for the land and made it possible for us to dwell and do ministry on this land.

GATHERING HYMN Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me Red 755

GREETING

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

And also with you.

Almighty God,

to you all hearts are opened, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your children from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

¹Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. ²This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. ³Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. ⁴But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

¹²Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. ¹³And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." ¹⁴So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So, he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, ¹⁵and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" ¹⁶"I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." ¹⁷The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So, Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. ¹⁸They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. ¹⁹They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. ²⁰Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild

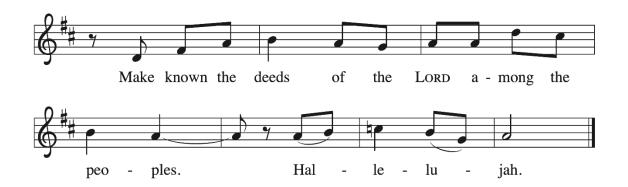
animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." ²¹But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." ²²Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him"—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. ²³So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; ²⁴and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

²⁵Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. ²⁶Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? ²⁷Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. ²⁸When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b



- ¹Give thanks to the LORD and call up- | on God's name; make known the deeds of the LORD a- | mong the peoples.
 - ²Sing to the | LORD, sing praises, and speak of all God's | marvelous works.
 - ³Glory in God's | holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the | Lord rejoice.
 - ⁴Search for the strength | of the LORD; continually | seek God's face. R
 - **5Remember the marvels | God has done,** the wonders and the judgments | of God's mouth,
 - O offspring of Abra- ham, God's servant, O children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.
 - 16Then God called for a famine | in the land and destroyed the sup- | ply of bread.
 - ¹⁷The LORD sent a | man before them, Joseph, who was sold | as a slave. R
 - 18 They bruised his | feet in fetters; his neck they put in an | iron collar.
 - ¹⁹Until his prediction | came to pass, the word of the LORD | tested him.
 - 20The king sent | and released him; the ruler of the peoples | set him free,
 - ²¹setting him as a master o- | ver his household, as a ruler over all | his possessions,
 - ²²to instruct his princes according 1 to his will and to teach his elders wisdom. ^{45b1} Hallelujah! R

SECOND READING: Romans 10:5-15

⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷"or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say?

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart"

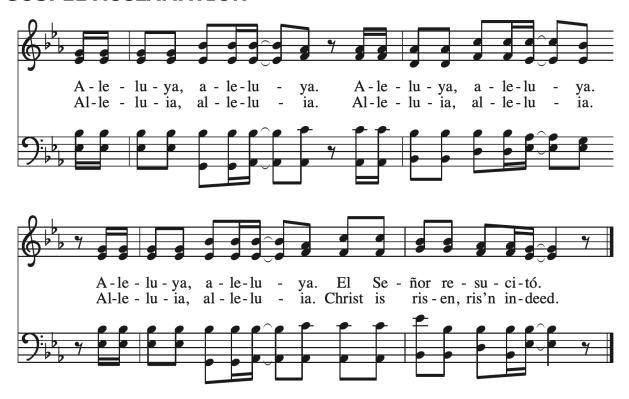
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²²[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So, Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But

when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" 31 Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" 32 When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. 33 And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

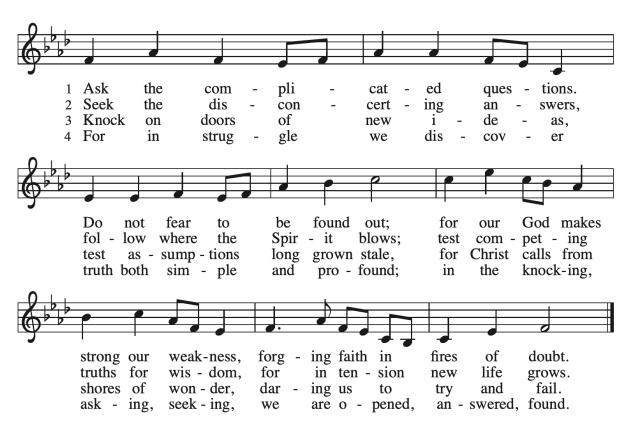
The gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY

Ask the Complicated Questions



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

God of grace and faith, your faithfulness is never-ending, and your righteousness becomes ours through Christ Jesus. Send the church to proclaim the gospel both near and far, in church buildings and on street corners, in person and online. We pray today for Bishop Geoff Woodcroft and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Rupert's Land, and the dean, council, and congregations of the West Central Ministry Area of the Alberta Synod. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of sky and sea, the plants, animals, mountains, and plains proclaim your glory. Prosper the work of ecologists as they teach us new ways to care for the environment. Bring relief to areas recovering from natural disasters. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of peace and justice, you call us to live as your beloved community throughout the world. Instill in local, regional, national, and global political and civic leaders a desire to work for the well-being of all people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of care and compassion, you bring assurance when we are afraid. Bring calm to any who are anxious or fearful. Bless the work of therapists, nurses, and other health care providers. Comfort all who grieve and soothe any who are sick. We pray for those who desire our prayers: Barbara, Anna-Liisa, Bud, Ruth, Susan, Bill, Isa, Benito, and those remember before you in our hearts... Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of wonder, you accompany us in both joys and sorrows. We pray for children and teachers preparing for a new school year. Make your presence known in our work and play, in lively

conversation and in quiet rest. We pray today for Pastor Jeff Smith as he marks his baptismal anniversary, that he would be upheld in the gifts and promises of his baptism. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of new life, you send people to renew both church and society. We give you thanks for their lives of faithful service as examples of following your call. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting us to the table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy and abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God!

PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you all! **And also with you.**

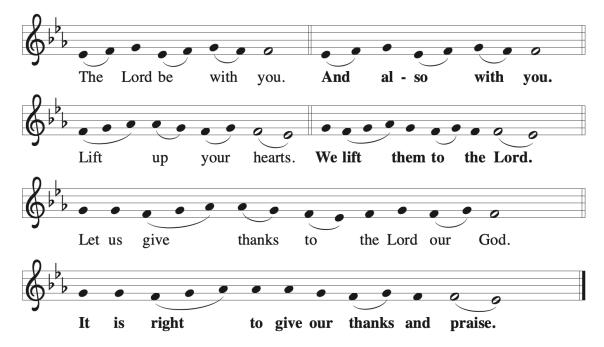
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray:

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread, reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine, pour us out in service to the world, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE

... and join in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world, you sent Jesus to heal our ills and form us again into one.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again and again to each of us, we offer you this bread and this cup.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:

as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, Jesus Christ, through whom all glory and honour is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, now and forever. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

LEAD SHEET

The Lord's Prayer

Heavenly Father, Heavenly Mother

Words: Parker J. Palmer

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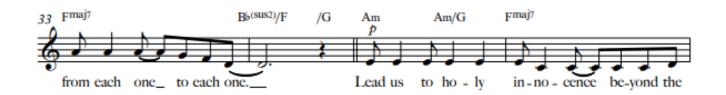


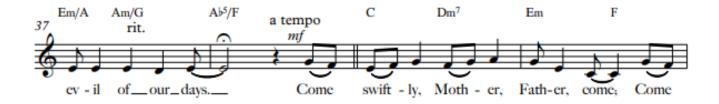
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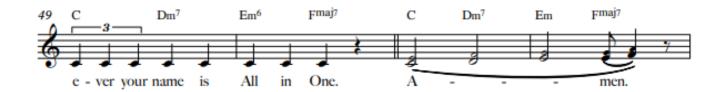


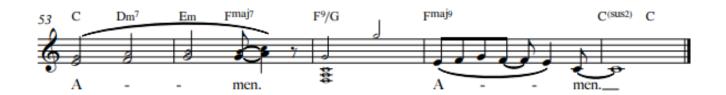












INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your reign.

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you. **Thanks be to God!**

COMMUNION HYMNS



Take, Oh Take Me As I Am

Red 814

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Blue 509

When Peace Like a River

Red 785

TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen, keep, and unite us now and forever. **Amen**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the One who is our dearest reassure, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed + bless, keep, and sustain you now and forever. Amen.

The blessing of the God of life be ours. The blessing of the loving Christ be ours. The blessing of the Holy Spirit be ours, To cherish us, to help us, to make us holy.

SENDING HYMN My Life Flows On Blue 401

DISMISSAL

Go into the world in peace, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

