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**Priest Assistant - Rev. Canon William Thomas** 

**Deacon – Rev. Christine Clatworthy** 

#### **WELCOME**

We welcome you to our worship today.

## Hymnbooks:

Our community uses two hymnbooks.

**(ELW)** Evangelical Lutheran Worship has a cranberry cover.

**(CP)** Common Praise has a blue cover.

You will find either **(ELW)** or **(CP)** beside each hymn number to indicate which book we are singing from.

## Communion: All are welcome.

We make available grape juice and gluten free bread. Please inform one of the Communion Servers that you wish to have one or both of these elements during the distribution of Communion.

#### No Scents Makes Good Sense.

Members have indicated that they suffer discomfort from perfumes, hair spray, colognes and after-shave lotion. Please help us provide a scent-free environment

*We welcome all children* to our worship. We also have a child friendly space in the fellowship area at the back of the church. Drink boxes, activity bags and youth bulletins are in a basket near the entrance to the church. Please help yourself.

## Acknowledgement of Territory

We are on the traditional territory of the Attawandaron / Neutral People. We honour the original ancestors of this land and also offer respect to our Haudenosaunee, Anishinabe, Mississauga and Metis neighbours. We give thanks for the First Peoples and all who have cared for the land and made it possible for us to be here today.

# SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY Sunday, February 16, 2020.

Welcome to our worship. We are glad that you are here. Today is a special day, as we celebrate the retirement of Pastor Jeff Smith, after 35 years of ordained ministry.

This ministry has taken him to 4 different congregations. He also served as Executive Director at Edgewood Camp and Conference Centre. Almost 18 of those years, he has worshiped at All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church (formerly St. Paul's Lutheran) as both a member sitting in the pew, and as the pastor.

The service today contains elements of Word and music that has shaped Pastor Jeff's ministry, and is loosely based around Micah 6:8, which was the text of Pastor Jeff's first sermon while studying at seminary. Family, which is also very important to Pastor Jeff, will be helping to lead parts of the liturgy.

Pray with us, Sing with us, and Worship with us as we praise the One who formed and continues to form us.

#### **GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Preludes - **Great is the Lord** - (Michael and Deborah Smith, arranged by Catherine McMichael) **Blessed Assurance** (arranged by Catherine McMichael)

Welcome/ Acknowledgement of Territory

Call to Gather – We Are Called Refrain only:

We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly; we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

## Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, (+) one God, The eternal voice from heaven, The anointed and beloved one, The Spirit God who searches us and knows us, moving over the waters.

#### **Amen**

Choir – In Christ Alone (K. Getty & S. Townend)

As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen. *Silence is kept for refection* 

You have shown us what is good, But we have looked to other lights to find our way.

We have chosen revenge over mercy.
We have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you.
With what shall we come before you?
Forgive us our sin, and show us your salvation in the face of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Beloved of God,

you have not received the spirit of the world but the spirit that is from God, poured out for you in the faithfulness that is Jesus Christ.

Receive the promise of baptism:

You are God's child; (+) your sins are forgiven.

Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.

Amen.

Gathering Song - God Is Here! # 526 (ELW)

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Canticle of Praise - Lord, I Lift Your Name on High #857 (ELW)

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we humbly thank you for your goodness to us and to all that you have made. We praise you for your creation, for keeping us and all things in your care, and for all the blessings of life. Above all we bless you for your immeasurable love in redeeming the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies that with thankful hearts we praise you, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving ourselves to your service and by living in your gifts of holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all worship and praise, now and forever.

Amen.

Children's Message

## WORD God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Reading - *Micah 6: 6 - 8* 

A **reading from** Micah. Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

'With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?' He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.** 

Psalm 113 - **Behold, How Pleasant** # 649 (ELW)

## Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Reading - Luke 24: 13 - 35

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. The gospel according to Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.

Narrative reading

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.** 

Gospel Response - Choir – Manger, Cross and Tomb (T. W. York)

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – **Christ, Be Our Light**# 715 (ELW)

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy
Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the
Father, and he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

## **Prayers of Intercession**

Called together through water and the Word, we boldly pray for the church, the world, and all who long to hear God's voice.

In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, the Anglican Church of Canada and other faith communities around the world, make our hearts fervent with love for your gospel, that all are empowered to tell the story of your love in their lives and to show hospitality in response to this love. We pray,

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

God of the cosmos, heaven and earth bear witness to the splendour of all you have created. Bless the ground, trees, waterways, and skies with abundant life. Help us to restore synergy between humankind and the natural world, that we may live in harmony with the world you have created. We pray,

#### Refrain

God of solidarity, you show solidarity with all who suffer. Help us to bring an end to violence, war, discrimination, and all other forms of deadly hate, that all may experience your love through the power of justice. We pray,

## Refrain

God of comfort, you give healing and rest. Stay with us, and walk with all those who are hungry, friendless, despairing, and desiring healing in body and spirit, especially those we name aloud and in the silence of our hearts...

We pray,

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

God of growth, you nurture this community. We give you thanks for the ministry of Pastor Jeff who has enriched us throughout the years. Cultivate in us a spirit of service to one another and bless our outreach ministries. We pray,

#### Refrain

God of hope, create in our hearts a yearning to rest in your promise of eternal and resurrected life. We give you thanks for our forebears in the faith who now rest in your eternal grace and love...

We pray,

#### Refrain

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

#### **MEAL**

## God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering / Choir Anthem Spirit of Comfort, Spirit of Hope (D. Nolan)

Offering Hymn – We are an Offering # 692 (ELW)

## Offering Prayer

God of wonder, you formed us in our mother's womb, and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine. We place them on your table, together with our lives and all that you have made. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life.

#### Amen

## **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**Preface** 

Holy, Holy, Holy



Thanksgiving at the Table

...proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

...hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

...peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.



#### **Invitation to Communion**

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Come to the table of mercy and joy.

#### Thanks be to God

#### Lamb of God



## **Communion Hymns**

When Long before Time # 861 (ELW)
Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song # 808 (ELW)
Bread of Life From Heaven # 474 (ELW)
Come and Fill Our Hearts # 528 (ELW)

(alternate between Latin and English)

**Table Blessing** 

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

**Prayer after Communion** 

Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

Amen

Blessing Hymn - Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire # 637 (CP)

Thanksgiving at the Conclusion of a Call

Pastor Jeffrey Smith, on September 24, 2017, we of All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church\_called you to be pastor in this place: to proclaim God's word, to baptize and teach, to announce God's forgiveness, and to preside at the Lord's table. With the gospel you have comforted us in times of sickness and trouble, and at the death of our loved ones.

Sharing our joys and sorrows, you and your family have been important to our life together in the church of Jesus Christ, in our service to this community, and in God's mission to the whole world. As you leave this community of faith, we say farewell, and we pray for God's blessing.

People of God, members of All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church, do you release Pastor Jeff from service as your pastor?

We do, and we give thanks to God for our ministry together.

Pastor Jeff do you recognize and accept the completion of your ministry with All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church?

**R:** I do, and I give thanks to God for our ministry together.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Sending

Let us pray.

Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock. You equip your people with abilities that differ according to the grace given to them, and you call them to various avenues of service.

We give you thanks for the ministry of Pastor Jeff among the people of God in this place.

You watch over our going out and our coming in: bless this time of ending and beginning.

You surround your people in every time and place: keep us close in your love.

You accompany your people in times of joy and times of trial:

prosper all that has been done to your glory in this time together;

heal and forgive all that has fallen short of your will for us.

Help Pastor Jeff and Kathryn and all of us to live with courage and gladness in the future you give to us.

As they have been a blessing to us, so now send them forth to be a blessing to others; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

Amen.

#### **SENDING**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

## Blessing

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.

### Benediction

May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of life together, keep you united in mind and purpose. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the (+) Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always.

**Amen** 

### Announcements

## Sending Song - God of Grace and God of Glory # 705 (ELW)

Dismissal

When You Walk From Here

When you walk from here, When you walk from here, Walk with justice, walk with mercy And with God's humble care

Go in peace. Let your light shine.

Thanks be to God

Postlude - God of Grace (arr. Paul Manz)

We thank all who have helped lead worship today, especially Jordan Smith, Brenna Smith, Brian Janzen,
Peter West and the Choir.

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#### **Announcements and Information**

We pray for ACC Bishop Geoff Peddle and the people, and clergy of the Dioceses of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador.

**ELCIC** The dean, council, and congregations of the Central Toronto Area and Greater Toronto Areas East and West of the Eastern Synod.

**Greeters:** Paul and Val Burley

**The flowers** The flowers today are given to the glory of God in celebration of Pastor Jeff's retirement and in honour of his 35 years of ordained ministry, with gratitude and thanksgiving for God's gracious gifts, by his mother, Vicki Smith.

Altar Guild January: Thanks to Robin Smart, Marilyn Bleach Schranz and Michele Altermann

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner:** Tuesday Feb. 25, 5 - 7 pm including gluten free. Free will offering in support of the sign.

Please join us for a luncheon and celebration in the Fellowship Hall following the service today



## LOOKING AHEAD: February 17 - February 23

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Tuesday 18	6:00 pm	Men's Fellowship Supper Fellowship Hall
Wednesday 19	9:00 am	Announcements Due to Office
	7:00 pm	Council Executive The Parlour
Thursday 20	2:00 pm	Silvercreek Community Market Fellowship Hall
	7:00 pm	Church Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary
Friday 21	9:00 am	Scrapbooking
	9:00 am	Hymn Selection Committee Sanctuary
Sunday 23	8:30 am	Transfiguration of Our Lord Holy Communion - Sanctuary
	10:00 am	Transfiguration of Our Lord Holy Communion - Sanctuary Sunday School

## **Staff**

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#### **Church Office Hours**

Tuesday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.