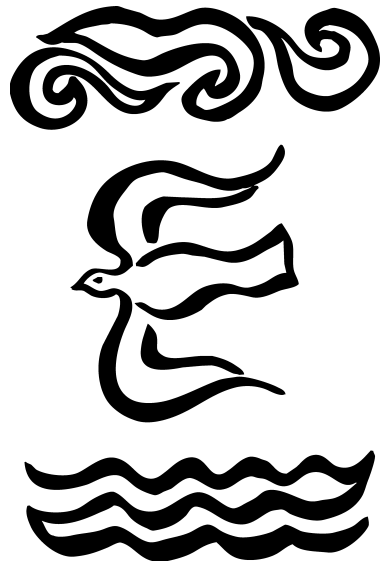


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Please be aware that our Sunday service is video streamed to our YouTube channel for public viewing. If you feel sensitive to this thought and wish to remain out of the occasional line of view, consider sitting in the back two rows of pews. Thank you.



**Dear Little Saints-
Welcome from all the Big Saints**

*Before the service even starts, you will
need to prepare*

*Upcoming is a longish sit and grownups
want you there*

*Instead of wiggling, yawning, sighing
You could be bright new markers trying
or putting stickers in your book*

*Or even ..take a little look
Oh joy, cause somebody loves me true
There's juice or sweets or cookies too*

*When you've been good as gold for ever
and still the talking lasts forever
just dig inside and have a treat
Your Sunday sack is really "sweet"!!!!!!
(and also is a take home treat!)*

We welcome all children to our worship. There is no Sunday Church School at this time. Please ask the ushers for a children's bulletin and/or help them fill a bag with activities and treats from the basket in the narthex.

Communion: All are welcome. Please let an usher know if you need to take Communion in your seat.

Please wear a mask during the service.

Offerings can be left in the trays at the back until the Gathering Song is sung. Please take this bulletin home for recycling. Thank you

No Scents Makes Good Sense.

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday, March 5, 2023.

GATHERING

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

Prelude – Waterlife, arr. Sherri Hansen
We Are Baptized in Christ,
arr. Anne Krentz Organ, Hazel Heaney, solo
The Little Shepherd, Debussy

Choir Anthem – God So Loved the World, John Stainer

Welcome

Acknowledgment 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 Song – **Womb of Life and Source of Being**
(next page)

Womb of Life and Source of Being



1 Womb of life and source of be - ing, home of ev - 'ry rest - less
2 Word in flesh, our broth - er Je - sus, born to bring us sec - ond
3 Brood - ing Spir - it, move a - mong us; be our part - ner, be our
4 Moth - er, Broth - er, ho - ly Part - ner; Fa - ther, Spir - it, On - ly



heart, in your arms the worlds a - wak - ened; you have
birth, you have come to stand be - side us, know - ing
friend. When our mem - 'ry fails, re - mind us whose we
Son: we would praise your name for - ev - er, One - in -



loved us from the start. We, your chil - dren, gath - er
weak - ness, know - ing earth. Priest who shares our hu - man
are, what we in - tend. La - bor with us; aid the
Three and Three - in - One. We would share your life, your



round you, at the ta - ble you pre - pare. Shar - ing
strug - gles, Life of life and Death of death, ris - en
birth - ing of the new world yet to be, free of
pas - sion, share your word of world made new, ev - er



sto - ries, tears, and laugh - ter, we are nur - tured by your care.
Christ, come stand a - mong us, send the Spir - it by your breath.
ser - vant, lord, and mas - ter, free for love and u - ni - ty.
sing - ing, ev - er prais - ing, one with all, and one with you.

Greeting

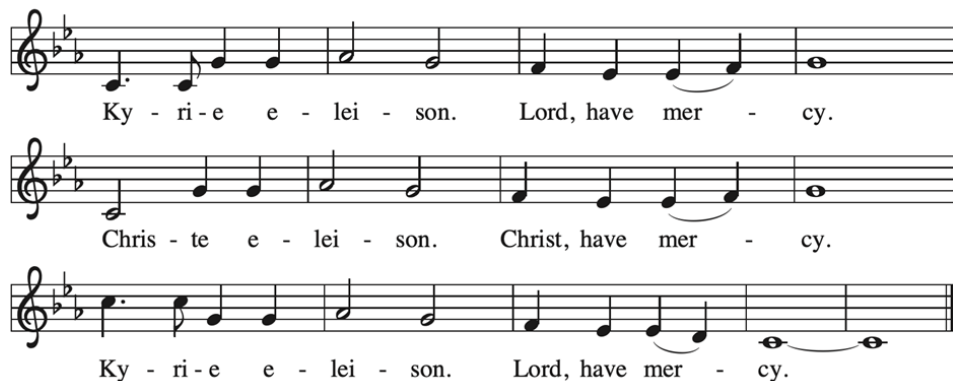
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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

Kyrie



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through Jesus Christ, our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

WORD

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

First Reading: *Genesis 12:1-4a*

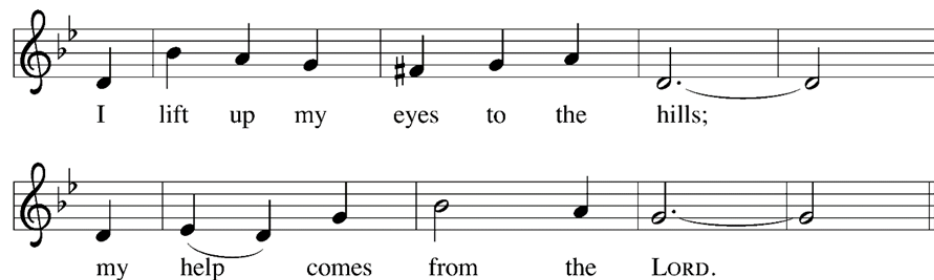
¹The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

^{4a}So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121 (*Spoken responsively by whole verse with sung refrain*)



I lift up my eyes to the hills;

my help comes from the LORD.

(non-bold print = choir side)

(bold print = ambo side)

¹ I lift up my eyes | to the hills;
 from where is my | help to come?
² **My help comes | from the LORD,**
the maker of heav- | en and earth.
³ The LORD will not let your | foot be moved
 nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.
⁴ **Behold, the keep- | er of Israel**
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep; R

⁵ the LORD watches | over you;
 the LORD is your shade at | your right hand;
⁶ **the sun will not strike | you by day,**
nor the | moon by night.
⁷ The LORD will preserve you | from all evil
 and will | keep your life.
⁸ **The LORD will watch over your going out and**
your | coming in,
from this time forth for- | evermore. R

Second Reading – *Romans 4:1-5, 13-17*

¹ What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ⁴ Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵ But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶ For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of

all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep-a-rate us from the love of God.



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep-a-rate us from the love of God.

Gospel Reading – *John 3:1-17*

The holy gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³ Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸ The wind blows where it

chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”

¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

¹¹ “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.”

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

The gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Hymn of the Day – **O Living Breath of God**
407 (Red)

Prayers

Sustained by God’s abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.



O liv-ing Breath of God, Ho-ly Spir-it, breathe in us as we pray.

A brief silence.

O God, you love your church. Raise up leaders who care for your people. Bless lay theologians, seminary and college professors, and all who are called to the ministry of teaching, that they form and inspire us for the work of the gospel.

(sung) **O living Breath of God...**

O God, you love your creation. Breathe new life into our planetary home. Guide the work of researchers, scientists, and activists who love your earth and who inspire us to care for the natural world.

(sung) **O living Breath of God...**

O God, you love the world. Uphold leaders who resist tyranny and oppression. Strengthen organizations that promote peace and harmony. Direct their work to alleviate human suffering and to address its root causes.

(sung) **O living Breath of God...**

O God, you love your people. Draw near to all who live with mental illness, depression, or addiction, and accompany them in healing and recovery. Hear the cries of those who look to you in their distress or illness, especially: Deacon Chris, Anna-Liisa, Ross and Karen and their family, Christa and Ken, David, Bill, Isa, Benito, and those we name before you in our hearts...

(sung) **O living Breath of God...**

O God, you love your children. Bless the young in our midst, and delight us with their joy, wonder, and curiosity. Inspire us to revive our ministries with children and youth and equip us all for faithful discipleship.

(sung) **O living Breath of God...**

O God, you love your saints. As our ancestors in the faith have been a blessing to us, so inspire us by their example of holy living to be a blessing to those who come after us.

(sung) **O living Breath of God...**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

Confession

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

Our self-centered living, exploitation of other people, and failing to love kindness, do justice and walk humbly with you,

we confess to you, O God.

Our longing to have what is not ours, and hearts that are not at rest with ourselves,

we confess to you, O God.

Our misuse of human relationships and our unwillingness to see Jesus in others,

we confess to you, O God.

Jealousies that divide families and nations, rivalries that create strife and warfare,

we confess to you, O God.

Judgementalism, uncharitable thoughts towards our neighbours, and prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

we confess to you, O God.

Reluctance in sharing the time, talents and resources you have given us,

we confess to you, O God.

Waste and pollution of creation, and lack of concern for those who come after us,

we confess to you, O God.

Hurtful words that condemn and angry deeds that harm,

we confess to you, O God.

Timidity at talking about the movement of Jesus in our lives, negligence in worship and prayer, and wasting your gifts of love and grace,

we confess to you, O God.

According to God's abundant mercy, there is forgiveness for all who seek repentance, and grace for all who turn their hearts to the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God!

Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you all!

And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offertory: **Seed That in Earth Is Dying # 330 (Red)**

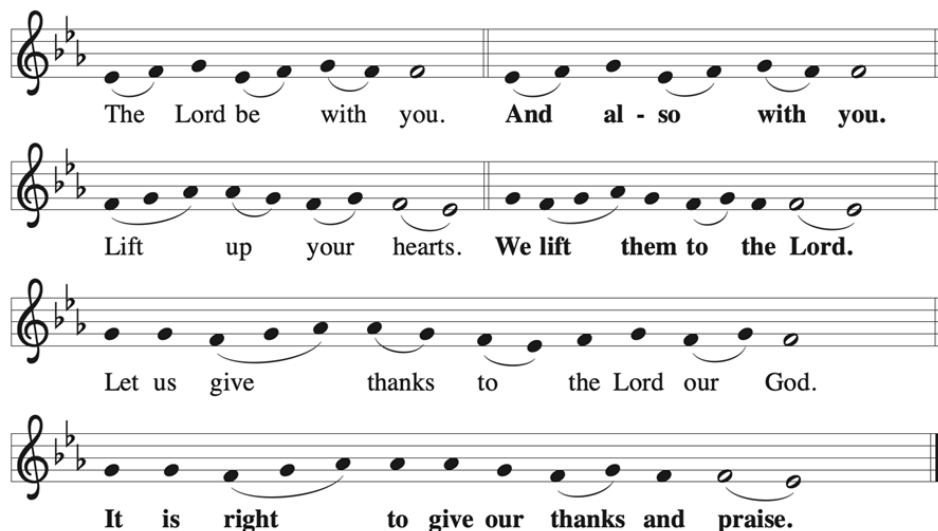
Offertory Prayer

Let us pray:

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and

God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy God, our living water and our merciful guide,
together with rivers and seas, wells and springs
we bless and magnify you.

You led your people Israel through the desert and provided them water from the rock. We praise you for Christ, our rock and our water, who joined us in our desert, pouring out his life for the world.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection,
we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.

Pour out your spirit on this holy food and on all the baptized
gathered for this feast: wash away our sin, that we may be
revived for our journey by the love of Christ, through whom
all glory and honour is yours, almighty Father, with the Holy
Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. Amen

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

We break this bread,
Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Let your Church be the wheat
which bears its fruit in dying.

**If we have died with him, we shall live with him;
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness!

Thanks be to God!

Spiritual Communion

*For those who may feel uncomfortable coming forward to
receive communion at the altar, here is a prayer of "Spiritual
Communion" that might work for you:*

Jesus, I believe that you are present with us in the
sacrament of bread and wine. I love you and I desire your
presence afresh in my life. Since I cannot now receive the
bread and wine of the altar, come spiritually into my heart. I
embrace you and unite myself to you; never let me be
separated from you. Amen.

Communion Hymns



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Take, Oh Take Me As I Am # 814 (Red)
Wind upon the Waters # 408 (Blue)
God of the Sparrow # 785 (Red)

Table Blessing

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

Post-Communion Prayer

Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with their
risen Lord, we have been nourished with the very
presence of Christ. Through this meal may we be
strengthened to keep your word and to proclaim the
power of your love in Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen

Post Communion Canticle

Lord, Let You Servant Go in Peace # 266 (Blue)

Lord, let your servant go in peace;
your promises have been fulfilled;
your saving power has been displayed
before the face of all the world.

My eyes have seen salvation's dawn;
the Sun of life ascending bright;
your people's glory evermore,
the nations' everlasting light

Announcements

Prayer of Dedication of the Audio/Visual System

Blessed are you, O God, creator of the universe. You have
enriched our lives with every good and perfect gift; you have
commanded us to show your splendor to our children and
to praise you with lives of love, justice, and joy.

Be with us now as we dedicate this audio-visual system to
your glory and praise. May it serve to enhance our prayer,
our song, and our proclamation of your gospel not only here
in our church building, but to all who participate in our
worship at home or wherever they may be. Grant us faith to
see your gracious hand at work in all things, and continue
your blessings to us through the bounty of your creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

SENDING

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

Benediction

God, the giver of love,
✠ Christ, the resurrection and the life,
and the Holy Spirit of rebirth
bless you in this Lenten journey.
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 Song – **Rejoice in God, All Earthy Lands**
351 (Blue)

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve in love.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude – "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"
arr. Aaron David Miller.

Announcements and Information

We pray for:

ACC The Rt. Rev. Sandra Fyfe, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

ELCIC The dean, council, and congregations of the Northern Area of the Eastern Synod.

Altar Guild for March: Thank you to Ena Sookraj and Elsie Persaud.

Earthquake relief: There is still a need for support, please help: CLWR: <https://www.clwr.org/earthquake> and PWRDF: <https://pwrdf.org/pwrdf-supporting-act-alliance-response-to-earthquake-accepting-donations/>

Women of Faith—Lenten Self Denial: Envelopes and pamphlets are available on the table in the narthex. Donations can also be made by etransfer (memo: **Lenten Self Denial**)

Lenten Lunches: Starting on Feb 26 and ending March 26, 2023 you are invited to a series of soup and bread lunches after the 10:00 am service. Each week Pastor Brian will lead us in the discussion of different aspects of bias. There will not be a coffee hour after the 10:00 services during Lent. Please join us in Rose Head Hall with food for the body, mind, and spirit.

Blanket Exercise: This event will take place after the worship service and a potluck lunch on Sunday April 30, 2023. Please register on or before **March 10, 2023** by calling the office or sending an email if you wish to attend. Thank you.

AV Campaign—Well done All Saints! We are close to meeting the challenge. Can you help? Write **AV project** on your envelope or etransfer!

Silvercreek Community Market: We are in particular need of rice, red lentils and **cooking oil**. We have enough pasta, cereal and peanut butter for now. Thank you.

LOOKING AHEAD: Mar 6— Mar 12

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|-------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Monday 6 | 9:45 a.m. | Creative Crafting Choir room |
| | 7:00 p.m. | RIC meeting via Zoom |
| Tuesday 7 | 6:30—8:00 p.m. | Confirmation Class Parlour |
| Wednesday 8 | 9:00 a.m. | Announcements due to Office |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Worship and Music meeting via Zoom |
| Thursday 9 | 1:30—3:00 p.m. | Chi Rho meeting Rose Head Hall |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Choir Practice— Nave |
| Sunday 12 | 8:30 a.m. | Lent 3 Holy Communion—Nave |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Lent 3 Holy Communion—Nave |
| | 11:30? a.m. | Lenten Lunch Rose Head Hall |

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