

**December 03, 2023**  
*Advent I*



**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 SONG    O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**  
**RED 257** (Verses 1-4)

**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.**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLE**

Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near.  
**You hold us in our waiting, and you keep us awake to the world. You show up in our lives at unexpected times.**

Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival.  
**We trust that, even though we do not know the day or the hour, you will hurry to gather all people to your peace. Amen**

*"Light One Candle" (verse one only)*

*One candle on the Advent Wreath is lit as the verse is sung.*



- 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra-el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.  
He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.  
Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry.  
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

**CHOIR ANTHEM** As the Dark Awaits the Dawn

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1-9**

*This lament comes from a people who have had their hopes shattered. The visions of a rebuilt Jerusalem and a renewed people of God, spoken of in Isaiah 40-55, have not been realized. Instead, the people experience ruin, conflict, and famine.*

*The Reading:*

- <sup>1</sup>O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
- <sup>2</sup>as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil—  
to make your name known to your adversaries,  
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
- <sup>3</sup>When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

<sup>4</sup>From ages past no one has heard,  
no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who works for those who wait for him.  
<sup>5</sup>You meet those who gladly do right,  
those who remember you in your ways.  
But you were angry, and we sinned;  
because you hid yourself we transgressed.  
<sup>6</sup>We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
<sup>7</sup>There is no one who calls on your name,  
or attempts to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.  
<sup>8</sup>Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.  
<sup>9</sup>Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,  
and do not remember iniquity forever.  
Now consider, we are all your people.

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—<sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you

wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**Thanks be to God!**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung twice)**

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris' n in - deed.

### **GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>24</sup>“In those days, after that suffering,  
the sun will be darkened,  
and the moon will not give its light,

<sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven,  
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

<sup>26</sup>Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

<sup>28</sup>"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup>"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. <sup>35</sup>Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, <sup>36</sup>or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

The gospel of Christ.

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

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## HOMILY

### **HYMN OF THE DAY Sleepers Wake! A Voice Astounds Us BLUE 110**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With longing and hopeful expectation, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Come, long-expected one. Awaken your church to be alert for signs of your coming in unexpected people and places. Hear us, O God,  
**Your mercy is great.**

Come, Saviour of the nations. Let your justice and righteousness dwell among all the peoples of the earth. Hear us, O God,

**Your mercy is great.**

Come, Creator of all. Amidst the shortness of life, teach us to wonder at the sun, moon, and stars; the mountains and oceans; and all creatures, great and small. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Come, Love divine. Enfold with your mercy all who watch and wait for hope in the midst of suffering, hardship, poverty, illness, or grief. We pray especially for: Anna-Liisa, Bud, Ruth, Susan, Cathy, Orland, Bill, Isa, Zoilita, Lisa, Barrie and Stella, Irene and Kelly, John and Julianna, Deborah and Ron, Elijah, Florence and those we name before you in our hearts (*silence...*). Hear us, O God,

**Your mercy is great.**

Come, giver of grace. Especially today as we gather for our congregational meeting, turn this community of faith toward the light of your forgiveness and mercy as we wait for the advent of Christ. Hear us, O God,

**Your mercy is great.**

You have sent out your angels and gathered your faithful people from every time and place, calling them into one fellowship of saints. Bless the witness of those who dwell in your eternal presence. We give thanks today for the witness of our brother and sister of faith, Klaus Kessler and Bonnie Lichti, as they mark their baptismal anniversaries this week. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Listen to these and all our prayers, O God of hosts, and restore us with your great and everlasting mercy.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

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

## OFFERTORY All Earth is Hopeful RED 266

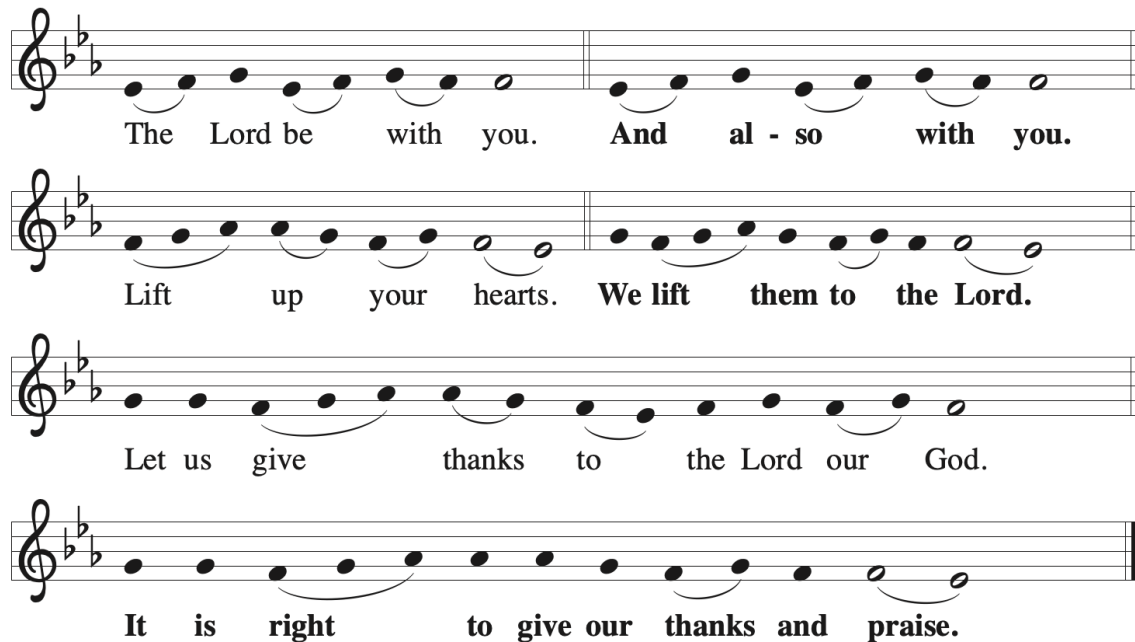
### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray:

God our provider, by your merciful hand abundance springs up from the earth. Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty. Let them be a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness for all people, through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**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.



## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Holy God, the Beginning and the End, our Salvation and our Hope, we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty.

When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair, you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy.

At this end of the ages Jesus came to bring us your love and to heal all the suffering 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 his coming again in righteousness and peace.

Send your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine we share:  
strengthen our faith, increase our hope, and bring to birth  
the justice and joy of your Christ, through whom all glory  
and honor 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 to share in the body of Christ.  
**We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the  
one bread.**

In this meal, righteousness and peace meet together.  
Come, take your place at the table.  
**Thanks be to God!**

## **COMMUNION HYMNS**



Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -  
 O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the



ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.  
 sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up - on us.



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so - tros, ten pie - dad de no - so - stros.  
 on us, have . . . mer - cy up - on us.



Da - nos tu paz. A - mén.  
 Grant us your peace. A - mén.

**Wait for the Lord**

**RED 262**

**Hark! A Herald Voice is Sounding**

**BLUE 108**

**Prepare the Way, O Zion**

**BLUE 102**

### **TABLE BLESSING**

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

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Generous God, in bread and cup you have revealed your  
glory for all people to see together. Nourished by this meal,  
send us out to proclaim your good news of liberation and  
release, brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



A - ho - ra, Se - ñor, se - gún tu pro - me - sa, pue - des de -  
 At last, Lord, your word of prom - ise ful - fill - ing, you let your



jar a tu sier - vo ir - se en paz. Por - que mis  
 ser - vant go forth in free - dom and peace. With my own



o - jos han vis - to a tu Sal - va - dor, a quien has  
 eyes I have seen the sal - va - tion you have pre -



pre - sen - ta - do an - te to - dos los pue - blos: . . .  
 pared . . in the sight of all of the peo - ples: a



luz pa - ra a - lum - brar a las na - cio - nes, y  
 light that will re - veal you to the na - tions, and the



glo - ria de tu pue - blo Is - ra - el.  
 glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **BENEDICTION**

May the God of mercy keep you,  
the Holy Spirit cheer you,  
and Christ in glory greet you.  
now and at the day of his coming. **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    O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**  
**RED 257 (Verses 5-8)**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live in love,  
seeking to be holy in all that you do.  
**Thanks be to God!**

## **POSTLUDE**