

**December 08, 2024**

*Advent II*



**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY**

**P:** 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 and friendship to our Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabe, Mississauga and Métis neighbours.

**C:** **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, and we commit ourselves to walk in right relations with one another.**

**BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

Stir up our hearts, O God, to prepare the way of Christ.

**By his coming, give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (verses 1 and 2 only)*

*Two candles on the Advent Wreath are lit as the verses are sung.*



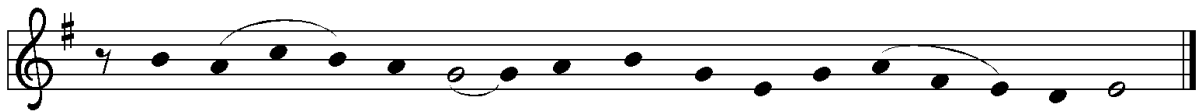
1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things  
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on  
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
 far - and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;  
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law  
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!  
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.  
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

**GATHERING SONG Hark, a Herald voice is Sounding**

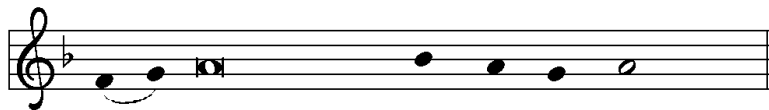
**BLUE 108**

**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.**

# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



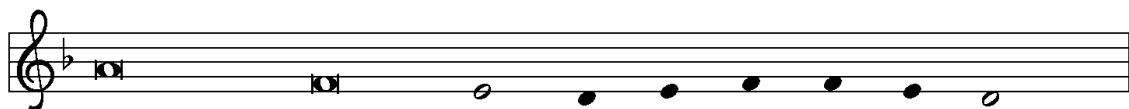
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

## CHOIR ANTHEM

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:1-11

<sup>40</sup> <sup>1</sup>Comfort, O comfort my people,  
says your God.

<sup>2</sup> Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her

that she has served her term,

that her penalty is paid,

that she has received from the Lord's hand

double for all her sins.

<sup>3</sup> A voice cries out:

`In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,

make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

<sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be lifted up,

and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.

<sup>5</sup> Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

<sup>6</sup> A voice says, 'Cry out!'  
And I said, 'What shall I cry?'

All people are grass,  
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

<sup>7</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades,  
when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;  
surely the people are grass.

<sup>8</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades;  
but the word of our God will stand for ever.

<sup>9</sup> Get you up to a high mountain,  
O Zion, herald of good tidings;  
lift up your voice with strength,  
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,  
lift it up, do not fear;  
say to the cities of Judah,  
'Here is your God!'

<sup>10</sup> See, the Lord God comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him;  
his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.

<sup>11</sup> He will feed his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms,  
and carry them in his bosom,  
and gently lead the mother sheep.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

**PSALMODY: Comfort, Comfort Now My People RED 256**

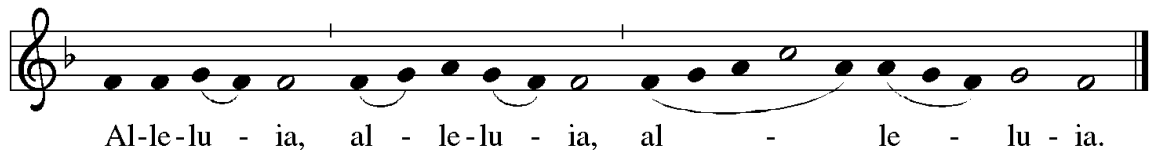
## SECOND READING: Philippians 4:4-7

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

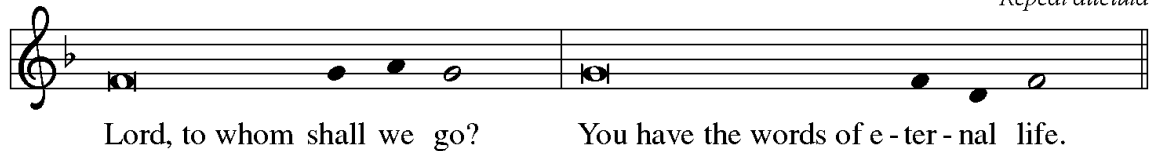
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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*Repeat alleluia*



## GOSPEL: Luke 1:26-38

The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

<sup>28</sup>And the angel came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' <sup>29</sup>But she was much

perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

<sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. <sup>31</sup>And behold! You will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.'

<sup>34</sup>Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?'

<sup>35</sup>The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore, the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And behold! Your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God.'

<sup>38</sup>Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

The gospel of Christ.

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

## **HOMILY**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**The Angel Gabriel**

**RED 265**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

Refining God, move through your church. Root out practices that harm your people, and kindle a fire for sharing the gospel among bishops, priests, pastors, deacons, and all the baptized. We pray today for: The Acting Primate Archbishop Anne Germond and the staff of the Primate's Office of the Anglican Church of Canada, National Bishop Susan Johnson and the national staff of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, and The Rev. David E. Bennett, President of the Provincial Elders' Conference of the Northern Province of the Moravian Church in America. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Renewing God, transform your creation. Steer us from habits that harm what you have made, and guide us in practices that preserve and restore creatures and habitats. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Ruling God, teach the nations your ways. Strengthen organizations and communities that broker peace and care for refugees, immigrants, and all caught in the center of conflict, especially in Ukraine, Gaza and the West Bank, and Sudan. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Rescuing God, restore your people who are in any need. Heal all who are suffering, especially: Anna-Liisa, Bud, Ruth, Susan, Chris, Werner and Debbie, John and Julianna, Ross and Karen, Bill, Isa, Zoilita, Bill, Barrie, Irene, Kelly. Provide comfort and strength, and nurture sustained wholeness for the future. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**



Reforming God, fill this congregation with your presence. Enrich our seasonal preparations, and bless the efforts by the Worship and Music Committee, Peter and the Choir, Michele, Pastor Brian, Lucy and David, the Altar Guild, and all our volunteers as they work in the weeks ahead. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Reassuring God, we remember those who have died and rest in you. Guide us in deep gratitude for their lives, and allow us to learn from their faithful witness. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Saviour of the nations, come, and receive these the prayers and pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## **PEACE**

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

**OFFERTORY Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus BLUE 88**

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray:

Creator God, you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and yet you draw near to feed each one of us. We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, often beamed together. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

## PREFACE

... and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical notation consists of five staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, often beamed together. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup

we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us.

Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours,

Holy One of Israel,

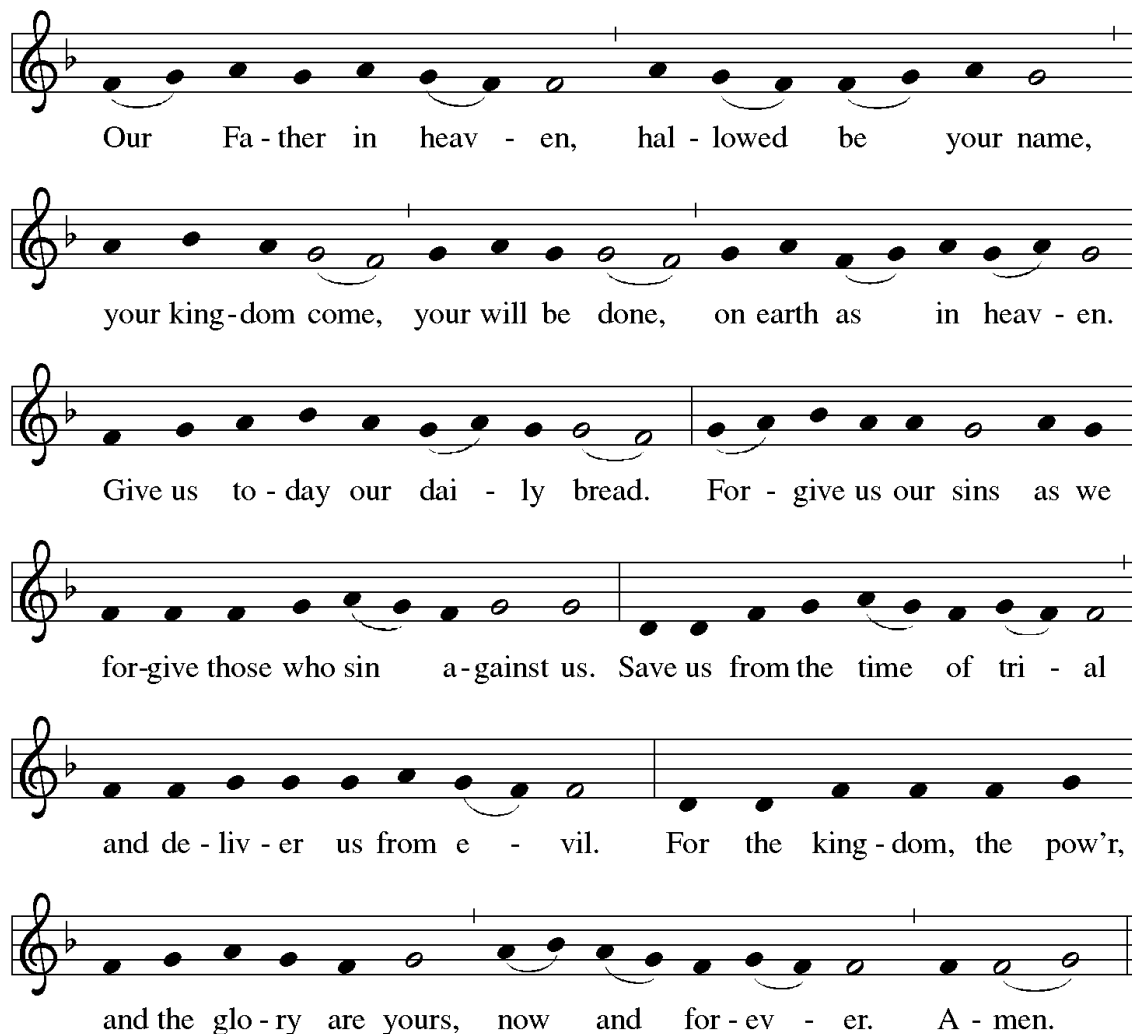
Word of God incarnate,

Power of the Most High,

one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,  
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.  
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we  
for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al  
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,  
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

## 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.**

God feeds us with tender mercy.

Come to the table.

**Thanks be to God!**

## DISTRIBUTION

### Lamb of God

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. A - men.

### Communion Hymns:

#### Wait for the Lord

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.  
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

## No Wind at the Window



1 No wind at the win - dow, no knock on the door;  
 2 "O Mar - y, O Mar - y, don't hide from my face.  
 3 This child must be born that the king - dom might come:  
 4 No pay - ment was prom - ised, no prom - is - es made;



no light from the lamp - stand, no foot on the floor;  
 Be glad that you're fa - vored and filled with God's grace.  
 sal - va - tion for man - y, de - struc - tion for some;  
 no wed - ding was dat - ed, no blue - print dis - played.



no dream born of tired - ness, no ghost raised by fear:  
 The time for re - deem - ing the world has be - gun,  
 both end and be - gin - ning, both mes - sage and sign;  
 Yet Mar - y, con - sent - ing to what none could guess,



just an an - gel and a wom - an and a voice in her ear.  
 and . . . you are re - quest - ed to . . . moth - er God's Son."  
 both . . vic - tor and . . vic - tim, both . . yours and di - vine.  
 re - plied with con - vic - tion, "Tell . . God I say yes."

## Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming

**BLUE 117**

### TABLE BLESSING

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

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord. **Amen**

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

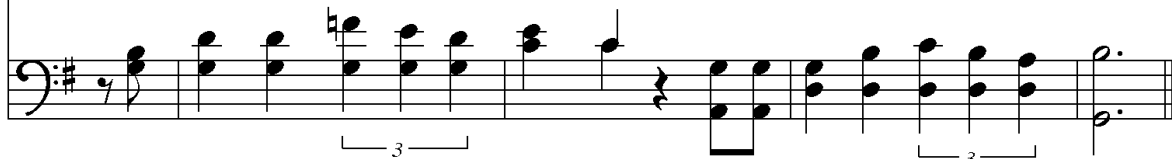
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1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;  
2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;  
3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;  
4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;



he came down that we may have love;  
he came down that we may have light; hal-le - lu - jah for-ev - er - more.  
he came down that we may have peace;  
he came down that we may have joy;



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## FAREWELL AND GODSPEED

## **BENEDICTION**

God of endings and beginnings,  
God in the darkness and the light,  
God, our hope for the journey,  
‡ bless and keep 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    Fling Wide the Door    RED 259**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord!  
**Thanks be to God!**

## **POSTLUDE**



## Announcements and Information

	<b>Today</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Michelle Normandin	Anne Stuart
<b>Servers</b>	Kishan Gunawardene Marilyn Bleach Schranz	Penny Richards Michelle Normandin
<b>Reader</b>	Siegfried Schranz	Bill Clatworthy
<b>Greeters</b>	Michele Altermann Norm Frid	
<b>Ushers</b>	Jan Nielsen Dennis Kunze	Jan Nielsen Dennis Kunze
<b>AV booth</b>	John Szymanski Brian Janzen	Judy Rogers Brian Janzen
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Janet Weigel Ann Sanders	Janet Weigel Ann Sanders
<b>Counters</b>	Mark Weigel Matzi King	Christine Morrison Matzi King
<b>Flowers</b>	The Cressmans	Brian Janzen
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Pearl Robinson	

**Greeters:** If you can help with this important hospitality ministry please contact Elaine Maguire at (519) 658-0509 or let the office know. Thank you.

**Christmas season poinsettias:** If you wish to contribute towards these, please let the Janet Weigel or Ann Sanders know. Thank you.

**Parish Care:** The next workshop is **Tuesday, December 10, 2024** in the parlour at 1:00 p.m. This month's topic is "Ultra—Processed Foods". Everyone is welcome, bring your friends! Refreshments will be served.

**Connections:** The deadline for the January issue of *Connections* is **Sunday, December 15, 2024**. Please submit items to Christine Morrison at [cjmorrison263@gmail.com](mailto:cjmorrison263@gmail.com)

**The Associates** The next meeting is **Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Parlour. Caregivers and their partners with dementia are both welcome to learn, share, socialize and find solace.

**Silvercreek Community Market:** We have run out of **rice and red lentils** and will need more for the December Markets! We currently serve about 160 families each month so please consider buying the specific items listed below in advance of each month — **for the 2<sup>nd</sup> December Market we still need 40 bottles of cooking oil (1L) and 50 boxes of cereal.**

*We also do not need any more reuseable grocery bags at this time. Thank you.*

**Caring Conversations:** Your help is needed! The Reconciling in Christ Team is looking for participation in collecting your questions or topics, thoughts and experiences with the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, to help us prepare for Caring Conversations on Sunday January 26, 2025. Join us for soup and conversation. Please write down your thoughts on the cards provided and drop them off in the box on the table in the narthex. You can also email Pastor Brian or any of the RIC Team. *Thank you.*

**Peace! Seasonal Music Inspired by the angels and nature.**

Concert today! — 3:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity United Church, 400 Stevenson St., Guelph. Tickets at the door.



**LESSONS & CAROLS**  
Sunday December 8, 2024  
7:00 p.m.

## LOOKING AHEAD: December 9 – 15

Tuesday 10	1:00 p.m.	Parish Care Workshop Parlour
Wednesday 11	9:00 a.m.	Announcements due to office
	11:30 a.m.	Advent Service for Shut-ins Nave
Thursday 12	1:00—3:00 p.m.	Chi Rho Rose Head Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice Nave
Friday 13	10:00 a.m.	Women of Faith Parlour
Saturday 14	All day	Recital Nave
Sunday 15	8:30 a.m.	Advent 3 Holy Communion—Nave
	10:00 a.m.	Advent 3 Holy Communion—Nave

### Organist

Peter West

### Staff

Michele Altermann, Administrative Assistant

### Church Office Hours

Tuesday— Friday, 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.  
Closed December 24, 2024 to January 1, 2025