

**December 22, 2024**

*Advent IV*

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

**BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

Stir up your power, O Christ, and come.

**With your abundant grace and love, free us from all that binds and separates us from you, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

**Red 257**

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



(Please stand)

**GATHERING SONG    HARK, THE GLAD SOUND!    RED 239**



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior  
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's  
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing  
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -  
bond - age held. The gates of brass be -  
soul to cure, and with the trea - sures  
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.  
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.  
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

**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.**



Lord, have mer - cy.

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

A - men.

## CHOIR ANTHEM

### FIRST READING: Micah 5:2-5a

<sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
 who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
 from you shall come forth for me  
 one who is to rule in Israel,  
 whose origin is from of old,  
 from ancient days.

<sup>3</sup> Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
 when she who is in labour has brought forth;  
 then the rest of his kindred shall return  
 to the people of Israel.

<sup>4</sup> And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,  
 in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.  
 And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
 to the ends of the earth;

<sup>5</sup> and he shall be the one of peace.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

**PSALMODY: BLESSED BE THE GOD OF ISRAEL RED 250**

*This hymn is based on "The Benedictus" which is the prophecy Zachariah sang in celebration of the birth, circumcision, and naming of his son John, who will grow up to be John the Baptist.*

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:5-10**

<sup>5</sup>Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body you have prepared for me;

<sup>6</sup> in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.

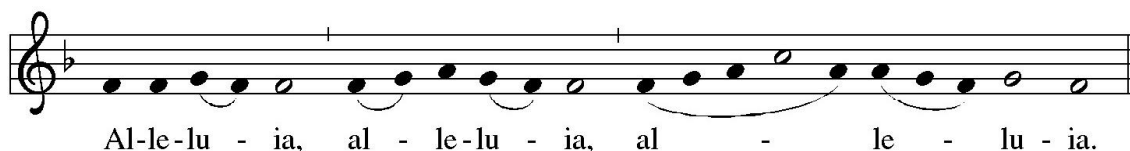
<sup>7</sup> Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God"  
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).'

<sup>8</sup>When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup>then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup>And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



*Repeat alleluia*



## **GOSPEL: Luke 1:57-66, 80**

The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>57</sup> Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. <sup>58</sup>Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

<sup>59</sup> On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. <sup>60</sup>But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' <sup>61</sup>They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' <sup>62</sup>Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. <sup>63</sup>He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. <sup>64</sup>Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. <sup>65</sup>Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. <sup>66</sup>All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

<sup>80</sup> The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

The gospel of Christ.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **HOMILY**

**HYMN OF THE DAY Prepare the Royal Highway RED 264**

## 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.

That your church throughout the world would be a herald and messenger announcing the dawn of mercy and peace. We pray especially for the leaders in the Anglican, Lutheran, and Moravian churches in Canada guiding us in our relationships with the Indigenous and diverse cultures and peoples of our country. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

That as the winter seasons dawns in the northern hemisphere, this time of hibernation and dormancy would be a time of rest and rehabilitation for nature and for people. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

That public leaders and officials would be raised up who will work for the common good and seek reconciliation between enemies and foes, especially in places of conflict such as Russia and Ukraine, Israel and Palestine, and Sudan. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

That the light of your presence comfort and heal all who sit in the shadows of addiction, despair, or illness. We pray especially for those who desire our prayers: Anna-Liisa, Bud, Ruth, Susan, Chris, Werner and Debbie, John and Julianna, Ross and Karen, Gwen and Nolan, Orland, Isa, Zoilita, Bill, Barrie, Irene, Kelly and those we name before you in our hearts. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

That our community of All Saints would be prepared to celebrate your incarnation through the birth of Jesus with joy and a deep welcome to those who will join us this season. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

We give you thanks for the birth of John the Baptist and for all your holy prophets and saints of old. May your light increase in us and in the world until the day that the shadow of sin and death has been fully dispelled. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Saviour of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the 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 image shows four staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: '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.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The music consists of quarter and eighth notes with various phrasing slurs.

## 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 image shows five staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: '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.', and 'Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes with phrasing slurs.

## **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,

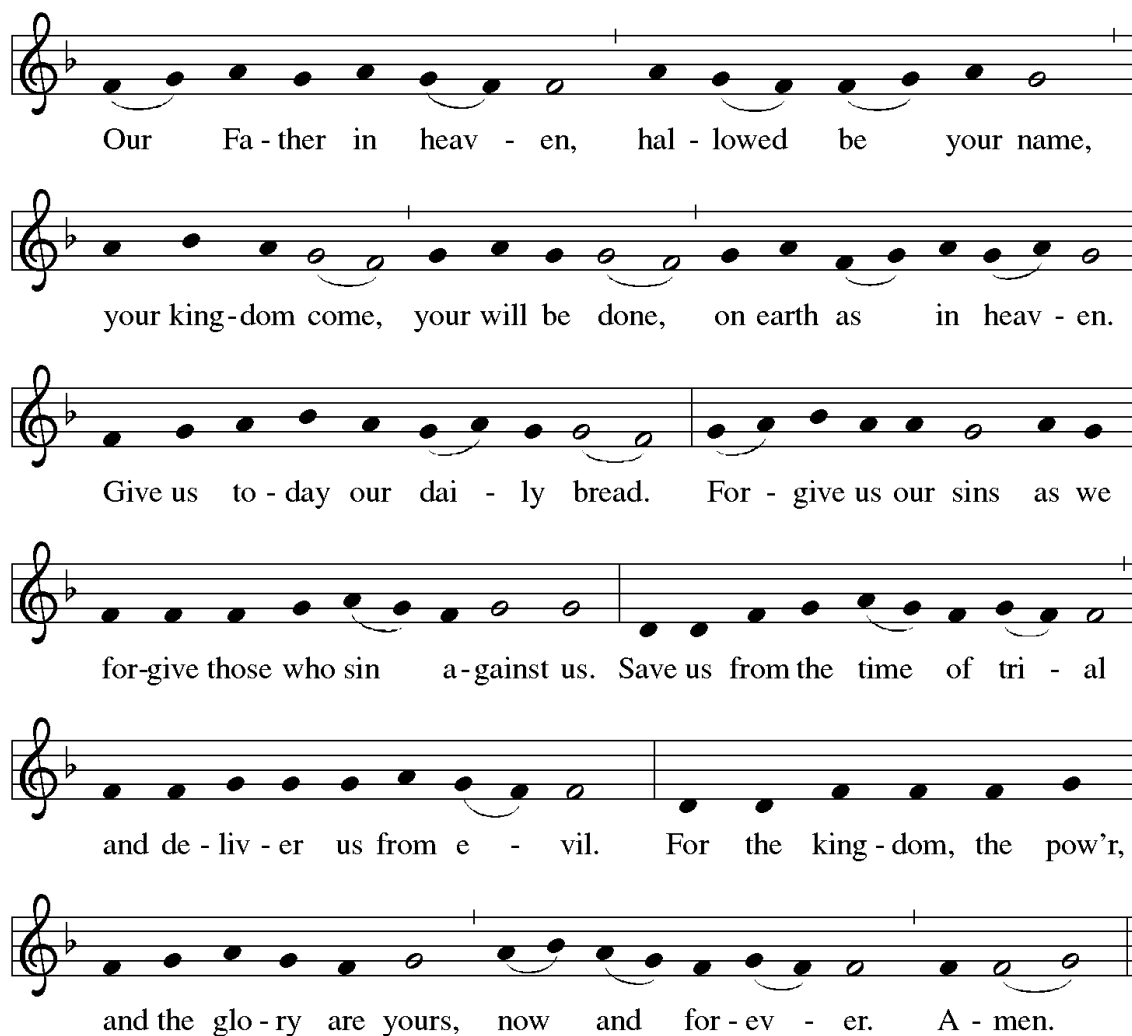
Holy One of Israel,

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.

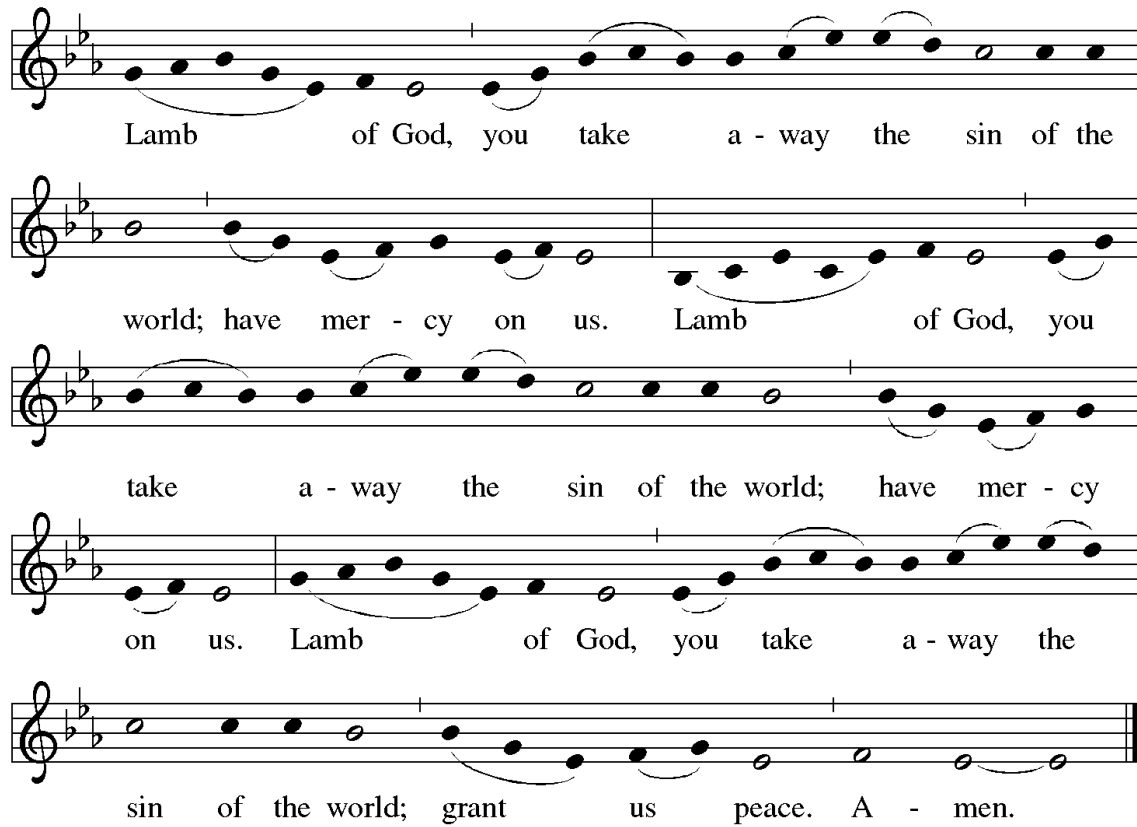
Come to the table.

**Thanks be to God!**

## DISTRIBUTION

## Communion Hymns:

### 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.

### Wait for the Lord



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

**There's A Voice in the Wilderness**

**BLUE 106**

**Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Dawn**

**RED 242**

## 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**

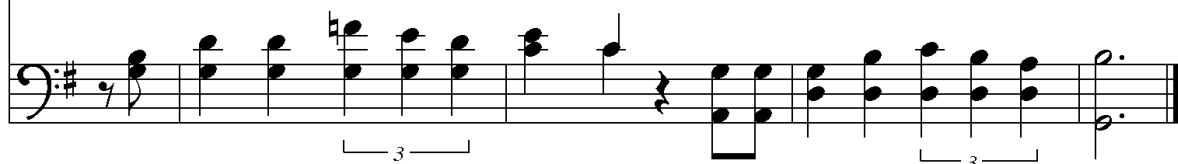
## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



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



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **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**

**All Earth is Hopeful**

**RED 266**

## **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>	Christine Morrison	Dennis Kunze
<b>Servers</b>	Laura B Mann Laura F Mann	Julianna Stephens Kishan Gunawardene
<b>Reader</b>	Sue Wakefield	Kate Stuttaford
<b>Greeters</b>	Ken & Matzi King	
<b>Ushers</b>	Jan Nielsen Dennis Kunze	Chris & Riza Heaney
<b>AV booth</b>	Judy Rogers Brian Janzen	John Szymanski Brian Janzen
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Janet Weigel Ann Sanders	Janet Weigel Ann Sanders
<b>Counters</b>	Christine Morrison Chris Heaney	Kate Stuttaford Chris Heaney
<b>Flowers</b>	Carole Mozauritis	
<b>Coffee Hour</b>		

### ***We pray for:***

**ACC:** The Rt. Rev. Christopher Harper, National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop, and the staff of Indigenous Ministries; the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples; Dawn Maracle, Indigenous Justice Animator.

**ELCIC:** Carmen Ramirez, Assistant to the National Bishop, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion; Peter Wall, Assistant to the National Bishop for Worship.

**MOR:** The Rev. Melissa Johnson, president of the Eastern District Executive Board of the Moravian Church Northern Province.

***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 Eve Family Service:*** We are hoping to bring the Christmas story to life at the Family Service. But we need help! If

you will be attending with children who would like to participate please let Lucy Reid know (416-890-1332, [lreid08@gmail.com](mailto:lreid08@gmail.com)).

**Silvercreek Community Market:** We still need more **rice and red lentils!** We currently have 250 families registered so please consider buying the specific items listed below in advance of each month — **for January we need school snacks, peanut butter, canned fruit and vegetables.**

*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.*

**2025 Offering Envelopes** are available in your mailboxes now. Please note that all offerings for 2024 must be received by noon on December 31, 2024, electronic transfers must be dated December 31, 2024. *Thank you.*

**LOOKING AHEAD: December 23 – 29**

<b>Tuesday 24</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>German Service</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Candlelight Family Service</b>
	<b>9:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Candlelight Service</b>
<b>Wednesday 25</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Lessons and Carols</b>
Saturday 28	All day	Rental, Rose Head Hall
Sunday 29	8:30 a.m.	Christmas 2 Holy Communion—Nave
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